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## **TOP PROJECT NAMED BY COMBINED HEAT AND POWER INDUSTRY**

Attendance at CHP2011 reflect interest in reliable, clean and efficient power production

**Austin, TX, Monday, October 31, 2011** – The Texas Combined Heat and Power Initiative (TXCHPI), an association of business interests that supports CHP technology applications in industrial, commercial and institutional settings recently hosted CHP2011 in Houston. The event was attended by industry professionals from across the nation and has become one of the nation’s largest CHP industry events.

At CHP2011 the industry recognized the combined heat and power (CHP) generation system at Texas A&M as CHP Project of the Year. The award recognizes projects implemented in the United States that can serve as an exemplary example for how to design and implement combined heat and power.

The A&M CHP plant represents a major investment that will provide exceptional operational, financial and environmental benefits. The system provides to 50 megawatts of reliable power generation while reducing overall energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The project places Texas A&M in the top tier of universities with some of the most modern, efficient and reliable central utility production facilities in the world. Accepting the award for Texas A&M University was Mr. James Riley, Director, Energy and Utilities management at Texas A&M University.

“Earlier this year a DOE report highlighted that CHP is the path to adding energy reliability while improving air quality and dramatically reducing water used for power production,” said Executive Director, Paul Cauduro, “the A&M CHP project clearly helps lead the way.”

CHP2011 featured seminars and presentations on CHP uses and technologies, and among the presenters were: GE Aero Division, Oak Ridge Laboratory, Horizon Power Systems, U.S. Department of Energy’s Gulf Coast Clean Energy Application Center, Solar Turbines, Texas Energy Storage Alliance, Thermal Energy Corporation, Jacobs Engineering and American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy. **Presentations made at CHP2011 are at [www.CHPCON2011.com/Agenda](http://www.CHPCON2011.com/Agenda)**

About the TXCHPI

The Texas Combined Heat & Power Initiative (TXCHPI) is a non-profit association of business interests that supports clean, energy-efficient, CHP technology applications in industrial, commercial and institutional settings. TXCHPI champions CHP as the most effective, economical and environmentally sensible energy option for Texas.