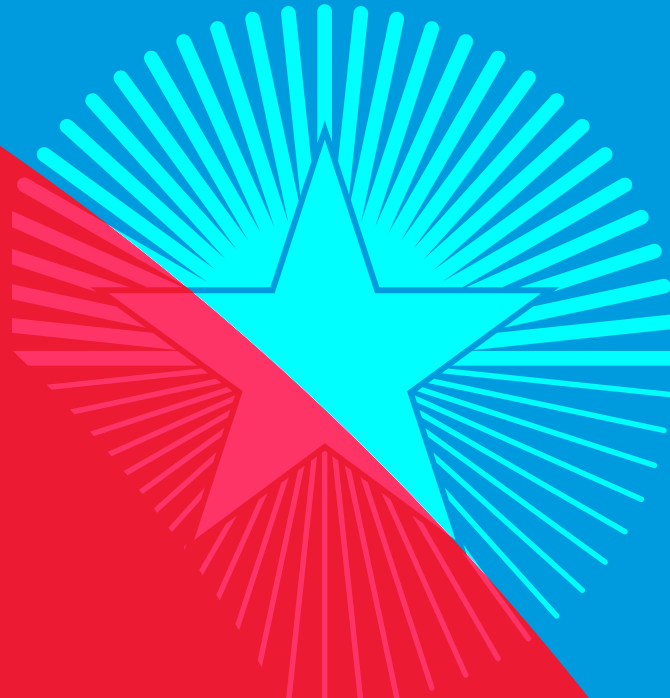


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AMERICA'S ENERGY FUTURE
Assessing Our Paths to Energy Security

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Welcome



The Greater Houston Partnership is very excited about bringing you this, our second summit on Americas Energy Future. The topic today is Assessing our Path to Energy Security. While economies cycle and energy prices tend to follow those cycles, it is critically important that we do not take our eye off the ball of the fundamental importance of energy to both economic and national security. And there is no better place to do that than in Houston Texas, the Energy Capital of the World.

The Greater Houston region has enjoyed the benefits of a robust energy environment coupled with our boundless growth possibilities. I am very pleased to tell you that the 2009 "Top Metro" rankings from Site Selection magazine have been released and Greater Houston tops the list as the No. 1 metro area in the nation for corporate location and expansion activity.

Energy drives almost half our economic activity with over 3000 energy related companies in all facets of the industry. We are the energy hub with all the breadth of business knowhow including energy bankers, traders, accountants, lawyers, consultants and so on. But times do change. Tulsa was once known as the oil & gas capital, Pittsburg once the steel capital, Detroit once the automobile capital, and New York City is even facing pressure on retaining its financial capital status from London. At the Partnership, we want to be sure that Houston perpetuates itself as the Energy Capital of the World and does not become a "use to be."

We formed over four years ago an Energy Collaborative Committee to address the changing dynamics of the energy landscape. John Hofmeister is the Chairman of this committee today and you will be hearing from him later in the agenda.

We know that to retain and attract energy companies to this Houston region we must develop the necessary skilled work force. A dynamic workforce development subcommittee is doing just that.

We also know that we have to expand our energy portfolio beyond our deep strength in oil & gas. Let's face it folks, the energy business is synergistic and ties together competitively. As we told our Vestas friends who were looking to locate a major R&D center in the United States, you are not in the wind business, you are in the wind segment of the energy business. They looked around at all the energy companies and capabilities in this region, and made the choice to locate here. This was because of the cluster strategy work through the Wind Alliance which the Partnership helped birth with the University of Houston.

There are four other task force groups primarily from our Technology Development subcommittee working the cluster plans for solar, biofuels, the smart grid, and carbon trading.

But it seems like everyone wants to be in the energy business these days, particularly with the Administration's stimulus and budget bills. These clearly are turbulent and challenging times and we agree that energy is a central part of the equation. And we think here in Houston we have a very important role to play in providing an informed dialogue on energy issues which led to the Americas Energy Future summits. The Energy Collaborative task force team led by Lane Sloan and our own Lara Valentine organized the agenda for this summit, invited the speakers, and developed the questions for our panelists today. I want to thank this task force for all its dedicated effort.

Onward,


Jeff Moseley
President and CEO
Greater Houston Partnership

About the Greater Houston Partnership



The Greater Houston Partnership traces its roots to Houston's original Chamber of Commerce, founded in 1840. The Partnership was formed in 1989, as a merger of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, the Houston Economic Development Council and the Houston World Trade Center.

The organization is comprised of more than 2,100 Member companies and an active 130-Member board of directors. The board and our Members at large represent a broad cross-section of Houston's business community in terms of industry sectors and company size. The chairman of our board serves a rotating, one-year term.

Our principal objective is to build regional economic prosperity. We do so in a variety of ways including: lobbying for legislation that favors the region's business community; facilitating relocations and expansions in the Houston area; international outreach initiatives, such as business development missions outside the U.S. and receiving foreign trade delegations; and strategic planning. The 10-county region we represent includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto and Waller Counties.

A direct result of the Greater Houston Partnership's 10-year Strategic Plan, *Opportunity HoustonSM* is the \$40 million fundraising vehicle by which the Partnership will help create 600,000 net regional jobs, attract \$60 billion in additional capital investment and increase foreign trade by \$120 billion for the greater Houston area.

As we begin our twentieth year, the Greater Houston Partnership is now, more than ever, in a unique position to connect you with some of the most influential people in the state, while adding your ideas and concerns to our collective voice. Only the Greater Houston Partnership has the strength and experience to offer you all of the following advantages:

- A network of the region's most powerful business leaders;
- A platform to make your voice count;
- An advocate for your business on the local, state and federal level;
- A reputation as the region's thought leader with law makers and heads of business everywhere;
- A business development fast track to captains of industry and thousands of enterprises.
- Connections with key policymakers; and Economic progress!

Partnership committees work with the organization's executive team to craft the strategies and policies that shape Houston's future. Partnership committees deliver input on Houston's infrastructure, public policy and quality of place.

As a Member of the Greater Houston Partnership your referrals play a vital role in helping us recruit new Members. If you know a company who would benefit from being a Member, please contact Craig Rhodes at crhodes@houston.org or 713-844-3678.

See houston.org for more information.

Agenda

8:15 – 8:20 a.m.

Introduction

Jeff Moseley, President and CEO, Greater Houston Partnership

8:20 – 9:30 a.m.

Energy Supply and Demand Dynamics Panel

Sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Opening Remarks and Panel Introductions

Daniel G. Bellow, Chair, Greater Houston Partnership
President – Houston Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc.

Moderator

Martha Z. Carnes, Partner and US Energy Assurance Leader,
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Panelists

Walter D. Cruickshank, Deputy Director, United States Minerals
Management Service (MMS)

Kevin Howell, President, NRG Texas

Scott Nyquist, Director, McKinsey & Company Inc.

Christopher E. Ross, Vice President, CRA International Inc.

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

The Fundamental Role and Impact of Technology Panel

Introduction of Panelists/Moderator

Melody B. Meyer, President, Chevron Energy Technology Company

Panelists

Jose Bravo, Chief Scientist, Shell Oil Company

Dr. Michelle Michot Foss, Chief Energy Economist and Head,
Center for Energy Economics, University of Texas at Austin

Will Thurmond, Chairman of Research, American Biofuels Council

Vijay V. Vaitheeswaran, Environment and Energy Correspondent,
The Economist Magazine

11 a.m. – Noon

Public Policy Implications and Solutions Discussion

Speakers

Victor G. Carrillo, Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas

John Hofmeister, President, Citizens for Affordable Energy & Chair,
Energy Collaborative Cluster Council, Greater Houston Partnership

12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

Luncheon

Introduction

John Hofmeister, President, Citizens for Affordable Energy & Chair,
Energy Collaborative Cluster Council, Greater Houston Partnership

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Bill White, Mayor, City of Houston

2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Infrastructure Requirements and Cost Panel

Introduction of Panelists/Moderator

Dr. Eugene H. Levy, Howard R. Hughes Provost, Rice University

Panelists

Mark Kapner, Senior Strategy Planner, Austin Energy

Brett A. Perlman, President, Vector Associates

Rebecca Ranich, Director, Energy & Resources,
Deloitte Consulting, LLP

James C. Yardley, President, Pipeline Division, El Paso Energy

3:25 – 4:50 p.m.

The Future of Federal Energy Policy Panel

Sponsored by Ernst & Young LLP

Introductions

Marcela Donadio, Americas Oil & Gas Sector Leader,
Ernst & Young LLP

Moderator

Dr. Renu Khator, Chancellor & President, University of Houston

Panelists

Paul P. Bollinger Jr., Senior Energy Executive Deputy Assistant
Secretary of the Army for Energy & Partnerships

Clarence P. Cazalot Jr., President & CEO, Marathon Oil Corporation

Amy Myers Jaffe, Wallace Associate Director, Rice Energy Program,
Rice University

Dr. Daniel Sperling, Board Member, of California Air Resources
Board (CARB), founding Director of the Institute of Transportation
Studies (ITS-Davis) at the University of California, Davis

Steve Winn, CEO, Nuclear Innovation North America LLC (NINA).

5:00 p.m.

General Reception

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Dick Francis – Shell Oil Company

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Amy Myers Jaffe – Rice University

Greg Marshall – Rice University

Imad Abdullah – Landmark Architects Inc.

Michelle Michot Foss – Center for Energy Economics, University of
Texas at Austin

Speakers

Daniel G. Bellow

*Chair, Greater Houston Partnership
President, Houston Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc.*

Daniel G. Bellow is President-Houston of Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc. and is responsible for the growth and market penetration of Jones Lang LaSalle in the greater Houston area and Louisiana.

Dan also advises some of Houston's largest companies regarding workplace strategies, corporate relocations, build-to-suit locations and disposition of surplus properties. Dan has been a leader in Houston's commercial real estate business for the past 35 years and holds professional designation in the Counselors of Real Estate, Certified Commercial Investment Members and Society of Industrial and Office Realtors. He is also a member of the Houston Office Leasing Brokers Association and CoreNet. He supports numerous charitable organizations and serves on the Board of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Gulf Coast & Louisiana. Dan is an Eagle Scout and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Houston.

Paul P. Bollinger, Jr.

Senior Energy Executive Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Energy & Partnerships

Paul P. Bollinger, Jr. was sworn in as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Energy and Partnerships by the Honorable Keith Eastin, the Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment. In this position, he has responsibility and oversight of Army energy and installation partnership initiatives. These include the Army Enterprise Energy Strategy, Residential Communities Initiatives, Privatized Army Lodging, Utility Privatization, and Historical Properties. The title and responsibilities for this office were revised on 19 June 2008 from Privatization & Partnerships to include energy.

José Bravo

Chief Scientist, Shell Oil Company

Jose Bravo is a world-renowned expert in separation technology, and his work was recognized last year at the American Institute of Chemical Engineers' (AIChE) annual meeting.

José was born in Mexico City, Mexico, and is Shell's Chief Scientist in the area of Physical Separations. His role includes leadership of the global Physical Separations discipline in Shell (group-wide) as well as direct consultancy in separation matters to initiatives such as novel crude upgrading, unconventional resources, bio fuels, CO₂, and other technology platforms. Another dimension of his role includes coordination of Shell's Chief Scientist Team.

Speakers

Martha Z. Carnes

Partner and U.S. Energy Assurance Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Martha has over twenty-five years of experience with PricewaterhouseCoopers serving large, multi-national clients. Martha is the leader of PricewaterhouseCoopers' Energy and Mining Assurance practice in the United States and is one of the firm's global subject matter experts for the natural gas industry.

Martha is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin where she earned a BBA degree in accounting. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Texas and Oklahoma Societies of Certified Public Accountants, and The University of Texas Accounting Advisory Council. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Houston Partnership, serving on the Energy Collaborative, the Houston Grand Opera, serving on the Audit Committee, and Central Houston Inc. She has previously served on the boards of the, American Heart Association, Boys & Girls Clubs, and The Houston Symphony.

Victor G. Carrillo

Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas

A native of Abilene, Texas, Chairman Carrillo has worked as a petroleum geophysicist, college professor, attorney and judge. He first entered elected office in 2000, when elected to the Abilene City Council. He was later elected County Judge of his home county – the post he held when Governor Rick Perry appointed him to the Texas Railroad Commission in February 2003. In 2004, he won his first statewide election with almost four million votes and secured a six-year term of office. He plans to seek re-election in 2010.

Chairman Carrillo helps to lead the state agency that oversees the Texas energy sector—the oil and gas, pipeline and surface mining industries. Chairman Carrillo has bachelors and masters degrees in Geology. He earned his law degree from the University of Houston. He is a Texas licensed attorney and geoscientist. In 2006, he was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Hardin-Simmons University – his alma mater.

Clarence P. Cazalot, Jr.

President & CEO, Marathon Oil Corporation

Clarence P. Cazalot, Jr. is president and chief executive officer of Marathon Oil Corporation and a member of the Marathon Oil Corporation Board of Directors. He joined Marathon in March 2000.

Immediately prior to this position, Clarence served as vice president of Texaco Inc. and president of Texaco's worldwide production operations. He was appointed president of Texaco's worldwide production operations in 1999.

Speakers

Walter D. Cruickshank

Deputy Director, United States Minerals Management Service (MMS)

Walter D. Cruickshank has served as the Deputy Director of the Minerals Management Service (MMS) since 2002. He assists the MMS Director in the administration of programs that ensure the effective management of energy and mineral resources located on the nation's outer continental shelf, including the environmentally safe exploration, development and production of oil, natural gas, and renewable energy, and the collection and distribution of revenues for minerals developed on federal and American Indian lands.

Marcela Donadio

Americas Oil & Gas Sector Leader, Ernst & Young LLP

Marcela Donadio leads the Americas Oil & Gas Sector and is the Southwest Sub-Area Energy industry leader. In that capacity, Marcela manages a practice made up of more than 60 partners and 550 professionals.

Marcela has over 32 years of audit and public accounting experience with a strong focus on domestic and international operations in all segments of the energy industry. In her many years in public accounting, Marcela has gained in-depth experience relevant to the many issues which face global energy companies. Marcela has served energy companies in an advisory and accounting capacity, and as a member of the firm's Global Oil & Gas Advisory Panel, which helps direct Ernst & Young's strategy regarding energy companies.

Marcela earned her BS from Louisiana State University. She has also been involved in both state and national affairs and was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy in 2000. In 1984, Marcela was named Outstanding Young Houstonian, joining such illustrious predecessor nominees as Dan Rather and George H.W. Bush.

Dr. Michelle Michot Foss

Chief Energy Economist and Head, Center for Energy Economics, University of Texas at Austin

Dr. Michot Foss directs and conducts research, specializing in the energy value chains and associated investment frameworks; advises U.S. and international energy companies; publishes and speaks widely on energy issues; and provides public commentary and testimony to governments. Areas of emphasis include upstream/midstream natural gas/LNG, upstream oil, CCS and climate economics, electric power generation fuels, national oil companies, scenarios and outlooks. She directs two major research programs: CEE's U.S. Agency for International Development cooperative agreement, Smart Development in Energy Sector Governance (currently in West Africa) and CEE's joint effort with World Bank on national oil companies.

Speakers

John Hofmeister

*President, Citizens for Affordable Energy
Chair, Energy Collaborative Cluster Council, Greater Houston Partnership*

John Hofmeister, upon retirement from Shell Oil Company in July 2008, founded and heads the not-for-profit (501(c)(3) pending), nation-wide membership association, Citizens for Affordable Energy. This Washington, D.C. registered, public policy education firm exists to promote sound U.S. energy security solutions for the nation, including a range of affordable energy supplies, efficiency improvements, essential infrastructure, sustainable environmental policies and public education on energy issues.

John was named president of Houston-based Shell Oil Company in March 2005, heading the U.S. Country Leadership Team, which included the leaders of all Shell businesses operating in the United States. He became president after serving as Group Human Resource Director of the Shell Group, based in The Hague, The Netherlands.

Kevin Howell

President, NRG Texas

Kevin Howell became president, NRG Texas, in August 2008. In this position, he is responsible for managing the asset portfolio for the Texas region, made up of more than 1,100 professional employees in Texas, operating a diverse generation portfolio of almost 11,000 megawatts of power—enough electricity for almost 9 million Texas homes. Prior to this, he served as executive vice president, Commercial Operations. Before joining NRG, he served as president of Dominion Energy Clearinghouse since 2001. From 1995 to 2001, Kevin held various positions within Duke Energy companies including senior vice president of Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, senior vice president of Duke Energy International, and most recently, executive vice president of Duke Energy Merchants where he managed a global trading group dealing in refined products, LNG and coal. Prior to his five years at Duke, Kevin worked in a variety of trading, marketing and operations functions at MG Natural Gas Corp., Associated Natural Gas and Panhandle Eastern Pipeline L.P.

Amy Myers Jaffe

Wallace Associate Director, Rice Energy Program, Rice University

Amy Myers Jaffe's research focuses on oil geopolitics, strategic energy policy including energy science policy, and energy economics. Jaffe is widely published and served as co-editor of "Energy in the Caspian Region: Present and Future" (Palgrave, 2002) and "Natural Gas and Geopolitics: From 1970 to 2040" (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

Amy served as a member of the reconstruction and economy working group of the Baker/Hamilton Iraq Study Group, as project director for the Baker Institute/Council on Foreign Relations Task Force on Strategic Energy Policy, and as a principal adviser to USAID's project on Options for Developing a Long Term Sustainable Iraqi Oil Industry. She is currently serving as a strategic advisor to the American Automobile Association (AAA) of the United States.

Speakers

Mark Kapner

Senior Strategy Planner, Austin Energy

Mark Kapner, P.E., currently serves as the Senior Strategy Engineer at Austin Energy and was the utility's Manager of Conservation and Renewable Energy since 1999. He was instrumental in developing and running Austin's GreenChoice Program, the nation's leading renewable energy marketing program. He has 30 years of experience in energy technology and environmental engineering and policy. Prior to going to Austin, Mark launched TerraSolar USA, a solar photovoltaics company based in New Jersey. He was a research and development manager in the New York Power Authority where he developed demonstration projects in energy storage, biomass energy, solar and cogeneration. Mark spent ten years as a consultant to federal government agencies, including the National Science Foundation, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency. He has a BS in Engineering Science from the State University of New York and a Masters in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University.

Dr. Renu Khator

Chancellor & President, University of Houston

Dr. Renu Khator is the president of the University of Houston, Texas' premier public metropolitan research and teaching institution. Dr. Khator also is the chancellor of the UH System – which includes UH, UH-Downtown, UH-Clear Lake, UH-Victoria and teaching centers at Sugar Land and Cinco Ranch as well as the TV and radio stations KUHT and KUHF.

She assumed this dual appointment in January of 2008. In her capacity as chancellor, Dr. Khator oversees a system with an annual operating budget that exceeds \$1 billion and serves more than 59,000 students.

Dr. Eugene H. Levy

Howard R. Hughes Provost, Rice University

Professor Eugene Levy was appointed to the Howard R. Hughes Chair as Provost and Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Rice University in 2000. As Provost, Professor Levy is the chief academic officer of the university and has the responsibility for educational and research programs. The university's deans report to the Provost, as do a number of other academic and support units, including undergraduate and graduate studies.

Professor Levy's research interests are focused in the areas of theoretical cosmic physics and are aimed at elucidating mechanisms and processes that underlie physical phenomena in planetary and astrophysical systems. His work has encompassed areas of planetary geophysics, magnetohydrodynamics, solar and space physics and electrodynamics. He has investigated the generation and behavior of magnetic fields in natural bodies, including the Earth, sun and the planets; origin of the geomagnetic reversal; theory of cosmic rays; theory of physical processes associated with the formation of the solar system, stars and other planetary systems. He has also worked on the development of observational techniques for the discovery and study of other planetary systems.

Speakers

Melody B. Meyer

President, Chevron Energy Technology Company

Headquartered in Houston, Texas Melody Meyer is president of Chevron Energy Technology Company (ETC), where she is responsible for overseeing technology resources and managing the delivery of leading-edge technology solutions and a full spectrum of services to Chevron's operating companies.

For 19 years, she worked on international projects and in operational assignments with Chevron Overseas Petroleum, Inc., and during the next 10 years, Melody worked at Chevron's North America Exploration and Production Company.

Jeff Moseley

President and CEO, Greater Houston Partnership

Jeff Moseley is the president and CEO of the Greater Houston Partnership, which serves as the primary business advocate for world trade, economic development and public policy for the Houston region.

The Partnership was formed in 1989 from a merger with the Greater Houston Chamber of Commerce, Houston Economic Development Council and Houston World Trade Center. Today, the organization represents 10 counties and over 2,100 Member companies in the greater Houston area.

The Partnership's board of directors oversees corporations whose annual sales and receipts, when combined, exceed \$1.9 trillion. Those combined receipts are greater than the Gross Domestic Products of all but six nations — the United States, Japan, Germany, China, the United Kingdom and France — and are equivalent to nearly one-fifth of the U.S. GDP. Firms and organizations represented on the Partnership's board of directors directly account for one in every 12 of the Houston metropolitan area's more than 2.5 million jobs.

Scott Nyquist

Director, McKinsey & Company Inc.

Scott Nyquist is a Director in McKinsey & Company's Houston Office and a leader in McKinsey's Energy Practice. He joined McKinsey in 1984 and worked in McKinsey's London Office between 1985 and 1998. Scott transferred from London to Houston in January 1998. He has led McKinsey's European Petroleum, Americas Petroleum, and Texas Energy Practices. He now co-leads McKinsey's global Energy and Materials Sector and is a leader in McKinsey's Climate Change Special Initiative.

Scott has extensive experience in helping private and public sector energy and materials clients develop and implement strategies and major change programs that significantly improve their performance. He has led work on energy efficiency, wind, solar, CCS, and natural gas, and co-authored McKinsey's recent research "Reducing U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions."

Speakers

Brett A. Perlman

President, Vector Associates

Brett A. Perlman is currently President of Vector Advisors, a management consulting firm that provides services to telecommunications and energy clients. Prior to his current role, he served as Commissioner of the Public Utility Commission of Texas from 1999 to 2003.

Brett was appointed to the Texas PUC in 1999 by then-Governor George W. Bush and served until his term ended in September 2003. In this role, he was responsible for leading the successful restructuring of Texas' \$17 billion electric utility industry and \$4 billion telecommunications industry as these markets opened to competition.

Rebecca Ranich

Director, Energy & Resources, Deloitte Consulting, LLP

A Director in Deloitte Energy & Resources practice, Rebecca is a senior international industry executive and commercial strategist with more than 20 years of experience in the oil and gas industry. She has focused on energy infrastructure investments, and more recently on alternative and renewable energy deployment, climate change issues, and project finance. Rebecca advises on alternative and renewable energy strategies and issues, with a special focus on the commercial integration of new energy sources with existing infrastructure, and assessing the pending U.S. policy and regulatory initiatives at the state and federal levels.

Christopher E. Ross

Vice President, CRA International Inc.

Christopher E. Ross leads CRA International's North American Oil & Gas Practice and specializes in strategy and organization assignments in the worldwide petroleum industry, where he has 40 years of experience. Based successively in Europe, Africa and the United States, he has extensive global experience helping international, national and independent oil company clients develop a shared sense of strategic direction, and execute the strategies. He has also led major transformation assignments resulting in massive reductions in costs. He is co-author of the book on leadership of energy companies: "Terra Incognita – A Navigation Aid for Energy Leaders." Formerly, Christopher was a vice president of Arthur D. Little, and prior to that was with British Petroleum Company. He received a BS in Chemistry with Honors from King's College, London University, and completed the Program for Management Development at the Harvard Business School.

Speakers

Dr. Daniel Sperling

Board Member, California Air Resources Board (CARB), founding Director of the Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS-Davis) at the University of California, Davis

Dr. Daniel Sperling is a Professor of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science and Policy, and the founding Director of ITS-Davis. Dr. Sperling has led ITS-Davis to international prominence by building strong partnerships with industry, government and the environmental community, integrating interdisciplinary research and education programs and connecting research with public outreach and education. Dr. Sperling also serves as Co-director of the STEPS program at ITS-Davis.

Appointed to the Air Resources Board in 2007 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Dr. Sperling is recognized as a leading international expert on transportation technology assessment, energy and environmental aspects of transportation, and transportation policy.

William Thurmond,

Chairman of Research, American Biofuels Council

William Thurmond is the President and founder of Emerging Markets Online, a global energy and biofuels consulting firm started in 1997. Mr. Thurmond is also the author of "Biodiesel 2020: A Global Market Survey," 2nd edition (685 pages, February 2008) and the forthcoming study "Algae 2020: Advanced Biofuels and Commercialization Outlook."

William is also a columnist for Biofuels International journal, Renewable Energy Access, and Startup Houston, and speaks regularly at biofuels and renewable energy conferences.

Vijay V. Vaitheeswaran

Environment and Energy Correspondent, The Economist Magazine

Mr. Vijay Vaitheeswaran joined the staff as the London-based Latin America correspondent in 1992. He opened its first office in that region in Mexico City, and served as bureau chief until 1997. From 1998 to 2006, he covered the politics, economics, business and technology of the interrelated fields of energy and the environment. His current portfolio now encompasses global health, biotechnology and innovation.

Vijay is an advisor to the World Economic Forum/Davos on clean energy innovation, and served as a term member at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Speakers

The Honorable Bill White

Mayor, City of Houston

Mayor Bill White serves as the Executive Officer of the City of Houston. As the City's chief administrator and official representative, the Mayor is responsible for the general management of the City and for seeing that all laws and ordinances are enforced. Mayor White's leadership has brought Houston together, as shown by his overwhelming re-election to a third term. He uses business practices every day at City Hall to improve service and get things done. He has aggressively attacked our community's most difficult challenges, such as investment in neighborhood drainage, reform of municipal pensions, holding the line on property taxes with rate cuts and increased senior exemptions, attacking crime hot spots and even faster removal of stalled vehicles to reduce wrecks and traffic congestion. In addition, Mayor White has aggressive programs to enforce pollution laws, reduce the flooding impact of new developments, raise high school graduation rates, and encourage more flexible working hours.

Steven Winn

CEO, Nuclear Innovation North America LLC (NINA).

Mr. Steven Winn has been Chief Executive Officer of Nuclear Innovation North America, LLC., NINA, a affiliate of NRG Energy, since March 2008. In this role, he is responsible for all aspects of nuclear development at NRG. Prior to this position, Steven was executive vice president, Mergers and Acquisitions since January 2007. He also served as executive vice president and regional president for NRG Texas following NRG's acquisition of Texas Genco LLC since February 2006. He served as vice president, Mergers and Acquisitions from April 2005 to December 2005, and as director, Mergers and Acquisitions from November 2004, when he joined NRG, to April 2005. Prior to joining NRG, Steven worked in Power and Energy Investment Banking at Lehman Brothers and Salomon Brothers. He holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of California-Berkeley and a master's degree in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Finance from Cornell University.

James C. Yardley

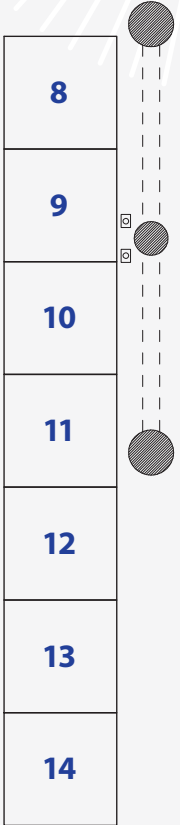
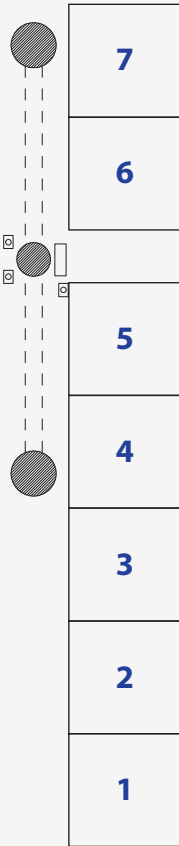
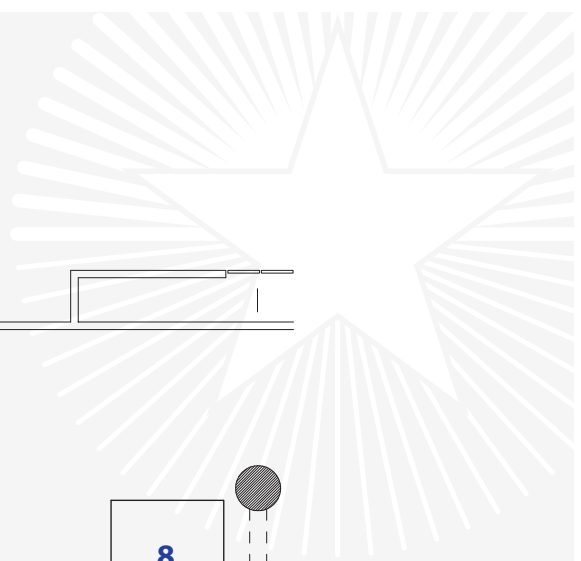
President, Pipeline Division, El Paso Energy

James C. Yardley is executive vice president of El Paso Corporation and president of the Pipeline Group. El Paso owns the largest natural gas pipeline system in the United States and is also one of the nation's largest independent natural gas producers.

James assumed his current role in August 2006. He has been with El Paso since 1978 and has held various roles in the company's pipeline business, offshore drilling business and corporate staff. He has been based in Birmingham, Alabama, and London, and currently resides in Houston.

He also serves as president and chief executive officer and as a director of El Paso Pipeline GP Company, L.L.C., the general partner of El Paso Pipeline Partners, L.P. He is also on the board of directors of Scorpion Offshore Ltd., a worldwide offshore contract driller.

Exhibition Booths



- 1** S & L Ventilated Façade
- 2** *Opportunity HoustonSM*
- 3** Hart Energy Consulting
- 4** Panelist Information
- 5** Marathon Oil Corporation
- 6** International Sustainable World Project
- 7** University of Houston

- 8** University of Phoenix
- 9** Houston Technology Center
- 10** Chevron
- 11** ICF International
- 12** Greater Houston Partnership
- 13** Gulf Publishing Company
- 14** ELS Language Centers

Upcoming Events



Quarterly Networking Luncheon

Description: Join us for the second quarterly networking luncheon of 2009. This popular membership luncheon is structured to optimize networking opportunities including the receipt of a list of attendees for all who participate. Interested in making new business contacts and participating in formal and informal networking? Register now, and don't forget to bring your business cards!

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 15, 2009 • 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Location: InterContinental Hotel • 2222 W. Loop South, Houston, TX
Contact: Lauren Garcia • lgarcia@houston.org • 713-844-3686

Partnership PM: The Alley Theatre

Description: Join us for an after-hours networking event at The Alley Theatre. The Alley was founded over sixty years ago as Houston's theatre company and is one of the few American Theatre companies that supports a company of actors, designers, artisans and craftspeople throughout the year. Partnership Members and nonmembers are welcome. RSVP by April 10, 2009. Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. Space is limited.

Date and Time: Thursday, April 16, 2009 • 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: The Alley Theatre • 615 Texas Avenue Houston, TX
Contact: Abby McFarland • amcfarland@houston.org • 713-844-3692

Houston Area Survey: Public Perceptions In Uncertain Times

Dr. Stephen L. Klineberg will present his annual report highlighting Houstonians' changing attitudes to striking trends in society.

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 22, 2009 • 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Location: Doubletree Hotel Houston Downtown • 400 Dallas, Houston, TX
Contact: Kristin Smith • ksmith@houston.org • 713-844-3694

Thought Leaders Series Luncheon

The Thought Leader Series provides Partnership Members an opportunity to listen and interact with innovative industry experts from the Greater Houston Partnership Board. These table conversationalists are of interest because of the vital role they play both in the Houston business community and at the Greater Houston Partnership. The Houston region is known as a center of excellence and influence on many issues, which makes it a great place for leaders to assemble and speak.

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 • 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m..
Location: Hotel ZaZa • 5701 Main, Houston, TX
Contact: Jill Reese • jreese@houston.org • 713-844-3682

Upcoming Events



2009 B₂B Astros Networking Event

Hit a home run with the Greater Houston Partnership's B₂B/Member₂Member Networking Party at Minute Maid Park! Come see the Houston Astros play the Colorado Rockies and learn more about the Partnership's B₂B/Member₂Member discount program. Purchase tickets for your top clients and prospects or reward your staff. The networking possibilities are endless. Price includes game ticket and unlimited food & non-alcoholic beverages! Cash bar. Take advantage of the "early bird" price of \$45. Tickets purchased after May 4 will be \$50. **Pre-registration is required for this event. On-site registration will not be available.**

Date and Time: Thursday, June 04, 2009 • 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Minute Maid Park, Champions Pavilion • 501 Crawford, Houston, TX

Contact: Abby McFarland • amcfarland@houston.org • 713-844-3692

2009 World Trade Soiree – Save the Date!

The annual World Trade Soiree showcases the Houston region's star power as an international business center. The region's global business leaders, government representatives, Consular Corps and economic allies take part in this world-class tribute to international business and the world marketplace.

Date and Time: Saturday, August 29, 2009 • 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Location: Hotel ZaZa, 5701 Main Street, Houston, TX

Contact: Kristin Smith • ksmith@houston.org • 713-844-3694

2009 Greater Houston Partnership Golf Classic

Come and enjoy a day of golf at one of Houston's finest, the Champions Golf Club. The 2009 Greater Houston Partnership Golf Classic is the region's premier business golf event. This Members-only tournament provides industry leaders the opportunity to network and build lasting business relationships.

Date and Time: Monday, September 28, 2009 • 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Champions Golf Club • 13722 Champions Drive, Houston, TX

Contact: Rebecca Rodgers • rrodgers@houston.org • 713-844-3681



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