



State Sen. Leibham to visit Orion Energy Systems

Leibham to tour facilities and discuss clean, responsible energy coalition with Orion President Verfuert

MANITOWOC, Wis. — March 30, 2009 — Wisconsin state Sen. Joseph Leibham, R-Sheboygan, will meet on Monday with Orion Energy Systems' (Nasdaq: OESX) President and CEO Neal Verfuert to talk about the newly formed coalition for Clean, Responsible Energy for Wisconsin's Economy, or CREWE.

The meeting will include a tour of Orion's Manitowoc manufacturing facility and new technology center, which is set to open on Earth Day, April 22.

Orion is a leading power technology enterprise that designs, manufactures and implements energy management systems, consisting primarily of high-performance, energy-efficient lighting systems, controls and direct renewable products for commercial and industrial customers. The company recently was applauded by President Barack Obama in a White House speech about energy efficiency and clean energy.

Orion is a founding member of CREWE, which formed to advocate for meaningful energy policy change consistent with Gov. Jim Doyle's Global Warming Task Force recommendations, which will have positive impact on Wisconsin's economic development, security and foster jobs, if implemented.

“Orion is continuing to grow as an industry leader in developing innovative technologies to produce cleaner, more efficient energy for Americans nationwide,” Leibham said. “Not only are these technological advances saving consumers money on their energy bills, but they are also creating good paying jobs in Manitowoc and in Wisconsin. I am looking forward to seeing first-hand some of the new state-of-the-art technology being developed during my visit at Orion.”

Leibham has supported energy efficiency in the past, particularly Senate Bill 459, from the 2005-2007 legislative session, which dedicated funds to Focus on Energy, a statewide



program that promotes energy efficiency and increases Wisconsin utility renewable energy usage to 10 percent by 2015.

“We look forward to the opportunity to meet with state Sen. Leibham to ask him to support the Global Warming Task Force recommendations,” Verfuerrth said. “The task force recommendations will help Wisconsin become a leader in energy efficiency and set the national standard for curbing energy use, which will have a profound, positive effect on the environment.”

Orion has deployed its energy management systems in 4,387 facilities across North America. Since 2001, Orion technology has displaced more than 423 megawatts, saving customers more than \$514 million and reducing indirect carbon dioxide emissions by 4.3 million tons. Orion’s technology was recently internationally recognized with a Platts Global Energy Award for the single most innovative and sustainable green technology of 2008.

Orion Energy Systems Inc. (Nasdaq: OESX) is a leading power technology enterprise that designs, manufactures and implements energy management systems, consisting primarily of high-performance, energy-efficient lighting systems, controls and related services for commercial and industrial customers without compromising their quantity or quality of light. For more information, visit www.oesx.com.

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