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State Energy Leaders Meet to Discuss Recent Discovery Trip to China

(AUSTIN, TEXAS) – A group of energy leaders, stakeholders and policy makers today will meet to discuss how to improve the marketplace for carbon capture and storage, and advance clean coal technologies in the state. Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael Williams, Public Utility Commission Chairman Barry Smitherman, and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Chairman Bryan Shaw will be guest speakers at the luncheon, which is sponsored by the Texas Carbon Capture and Storage Association and the Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas.

The luncheon comes on the heels of a seven day fact-finding trip to China that took place late fall to promote clean technology exchange and collaboration between the American and Chinese governments and companies. The trip, which focused on carbon capture and storage technology, was organized by the Clean Air Task Force and was comprised of a 30 member delegation, including the three commissioners, other state elected officials and regulators, energy industry executives, and representatives from non-profit organizations from Texas and other Gulf States.

Texas has led the nation in carbon capture and storage and clean coal technologies. It is also leading the nation in the use of CO₂ for enhanced oil recovery operations. With the goal of the luncheon today being to work with state policy makers and regulators to further innovation in this area, economic development and job opportunities will abound.

“In Texas we have years of experience with the CCS supply chain involving the capture, transport and storage of CO₂. This will allow us to leverage green technology for additional domestic sources of oil,” Darrick Eugene, General Counsel for the TxCCSA, said.

”Both Texas and China have world-changing carbon capture projects in development and Texas has deep experience to share with China relating to the storage of carbon dioxide in conjunction with enhanced oil recovery” said Mike Nasi, general counsel for the CCTFT. “China’s significant and growing use of coal presents a significant demand for clean coal technology development and Texas, as a central player in that development, has a

collaboration opportunity that could create jobs and ensure the long-term viability of our most abundant and affordable domestic source of electric generation - coal.”

The *US, China and Carbon Technology: Texas’ Energy Delegation Talks* luncheon will take place at the Double Tree Hotel at 303 West 15th Street from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Registration has already been closed due to such high interest.

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The Texas Carbon Capture and Storage Association (TxCCSA) is a privately-funded 501(c)(6) organization committed to promoting energy security and environmental benefits through the advancement of carbon capture and storage in Texas. The Association—which includes a diverse coalition of utilities, energy producers, and environmental consultants, among others—supports environmentally responsible energy production and advocates for market-based policies and incentives that encourage the development of a commercial carbon capture and storage industry in the state.

About the Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas

The Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas (www.cctft.org) was founded in January 2004 as a non-profit entity to promote the use and development of clean coal technologies that will result in reliable, low cost, and environmentally-responsible energy for Texas.