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## **ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR. TO ADDRESS ENERGY & SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS**

**Washington, DC, 2009:** The Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) is pleased to announce that renowned environmentalist activist and attorney Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. will be a featured keynote opening conference session speaker for the upcoming 32<sup>nd</sup> World Energy Engineering Congress, to be held November 4-5, 2009 at the DC Convention Center in Washington, DC.

Mr. Kennedy, Jr., who will be speaking on ***Sustainable Energy and the Environment***, joins a roster of industry leaders in the high level opening address session welcoming WEEC attendees.

Now in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year, the annual World Energy Engineering Congress (WEEC) brings together end users from the commercial, institutional & industrial sector, energy managers, VPs of operations, facility managers, business leaders, government energy & facility managers and sustainable professionals to offer them solutions to their energy efficiency and green facility technology challenges.

### **About: Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. - Environmentalist Activist and Attorney**

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s reputation as a resolute defender of the environment stems from a litany of successful legal actions. Mr. Kennedy was named one of *Time* magazine's "Heroes for the Planet" for his success in helping Riverkeeper lead the fight to restore the Hudson River. Mr. Kennedy serves as senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and president of Waterkeeper Alliance. He is also a clinical professor and supervising attorney at Pace University School of Law's Environmental Litigation Clinic and is co-host of *Ring of Fire* on Air America Radio. Earlier in his career, he served as assistant district attorney in New York City.

He has worked on environmental issues across the Americas, and has assisted several indigenous tribes in Latin America and Canada in successfully negotiating treaties protecting traditional homelands. He is credited with leading the fight to protect New York City's water supply. The New York City watershed agreement, which he negotiated on behalf of environmentalists and New York City watershed consumers, is regarded as an international model in stakeholder consensus negotiations and sustainable development. He also helped lead the fight to turn back the anti-environmental legislation during the 104th Congress. Among Mr. Kennedy's published books are the *New York Times* bestseller *Crimes Against Nature* (2004); *The Riverkeepers* (1997); and *Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr: A Biography* (1977). His articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, *Rolling Stone*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Esquire*, *The Nation*, *Outside* magazine, the *Village Voice*, and many other publications. His award-winning articles have been included in anthologies of America's best crime writing, best political writing and best science writing.

Mr. Kennedy is a graduate of Harvard University. He studied at the London School of Economics and received his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School. Following graduation, he attended Pace University School of Law, where he was awarded a master's degree in environmental law. *Biographical information provided by Keppler Speakers.*

**To register to attend the Conference & Opening session:**

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