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Orion Energy Systems' Executive Participates in First Green Jobs Summit On Capitol Hill

Orion Selected for Strong Commitment to Creating Technologies That Power Our Economy

MANITOWOC, Wis., Jun 19, 2009 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Orion Energy Systems' (Nasdaq:OESX) Executive Vice President Mike Potts on Wednesday participated in the first United States Senate Democratic Green Jobs Summit on Capitol Hill.

Orion was invited to participate by Wisconsin Sens. Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold, who selected Orion for the company's strong commitment to creating jobs in Wisconsin and creating the technologies that will power the economy.

The Green Jobs Summit, which was hosted by the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee, was held to demonstrate the Senate's commitment to create clean energy jobs, invest in our nation's economic future and secure our energy resources.

Vice President Joe Biden addressed the business, labor and environmental leaders who attended the summit, thanking them for their commitment to grow a clean energy economy that will make America the engine of innovation in the 21st century.

"This first Green Jobs Summit demonstrates the important commitment the Senate has made to investments in the clean energy technologies that will help our economy recover and wean the U.S. off foreign oil," Potts said. "Orion's technology has created quality jobs, not only for Wisconsin workers, but for contractors nationwide and helped thousands of companies save on energy consumption and costs."

More than 25 U.S. Senators attended the summit, including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee Chair Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Senate Democratic Conference Secretary Patty Murray (D-Wash.) and Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chair Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.).

Also addressing the Summit was Van Jones, a special advisor to President Barack Obama on the White House Council on Environmental Quality, and Deputy Secretary of Energy Daniel Poneman.

Orion has deployed its energy management systems in 4,581 facilities across North America. Since 2001, Orion technology has displaced more than 435 megawatts, saving customers more than \$577 million and reducing indirect carbon dioxide emissions by 4.9 million tons. Orion's innovation and technology recently won the praise of President Barack Obama, who applauded Orion in a White House speech promoting clean energy, the creation of green collar jobs and the importance of energy efficiency.

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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