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## Major Strides in China Energy Management Meetings

Beijing, China – November 4, 2010 - Worldwide, the energy efficiency sector has increased its awareness of the upcoming ISO 50001 Energy Management System (EnMS) standard, and Global Energy Partners' Chad Gilless was involved in the major progress achieved at recent meetings in China.

The ISO standard is expected to affect up to 60% of the world's energy use, and at the recent Project Committee meeting in Beijing, the group resolved issues that previously impeded progress towards a summer 2011 publication. Over 90 experts from 22 countries agreed to a spring-time vote on a Final Draft International Standard, the last substantive hurdle prior to standard publication. "It's a testimony to the intelligence and cooperative attitude by the people involved from the various countries that we were able to come to consensus on some key areas," said Mr. Gilless, who co-led a breakout group to refine the Annex section.

While in China, Mr. Gilless also represented Global at an international workshop on EnMS implementation and utilization in industrial hub Dezhou City. At this meeting he moderated a panel of experts from India, the United Kingdom, China and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) as they presented on real-world experiences at both the program level as well as within the individual facility. This was the second such summit, with the last one occurring in Dublin in 2009. "Experts from other corners of the world have experienced the same issues as found in the US and it's exciting to share best practices in working through to solutions," said Mr. Gilless.

In between progress in these two meetings, Mr. Gilless was able to develop solid international interest in the Industrial Energy Baseline Methodology project that Global is developing on behalf of the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA). This effort captures the best practices in baseline development from the facility perspective, so that standard baselines can be used for government or utility programs as well as for benchmarking comparisons between facility locations and companies.



**Global's Chad Gilles shown moderating a panel at the international workshop in Dezhou City, China.**

**About Global:** Global is a leader in energy efficiency and demand response planning, program design and evaluation, as well as implementation for industrial facilities, both directly and on behalf of utility programs. Global's EnMS practice applies energy to the business practices of industrial facilities, with program experience in the Northwest and California. Global has been involved with the ISO 50001 standard development process since its inception and was the only implementation consultant selected to represent the US in Beijing. Global is employee-owned and is headquartered in Walnut Creek, California.