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## **Governor Huntsman to launch state Energy Efficiency Policy**

**Salt Lake City** – Governor Jon Huntsman will unveil a comprehensive policy on energy efficiency for the State of Utah Wednesday, setting a goal to increase the State’s overall energy efficiency by 20 percent by the year 2015. State and industry leaders will join the Governor in the policy rollout.

“This is a first step in developing a full and flexible energy policy for Utah,” Governor Huntsman said. “The State policy encourages and promotes energy efficiency in our state-owned buildings, homes and commercial buildings. Collectively, these efforts will make Utah one of the most energy efficient states in the country.”

The Governor also emphasized the importance of this policy on economic development, calling it a key component that improves competitiveness and creates new high-tech markets.

Dr. Laura Nelson, the Governor’s energy policy advisor, believes the policy is a critical phase in the development of Utah’s energy plan.

“Energy efficiency helps everyone in the state, in the public and private sectors,” Nelson said. “This policy will help us determine a baseline and establish the potential for enhanced energy efficiency.”

The Governor will also sign a ceremonial copy of House Bill 80, Energy Savings in State Buildings, sponsored by Rep. Fred Hunsaker, calling the legislation a unified effort for efficiency. The event will take place at the University of Utah Health Sciences Education Building, the first state-constructed facility to comply with State energy efficiency standards.

“This policy demonstrates the governor’s leadership and commitment to energy efficiency,” said Sarah Wright, Director of Utah Clean Energy. “These outstanding energy efficiency objectives will benefit Utah’s economy and environment while setting an example for other states to follow.”

**The news conference will be held Wednesday, April 26 at 10 a.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor atrium of the Spencer and Cleone P. Eccles Health Sciences Education Building at the University of Utah, 26 S. 2000 E. Please park in the underground facility on the south side.**

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