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APPLY NOW FOR LAGCOE 2019 ENERGY INNOVATORS PITCH CHALLENGE

LAFAYETTE, LA (August 19, 2019) – LAGCOE leadership is proud to host the fourth **Energy Innovators Pitch Challenge** at the 2019 Technical Exposition and Conference, scheduled for October 9-11 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. In partnership with The Idea Village and sponsored by Shell Game Changer, this signature event will connect the best new energy innovators with funding to help further the development of exciting new products and technologies for the energy industry.

Participants in the Energy Innovators Pitch Challenge will make brief presentations before a panel of judges for the chance to win a \$10,000 prize during a special forum open to all Expo attendees on Friday, October 11. Each innovator will make a short pitch followed by Q&A from the judges. The judges will select a winner to receive the \$10,000 prize at the conclusion of the challenge.

"Technology and innovation will continue to drive the energy industry," said Greg Stutes, LAGCOE chairman of the board. "We're looking forward to seeing what new ideas and products this year's competition will surface."

As an added benefit, pitch participants will also be provided with a specially marked booth space on the Expo floor for all three days of the event. This is an opportunity to gain exposure and interact with thousands of attendees in advance of the pitch competition.

The Energy Innovators Pitch Challenge is made possible through a partnership with <u>The Idea Village</u>, a New Orleans nonprofit organization that supports entrepreneurs in order to drive positive change.

More information about the challenge — including the <u>online application</u> — is available on the LAGCOE 2019 website. Entries will be reviewed on a rolling basis and will remain open until the available slots are filled. Applicants will be notified of their status the week of September 23, 2019.

LAGCOE is a nonprofit energy industry organization focused on educational programs and a technical exposition & conference. LAGCOE's mission is to cultivate economic growth of the energy industry by facilitating domestic & global business development and fostering the energy workforce pipeline. LAGCOE's vision is to be a robust, sustainable community of energy companies and volunteers that promotes energy education and awareness; connects businesses with opportunities and showcases the

Gulf Coast's technical innovations to the world. LAGCOE 2019 will be held October 9-11, 2019 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. Learn more at LAGCOE.com.
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