



Media Advisory

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Growing Community & Saving Energy in Gonvick & Clearbrook: Retrofitting Existing Buildings for Energy Efficiency

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GONVICK, MN – Wondering how your community can turn a vacant building in town into a thriving, energy efficient community center? Or perhaps you'd like to learn about strategies for saving energy in your current building? Join the Northwest Clean Energy Resource Team (CERT) and Clear Waters Life Center to learn how the communities of Gonvick and Clearbrook have converted their old school buildings into thriving centers that serve the community, while educating the public about energy efficiency and clean energy! The tour will start in Gonvick and continue to neighboring Clearbrook, 4 miles away, to visit Clear Water's second facility. After the presentation and tours, the Clean Energy Resource Teams will cover additional opportunities for community members to take action. Light refreshments will be provided.

This event is free and open to the public. Register online at: <http://nwcert082010.eventbrite.com>

AGENDA:

- **1:00pm:** Tour of Clear Waters Life Center
- **2:00am:** Carpool to second facility
- **2:15am:** Presentations and Discussion
 - ♦ Darien Northup and Becky Dorman, Co-Directors, Clear Waters Life Center
 - ♦ Rin Porter, RETAP Energy Consultant and Central CERTs Steering Committee Member
 - ♦ Tom Jones, Architect & Board Member of Clear Waters Life Center
 - ♦ Brian Martin, Mechanical Engineer & Owner, Martin Mechanical Design Inc., Fargo
 - ♦ Ken Johnson, Energy Management representative, Otter Tail Utility
- **3:40pm:** CERTs Updates: Opportunities for Action in Your Community, Lissa Pawlisch
- **4:00pm:** Adjourn

THE BASICS:

- **Who:** Community members and community leaders from Northwest Minnesota
- **What:** Northwest CERT Meeting – an opportunity to learn about community leadership on clean energy and green jobs, working together to build our clean energy future
- **Where:** Clear Waters Life Center, 226 Elm St., Gonvick, MN 56644
- **When:** August 20th, 2010 1-4 pm

ABOUT CERTs: The Clean Energy Resource Teams connect Minnesota communities with resources to identify and implement energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

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