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Ameresco to Keynote the First Massachusetts Sustainable Communities Conference

Jim Walker, Director of Solar PV Grid-tie Projects, to discuss local renewable energy projects, including one of the largest solar PV projects in Massachusetts

FRAMINGHAM, MA – April 13, 2011 – Ameresco, Inc., (NYSE:AMRC), a leading energy efficiency and renewable energy company, announced that Jim Walker, Director of Solar PV Grid-tie Projects, will serve as a keynote speaker at the first Massachusetts Sustainable Communities Conference in Marlborough, MA on April 15, 2011. As part of the day-long event bringing together experts who plan and implement community sustainability efforts, Mr. Walker will discuss how Ameresco delivers energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions to public and private institutions across the country.

During the conference, sustainability experts and community leaders from across the Commonwealth will gather to discuss the critical factors specific to sustainable communities. Speakers and panel leaders will discuss municipal energy best practices, green community grant programs, economic benefits of sustainable development and funding and technological assistance.

“On behalf of Ameresco, I am honored to address the Massachusetts Sustainable Communities Conference community and I commend the organizers for shining a spotlight on the significance of sustainable communities,” said Jim Walker, Director of Solar PV Grid-tie Projects at Ameresco. “In a time when many communities have been forced to deal with severe budget challenges, I am excited that Ameresco invests in the energy infrastructure of Massachusetts and North America by delivering budget-neutral energy management solutions and renewable energy projects that are paid solely out of energy and cost savings.”

Headquartered in Framingham, MA, Ameresco has been an active force as an independent provider of comprehensive energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions for facilities throughout Massachusetts and North America.

Recent Ameresco project milestones in Massachusetts include:

- **City of Newburyport** – The 2,000 panel rooftop solar project on three municipal buildings in the city is one of the largest early municipal solar photovoltaic installations in the Commonwealth, and produces 502kW of clean, renewable energy.

- **Massachusetts State Department of Energy Resources (DOER)** – Under 20-year Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with Ameresco, state facilities will receive solar-generated electricity at a discount. The five solar power systems will generate 560 kW of electricity capacity and 700,000 kWh of annual electric energy.
 - **Massport Logan Airport** (*two terminals*) – 367 kW.
 - **Bridgewater State University** – 104 kW.
 - **Worcester State University** – 41 kW.
 - **Canton Housing Authority** – 46 kW.
- **City of Revere** – City received Association of Energy Engineers New England (AEENE) award for “Performance Contract of the Year – Public.”
- **City of Lowell** – City installed 340 kW of solar power on four school buildings and the Lowell Memorial Auditorium and also received AEENE’s award for “Renewable Energy Project of the Year.”
- **Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development (LHAND)** – AEENE gave LHAND an Honorable Mention in the category of “Performance Contract of the Year – Public.”

The schedule for the April 15th event can be found online at:

www.masustainablecommunities.com

To register for the April 15th Massachusetts Sustainable Communities Conference, please visit: <http://mscc.eventbrite.com/>

About Ameresco, Inc.

Ameresco, Inc. was incorporated in Delaware in April 2000 and is a leading independent provider of comprehensive energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions for facilities throughout North America. Ameresco’s solutions include upgrades to a facility’s energy infrastructure, and the development, construction, and operation of renewable energy plants. With corporate headquarters located in Framingham, MA, Ameresco has 56 offices in 29 states and five Canadian provinces. For more information, visit www.ameresco.com.