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**MARATHON ENGINE SYSTEMS ADVOCATES FOR LEGISLATION  
TO STRENGTHEN US MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVENESS**

*Measures would cut costs for American manufacturers, create up to one million jobs  
and slash greenhouse gas emissions*

**(WASHINGTON, DC) – April 12, 2010** – Marathon Engine Systems joined more than 80 business, labor, environmental, and government organizations today in urging Congress to adopt new tax policy to enhance industrial energy efficiency in order to simultaneously increase manufacturing competitiveness, create jobs, and reduce pollution.

**Marathon Engine Systems** and other supporters today sent letters to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee asking for tax credits to expand use of combined heat and power (CHP) and waste energy recovery, which would vastly improve energy efficiency. While often overlooked in the search for improved efficiency, manufacturers consume vast quantities of energy, usually finding it to be one of their largest production costs. Indeed, these technologies often double the efficiency of an industrial plant and other large energy users.

**Marathon Engine Systems** is in the unique position to be one of a handful of companies that manufacture a small scale cogeneration appliance (microcogen) in the United States. Our company in Wisconsin supplies engines to our European Partner for such a product as well as supports our efforts to market this exceptional technology in the US and Canada--- as well the rest of the world. Marathon Engine and our subcontracting sister company HyPro, employ over 600 jobs in Wisconsin. This technology is over 86% efficient and runs on clean burning natural gas or propane and has applications in residences, small commercial environments, as well as schools and municipal buildings. There are over 100,000 of these microcogeneration units in place all over the world. *It could be considered the energy of the future.*

Supporters of industrial energy efficiency are asking for passage of the bipartisan S. 1639 (sponsored by Senators Jeff Bingaman, D-NM, and Olympia Snowe, R-ME) as well as H.R. 4144 (Rep. Jay Inslee, D-WA) and H.R. 4751 (Rep. Paul Tonko, D-NY) to encourage near-term, shovel-ready projects that will create and maintain thousands of jobs within the industrial sector and in the manufacture, installation and operation of CHP and waste energy recovery equipment.

According to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, a large-scale expansion of CHP could provide 20 percent of U.S. generating capacity by 2030, generate \$234 billion in new investment, and create nearly one million highly skilled, technical jobs throughout the U.S. Such an expansion would reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by more than 800 million tons per year, the equivalent of taking more than half the current U.S. passenger vehicles off the road.

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"The industrial sector is a huge consumer of power, yet doesn't get sufficient attention in the quest for energy efficiency. Manufacturers that recycle their waste energy are typically able to cut their energy expenses by about 20 percent, reaping huge savings on a core operating cost while drastically reducing greenhouse gas emissions," explained Tom Casten, a founder of the U.S. Clean Heat and Power Association (USCHPA), and chairman of Recycled Energy Development, a longtime proponent of CHP and waste energy recovery.

Waste energy recovery, which captures waste energy from industrial facilities, now receives no tax benefits. CHP, a process by which manufacturers generate electricity and heat on site, obtains only a 10 percent investment tax credit for the first 15 megawatts of a project limited to 50 megawatts in size. The bills now in the House and Senate would remove the limitation to small projects and apply the tax credit to a project's first 25 megawatts (S. 1639 and H.R. 4144), as well provide a 30 percent credit for recycled energy and CHP with efficiencies above 70 percent (H.R. 4751).

Supporters of the legislation include:

**Business**

Capstone Turbines Corporation  
Caterpillar  
Cummins Power Generation  
Dow Chemical  
Fluor  
GE Energy  
Ingersoll Rand  
Libbey Glass Inc.  
LS Power  
Mosaic Company  
Ormat  
PPG Industries  
Primary Energy  
Saint-Gobain Containers  
Solar Turbines  
United Technologies Corporation  
Veolia Energy North America Holdings  
ACCO Engineered Systems (California, Washington, Idaho, Nevada)  
ACR Sheet Metal Company  
Avalon Consulting, Inc. (Illinois)  
BHP Energy (Ohio)  
Calnetix Power Solution, Inc. (Florida)  
Charles P. Blouin Inc. (New Hampshire)  
Circle "R" Mechanical, Inc. (Indiana)

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Climate Energy (Massachusetts)  
DCO Energy (New Jersey)

Dresser-Rand/Aircogen (Massachusetts)  
Earthwise Energy Technologies (Rhode Island)  
E-Finity Distributed Generation (Pennsylvania)  
ECR International (New York)  
Endurant Energy LLC (Illinois)  
Energenic LLC (New Jersey)  
Energy Solutions Center (Washington, D.C.)  
Ernest D. Menold, Inc (Pennsylvania)  
Five Star Electric Motors (Texas)  
GEM Inc. (Ohio and Georgia)  
KGRA Energy Corporation (Illinois)  
Interstate Power Solutions (Missouri)  
Lewis and Lambert Industries, Inc. (Texas)  
Marathon Engine Systems (Wisconsin)  
National Heating & Ventilating (New Mexico)  
NV Energy (Nevada)  
New Loop Energy (Illinois)  
Melrose Metal Products (California)  
Midwest Fabricators, LLC

**Contractor and Industry Associations**

American Chemistry Council  
American Forest and Paper Association  
The Association of Union Constructors  
Electricity Consumers Resource Council  
Glass Manufacturing Industry Council  
International District Energy Association  
Mechanical Contractors Association of America  
National Council for Advanced Manufacturing  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association  
Steel Founders' Society of America  
U.S. Clean Heat and Power Association

**Labor**

International Brotherhood of Boilermakers  
Sheet Metal Workers International Association

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**Environmental/Government/Non-Profit**

Alliance to Save Energy

Association of State Energy Research & Technology Transfer Institutions

Business Council for Sustainable Energy

Center for American Progress Action Fund

Energy Future Coalition

We at Marathon Engine Systems encourage to pass this important piece of legislation.

Regards,

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