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Sage Energy Awarded Contract to Evaluate Maryland Energy Administration Programs

ANNAPOLIS, MD—October 7, 2010—Sage Energy Consulting, LLC (Sage Energy) announced today that it was awarded a 3-year contract to provide the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) with evaluation, measurement and verification (EM&V) support for programs funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and Strategic Energy Investment Fund. Sage Energy will participate as part of a team, led by GDS Associates, which is charged with planning, designing, and performing evaluation, measurement and verification of the outputs, outcomes, and energy savings impacts of those programs.

Sage Energy will provide process evaluation for MEA's Finance, Consumer Education and Renewables programs, including the design of survey instruments that are aimed at helping fulfill MEA's mission to maximize energy efficiency while promoting economic development, reducing reliance on foreign energy supplies, and improving the environment. Sage Energy will determine appropriate program measurements and design EM&V plans that ensure achievement of MEA program goals. Sage Energy's initial task will be to analyze MEA's various energy programs, including those which expand energy efficiency efforts, promote clean renewable energy development, finance clean energy innovation and provide consumer information.

"Maryland's forward-thinking energy programs have great potential to generate lasting impact on the state's economic growth, environmental stewardship, and efficiency and renewable energy practices," said Sage Energy President Geri Nicholson. "Sage Energy is uniquely positioned to help the state focus attention on effective deployment of program funds, and we are pleased to be working with GDS to guide MEA's efforts to maintain energy program best practices."

Sage Energy is a leading expert in energy efficiency and renewable energy project management and project development to commercial and industrial clients, providing energy efficiency, renewable energy, and green building solutions that demonstrate energy cost savings. Sage Energy also develops greenhouse gas inventories and climate change strategies that position its clients for upcoming regulations and highlight their commitment to the environment.

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About Sage Energy Consulting:

Sage Energy Consulting, LLC specializes in developing successful energy sector strategies that substantially improve the environment and the bottom line for its clients. Sage Energy helps clients surpass their objectives in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, climate change and green building. Sage Energy offers the unique perspective and experience of drafting regulations and policies, with unparalleled experience in Maryland, to achieve government sector goals and mandates, and applying this

government sector perspective toward maximizing value for its commercial customers. Further information: www.sageenergyconsulting.com

About GDS:

GDS Associates, Inc. is a multi-service engineering and management consulting firm, headquartered in Marietta Georgia. GDS has a broad array of management, strategic, and programmatic consulting expertise and specializes in energy, telecommunications, water and utility planning issues. The firm has completed numerous process and impact evaluations, as well as renewable energy, bio-energy, and energy efficiency projects for electric and natural gas utilities and state regulatory commissions. GDS has experience with deregulation and competitive issues in the energy industry, and provides Information Technology, Market Research, Statistical and Management Consulting Services to a diverse client base.