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**NRG Energy-Funded Renovation of Isles' YouthBuild Institute
in Trenton Complete**

PRINCETON, NJ; June 4, 2009— NRG Energy Inc.'s (NYSE: NRG) million dollar renovation of Isles' YouthBuild Institute in Trenton, NJ is complete. The project nearly tripled the size of the YouthBuild Institute, transforming the old facility, a former paint warehouse, into a remarkable new educational facility for at-risk youth facing extraordinary challenges in central New Jersey.

A ceremonial ribbon cutting at the new school was attended by Trenton Mayor Doug Palmer and Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, along with NRG President and CEO David Crane, Isles President and CEO Marty Johnson and many of the YouthBuild Institute's students and staff.

"This renovation brings more than just new facilities and electric systems—it brings new opportunities for our youth and countless numbers of future students," said David Crane, President and CEO, NRG Energy at the ceremony.

Isles' YouthBuild Institute is located at 33 Tucker Street in Trenton, NJ. Each year, hundreds of youth in central New Jersey benefit from YouthBuild. YouthBuild provides at-risk youth a path to a high school diploma, a career and greater self-reliance.

In addition to more spacious light-filled classrooms, the renovation added a new library, computer room and woodworking area on the first floor. The second floor, previously empty, was fitted with climate-controlled classrooms, which will be used for energy and solar education, as well as breakout rooms and restrooms. The building also is now 100% handicapped accessible, with new energy efficient heating, cooling and lighting systems.

"As a global energy company, NRG is a step ahead of its peers," said Marty Johnson, President and CEO, Isles, Inc. "They lead by example and push other energy companies to reduce their carbon emissions. NRG is an investor in communities and the future workforce. NRG's support of Isles is the type of global warming the world needs."

About NRG

NRG Energy, Inc., a Fortune 500 company, owns and operates one of the country's largest and most diverse power generation portfolios. Headquartered in Princeton, NJ, the Company's power plants provide more than 24,000 megawatts of generation capacity—enough to supply more than 20 million homes. NRG's retail business, Reliant Energy, serves more than 1.7 million residential, business, commercial and industrial customers in Texas. A past recipient of the energy industry's highest honors—Platts Industry Leadership and Energy Company of the Year awards, NRG is a member of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership (USCAP), a group of business and environmental organizations calling for mandatory legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. More information is available at www.nrgenergy.com.

About Isles

Founded in 1981, Isles, Inc., is a nationally recognized nonprofit community development and environmental organization with the mission to foster more self-reliant families in healthy, sustainable communities. Each year, Isles reaches thousands of central New Jersey residents with opportunities for at-risk youth job training, affordable housing development, financial literacy training, homeownership counseling, community gardening, environmental health and education, community organizing, and regional planning. Isles broadens its impact by developing easily replicated programs, assisting other community groups and institutions and advocating for improved public policy. More information on Isles is available at www.isles.org.

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