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**Reliant Energy named
“Official Energy Supplier of Houston Technology Center”**

Houston – 01/25/11 – The **Houston Technology Center** (HTC) and **Reliant Energy** have formed a strategic partnership to further expand HTC's mission of accelerating the growth of emerging technology companies in the Houston region. As a sponsor of the Houston Technology Center, Reliant Energy will be providing all of the electricity for HTC's two building campus on 410 Pierce Street in midtown Houston. In addition, Reliant Energy will provide critical support to HTC's energy acceleration program which provides strategic and tactical management advice to Houston area emerging energy technology entrepreneurs.

“We are excited to again partner with Reliant Energy, a hometown company assisting us in making Houston a hub for technology and entrepreneurs,” stated Walter Ulrich, president & CEO of the Houston Technology Center. “We know we can rely on Reliant to support our initiatives and for innovative energy solutions.”

“Giving emerging technology companies the resources they need to expand and create jobs in the Houston area is a tremendous benefit to our community,” said Tom Gros, Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Reliant Energy. “HTC is an incredible asset to the Houston economy and we are pleased to be part of their efforts.”

In addition to aiding HTC's efforts to support emerging energy businesses in Houston, executives from Reliant and its parent company NRG Energy provide expertise to the HTC. John Ragan, NRG Energy Regional President for Texas serves on the HTC Board of Directors and Gros is a member of the center's Advisory Board.

About Reliant Energy:

Reliant Energy provides electricity and energy services to more than 1.5 million retail customers—including homes, small and large businesses, manufacturing facilities, government entities and institutions across Texas. As part of NRG Energy (NYSE: NRG), Reliant Energy is backed by one of the nation's largest power producers. NRG owns and operates nearly 26,000 megawatts of generation capacity, including more than 11,000 megawatts of capacity in Texas. For more information about Reliant Energy products and services, visit www.reliant.com.

About Houston Technology Center:

Named among *Forbes'* top 10 "incubators changing the world," The Houston Technology Center provides education, insight, and access to capital that entrepreneurs need for commercialization. The Houston Technology Center is a business accelerator and the largest technology business incubator in Texas, advancing the commercialization of emerging technology companies in the greater Houston area. A 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization, HTC assists Houston-based entrepreneurs within several key sectors: energy, information technology, life sciences, nanotechnology and NASA/aerospace technologies. For more information, visit www.HoustonTech.org.

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