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## AGI and AIPG Team Up to Launch the Geoscience Online Learning Initiative (GOLI)

Alexandria, VA - The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) and the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) have teamed up to launch the Geoscience Online Learning Initiative (GOLI).

This joint effort seeks to build a portfolio of online learning opportunities to help support the professional development of prospective and early-career geoscientists as well as addressing topics of interest to the broader geoscience profession. GOLI courses support both synchronous and asynchronous online learning, and count toward continuing education units (CEU's).

AGI and AIPG are pleased to announce the first three webinar events of GOLI. Details of the webinars are available at: http://www.aipg.org/e-mail/GOLI.html. The topics, times, and presenters are:

Global Energy Resources: Current Trends and Short Term Predictions

January 18, 2012, 2:00 pm EST

Presented by Ronald J. Wallace, President-Elect, AIPG

Critical and Strategic Minerals: Concepts and Status

February 1, 2012, 2:00 pm EST

Presented by Jim Burnell, Colorado Geological Survey

Effective Power Point Presentations

February 22, 2012, 2:00 pm EST

Presented by Chris Mathewson, Texas A&M University

The American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) was founded in 1963 to certify the credentials of practicing geologists and to advocate on behalf of the profession. AIPG represents the professional interests of all practicing geoscientists in every discipline. Its advocacy efforts are focused on the promotion of the role of geology and geologists in society.

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The American Geosciences Institute is a nonprofit federation of 50 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 250,000 geologists, geophysicists, and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in our profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resilience to natural hazards, and the health of the environment.