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AGI Reports on the State of Geoscience Employment

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) Workforce Program has released the third chapter, entitled Geoscience Employment Sectors, of the Status of the Geoscience Workforce report. Chapters 1, 2, and 3 of this report are now available through the AGI website at <http://www.agiweb.org/workforce/>.

Chapter Three, Geoscience Employment Sectors, focuses on the demographics and dynamics of the geoscience workforce. The demographics of the workforce, by industry and specialties are examined, along with salaries and experience in these areas. An additional major highlight of the report is a look at the transition of geosciences graduates into the workforce, the current number of jobs, and the projected number of employment opportunities in 2016.

The Status of the Geoscience Workforce report is based on original data collected by AGI as well as from existing data from federal sources, professional and scientific membership organizations and industry. The report integrates all available data sources into a comprehensive view of the human and economic parameters of the geosciences, including supply and training of new students, workforce demographics and employment projections, to trends in geoscience research funding and other economic indicators.

To view chapters one, two, and three in their entirety, please go to <http://www.agiweb.org/workforce/reports.html>. The rest of the Status of the Geoscience Workforce report will be released over the course of February 2009.

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The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 45 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 120,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the 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, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.

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