

## REPRESENTATIVES FROM US INSTITUTIONS VISIT CENER

**Sarriguren (Navarra), 13 June 2011.-** Representatives from CASE (Council of American States in Europe), have visited the headquarters of CENER in Sarriguren today. The visit has been promoted by the Spanish Federation of Business Organisations (Confederación Española de Organizaciones Empresariales – CEOE), based on a collaboration agreement that it has with this institution and whose main objective consists in fostering trade and investments between the United States and Spain.

During the visit to CENER, where they were attended by the Director General, Jose Javier Armendariz, and by the Technical Director, Fernando Sanchez, they had the chance to see the facilities of the national renewable energy technology centre as well as to analyse possible collaboration channels based on agreements already signed several years ago, for instance, between CENER and NREL (National Renewable Energy Laboratory), its counterpart in the United States.

The members of the institutional visit included: Bruce R. Greenwood, (President of CASE Massachusetts), Matthias Duys (Director of International Investments, Virginia), Sven F. Gerzer (Director of the European Office from West Virginia), Sharon Stead (Director of the Western European Office from Illinois), Mikel Burzako (Pennsylvania), and Paul Polkauskas (Director of the Office in Europe from Kentucky). On behalf of the CEOE the visitors were accompanied by Pedor Bugallal, Director of International Relations, and Javier Martinena, Secretary General of the Federation of Business Organisations of Navarra.

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### About CENER

The **National Renewable Energy Centre** is a technology centre, with excellent qualifications and international prestige, specialised in applied research and the development and promotion of renewable energies. CENER has more than 200 researchers, carrying out activities on the five continents. The Board of trustees is comprised of the Ministry of Science and Innovation, the Research Centre for Energy, Environment and Technology (CIEMAT), the Ministry of Industry and the Government of Navarra.

CENER performs its activity in six work areas in the field of energies: wind, solar thermal and solar photovoltaic, biomass, bioclimatic architecture and renewable energy grid integration. Its headquarters are located in the Ciudad de la Innovación (Innovation Centre), in Sarriguren - Navarra, although it has offices in other locations in Spain. It has modern accredited laboratories and technological facilities that are a benchmark all over the world, as is the case of the Wind Turbine Test Laboratory (located in Sangüesa), a biofuel laboratory, a thermal collector and photovoltaic module test laboratory, as well as a photovoltaic cell materials and processes laboratory. The 2nd Generation Biofuel Centre has recently been created.