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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### ***State's Central Plant Marks Grand Opening: Plant Heats & Cools 20,000 State Employees***

- WHAT:** Grand Opening of the State's Central Utility Plant
- WHEN:** Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.
- WHERE:** 625 Q Street Sacramento, CA 95815 (Corner of 7th Street & Q Street, Sacramento)
- WHO:** Representatives from the Department of General Services, the design/builder, Skanska USA Building, Jacobs Engineering, Inc. and other design team members
- BACKGROUND:** This final event is scheduled to mark completion of the new Central Plant that heats and cools the Capitol and 22 state office buildings. DGS recently completed the final phase of the construction – building an iconic 140 ft. tall, 4.25 million gallon, thermal energy storage tank (TES) at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and P streets.

The facility is one of the largest central plants in the United States and provides the chilled water and steamed air for the State Capitol and 22 other State office buildings in the downtown core. The Central Plant incorporates the latest technological advances to help the State reduce its energy costs and greatly reduce the amount of water needed within the plant. The new facility has cooling towers for extracting heat from the buildings, eliminating the need to use well water to extract the heat from the buildings and the need to discharge the same water into the Sacramento River. The new TES tank allows DGS to produce reserves of chilled water during off-peak energy demand times. Overall, the more technologically advanced new Central Plant uses only 1/10th of the water needed by the original plant; built in 1968.

- NOTE:** Media tours of the plant will follow the grand opening event at approximately 11:00 a.m. Please enter through the main gate at the P Street entrance.

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