



## **E&P Associations Launch Virtual Student Expo**

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RICHARDSON, Texas, U.S.A. (12 August 2004) —The American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), the Geological Society of America (GSA), the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) announce the Virtual Student Expo, a joint venture designed to connect students with prospective employers.

“The Virtual Student Expo was created to fill the need for young professionals in the industry,” said Robbie Gries, President, Priority Oil & Gas LLC, and chairperson of the four-society team that developed the project. “For years now, the average age of professionals in the oil and gas industry has been rising. Young people entering the industry are in short supply and in high demand. The Virtual Student Expo will put these young professionals in contact with the companies that so desperately need them.”

The Virtual Student Expo is a Web-enabled tool that matches student members of the four societies with potential employers for full-time entry-level positions and internships. The Expo allows students to post resumes, along with examples of their work, such as academic assignments, technical papers and portfolios from internships. Students also may post a short video to virtually present themselves to prospective employers.

“The program also allows recruiters and companies to diversify their hiring programs more efficiently and effectively,” said SPE representative C. Susan Howes, Engineering Recruitment and Development Supervisor, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation. “By visiting the online Virtual Student Expo, employers can find candidates in remote locations or in distant countries. All pre-screening activities can be done easily at a global level through the Web site—saving time and money for employers.”

Students who are members of the sponsoring professional societies may utilize the Virtual Student Expo free of charge. Employers pay a small fee to access the student postings and to post job openings.

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