



DUG MidContinent Conference books energy industry speakers

Unconventional oil and gas development is the focus for March 2-4.

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Some of the regional energy industry's top leaders will be featured when the second annual DUG MidContinent Conference comes to downtown Tulsa early next month.

The speaker roster was finalized when Wall Street Journal editorial board member and economist Stephen Moore confirmed for the DUG event scheduled March 2-4 at the Cox Business Center. Moore has served as a senior economist on the Congressional Joint Economic Committee and worked as a fellow at the Cato Institute.

The conference list of confirmed speakers includes Tulsa energy executives such as Steve Antry, CEO of Eagle Energy Exploration LLC, and Rob Johnston, regional vice president and Tulsa office manager for Apache Corp.

Other executive-level speakers will include Tom Thiele, vice president and Tulsa manager for Midstates Petroleum; Stan Rogers of Tulsa-based Magellan Midstream Partners LP; Bill Ward of Superior Pipeline Co.; Mike McConnell of Jones Energy; Valerie Mitchell of Newfield Exploration Co.; Mark Castell of PetroQuest Energy; and Richard Lane, CEO of Vitruvian Exploration LLC.

Col. Michael Teague, the state of Oklahoma's Secretary of Energy and Environment, also will speak.

DUG —short for developing unconventional oil and gas —was brought to Tulsa last year by Houston-based Hart Energy. Hart started the conference because of increasing interest in drilling on several Oklahoma and neighboring states' fields, including the Mississippi Lime formation, Anadarko Basin and Woodford Shale.

The inaugural DUG Midcontinent conference and exhibition drew more than 1,000 people at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel & Convention Center near 68th Street and U.S. 169. Hart Energy chose to move the event downtown this year to accommodate an even larger crowd.

More information on the DUG conference is available at www.dugmidcontinent.com and 713-260-1072.