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**ENERGY EXPERT TO DISCUSS GLOBAL WARMING AND ENERGY
ALTERNATIVES AT CAL STATE'S PALM DESERT CAMPUS**

PALM DESERT, Calif. (January 30, 2009) - Dr. Michael Toman of the RAND Corporation will give a lecture about global warming at the Palm Desert Campus of Cal State San Bernardino on Saturday, February 14, at 2:00 p.m. The lecture, which is co-sponsored by World Affairs Council of the Desert, College of the Desert, the Palm Springs Institute for Environmental Sustainability and CSUSB Palm Desert Campus, is part of their Distinguished Speaker series.

Admission is free and parking is prepaid by Friends of the Palm Desert Campus.

Dr. Michael Toman, Director of the Environment, Energy, and Economic Development Program at RAND Corporation, will discuss "Global Warming: Issues and Alternatives".

Toman's areas of expertise are climate change mitigation, sustainable development, energy markets and energy security, and environmental policy design. His recent work has been in the areas of energy and national security, expenditure and greenhouse gas implications of increased renewable energy use in the United States, and options for effective and publicly accepted policies for reducing greenhouse gases in the United States.

Toman was senior economist, Environment Division, Sustainable Development at the Inter-American Development Bank, Senior Fellow, Resources for the Future, and Senior Staff Economist, Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President. Dr. Toman received his B.A. in economics and math from Indiana University, his M.Sc. in applied mathematics from Brown University, and his Ph.D. and M.A. in economics from the University of Rochester. He is co-editor of the book, "Economic Development and Environmental Sustainability: New Options," published by Oxford University Press in 2006.

The Distinguished Speaker Series was developed to bring speakers with in-depth analyses, insights, and commentaries to the Coachella Valley. Speakers consist of many of the world's leading movers and shakers. Topics include issues of scientific interest, history, philosophy and the humanities. The series provides the community with access to outstanding speakers and

develops a setting which helps create and sustain a more informed and vital intellectual community.

The lecture will take place in the campus' Oliphant Auditorium, located at 37-500 Cook Street in Palm Desert (between Gerald Ford and Frank Sinatra Drives).

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