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Al Gore to Keynote 22nd Annual Supercomputing Conference, SC09

PORTLAND, Oregon—April 27, 2009 – SC09, the 22nd annual event in the SC conference series, recognized globally as the premier international conference on high performance computing, networking, storage and analysis, announced today it has selected former U.S. Vice President Al Gore to deliver the conference keynote address.

SC09 has adopted the theme of “Computing for a Changing World,” and will present a special focus on initiatives related to Sustainability, Bio-Computing and the 3D Internet.

Gore will deliver the keynote presentation on Thursday, November 19th for the anticipated crowd of 11,000 attendees made up of leading computational scientists, researchers, and supercomputing experts from around the globe, many of whom work on High Performance Computing (HPC) platforms and supercomputers researching life-changing issues such as disease understanding, drug discovery, renewable energy, and global climate change.

Gore has been an evangelist on global climate and energy-related issues since the 1980s. He has lectured around the globe and his climate change documentary, “An Inconvenient Truth” won an Academy Award and was instrumental in his selection as the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

“Al Gore has been a champion of applied computing technology for more than two decades,” said Dr. Wilfred Pinfold, General Chair of SC09. “The High Performance Computing and Communication Act of 1991, often referred to as *‘The Gore Bill’* was undoubtedly a milestone in Internet history. That bill led to formation of the National Information Infrastructure (NII), which Gore labeled the *Information Superhighway*. We are honored to name Al Gore as our SC09 keynote speaker.”

About SC09

SC09 will be held November 14-20, 2009 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon. SC09 is sponsored by ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) and the IEEE Computer Society, and offers a complete technical education program and exhibition to showcase the many ways high performance computing, networking, storage and analysis lead to advances in scientific discovery, research, education and commerce. This premier international conference includes a globally attended technical program, workshops, tutorials, an exhibit area, demonstrations and hands-on learning. The SC conference series is among Tradeshow Week magazine's Top 200 events. For more information on SC09, please visit <http://sc09.supercomputing.org/>.