**Luncheon Keynote – Tuesday, November 16**

Richard C. Murphy received a Ph.D. in Marine Ecology from the University of Southern California. He began working with Jean-Michel Cousteau and his father, Jacques Cousteau, in 1968. Since that time he has been involved in a wide variety of projects and expeditions in many remote areas around the globe. Dr. Murphy’s role in these expeditions has included serving as chief scientist, photographer, writer, educator, or project director. He has participated in Cousteau expeditions conducted in such places as Papua New Guinea, Fiji Islands, the Caribbean, Indonesia, the Mekong River in southeast Asia, the Amazon, Sea of Cortez, Australia, and New Zealand.

Since 1973 Dr. Murphy has been involved with Jean-Michel Cousteau in the creation and implementation of field study programs for students of all ages. The objective of these programs has been to share the wonder and importance of the ocean realm with the public. Drawing on over 30 years of exploring and studying a wide variety of ecosystems and cultures, Dr. Murphy states, “I believe a better understanding of how nature works can not only promote an appreciation for the value of our natural heritage but also help guide the next generation in living more sustainably on the planet.”

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**Luncheon Keynote – Wednesday, November 17**

Jeff Baker is the Director, Office of Laboratory Operations, for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy’s (EERE) Golden Field Office located in Golden, Colorado. The Golden Field Office administers the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Management and Operating (M&O) contract. He is responsible for M&O contract oversight and leads a multi-disciplined team to ensure the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) mission and operational expectations of NREL are fulfilled.

Mr. Baker is a principal in the development of NREL’s sustainable campus including EERE’s award-winning Research Support Facility, one of the world’s most energy efficient buildings. The energy-driven, performance-based design strategy created for the Research Support Facility demonstrates that highly energy efficient commercial building design is achievable and affordable today using standard construction materials. He has served in operational, management, and executive capacities in DOE field and headquarters organizations, including multiple assignments in the Office of the Under Secretary of Energy.

Mr. Baker received his bachelor’s degree in biology from Augustana College in 1978, his Master of Science degree in environmental engineering from the University of Iowa in 1985, and his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Colorado in 2002.