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## PRESS RELEASE

### **WEATHER CHANNEL'S DR. STEVE LYONS TO SPEAK AT LITE** *Lyons Featured Speaker at Gulf Marine Conference*

February 18, 2009, Lafayette, LA – Dr. Steve Lyons, Tropical Weather Expert for The Weather Channel, will be a featured speaker at the Gulf Marine Conference at LITE on Friday, February 27, 2009. Dr. Lyons will discuss the issues and challenges that arise along the coast and for coastal residents in his presentation, 'The Hurricane's Footprint.' Dr. Lyons' presentation is scheduled from 1:30-2:30pm.

Dr. Lyons is an expert in tropical and marine meteorology. He has participated in more than 50 national and international conferences and provided World Meteorological Organization training courses in marine meteorology, tropical meteorology and ocean wave forecasting.

The Gulf Marine Conference is a one day conference organized and hosted by the National Weather Service and NOAA's Office of Coast Survey. Additional presentation topics include hurricane and storm surges, coastal inundation issues and efforts, and products and services to serve the Gulf Coast communities.

The public is welcome to attend the public portion of the conference which is scheduled for 1:30-4:45pm. Reservations are required. Please RSVP to: [events@lite3d.com](mailto:events@lite3d.com).

The conference agenda is available at [www.lite3d.com/litehome.htm](http://www.lite3d.com/litehome.htm)

Media coverage is invited.

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*About LITE:* LITE, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and the only facility of its kind in North America open to both industry and academia, was created as a partnership between the Lafayette Economic Development Authority, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development. LITE catalyzes economic development through innovation involving leading edge immersive techniques and technologies and by fostering partnerships that strengthen Louisiana's economy.