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Pacific Ethanol, Inc. to Present at Wedbush Securities' 2011 Clean Technology & Industrial Growth Conference

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sept. 7, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) --**Pacific Ethanol, Inc.** (Nasdaq:PEIX), the leading marketer and producer of low-carbon renewable fuels in the Western United States, is scheduled to present at Wedbush Securities' 2011 Clean Technology & Industrial Growth Management Access Conference in San Francisco, CA on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Neil Koehler, president and chief executive officer, and Bryon McGregor, chief financial officer, will discuss Pacific Ethanol's business strategy. The conference will be held at The Westin San Francisco Market Street.

The presentation will be available live via webcast on Pacific Ethanol's website at www.pacificethanol.net. A replay will be available for a period of 90 days thereafter.

About Pacific Ethanol, Inc.

Pacific Ethanol, Inc. (Nasdaq:PEIX) is the leading marketer and producer of low-carbon renewable fuels in the Western United States. Pacific Ethanol also sells co-products, including wet distillers grain (WDG), a nutritional animal feed. Serving integrated oil companies and gasoline marketers who blend ethanol into gasoline, Pacific Ethanol provides transportation, storage and delivery of ethanol through third-party service providers in the Western United States, primarily in California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Colorado, Idaho and Washington. Pacific Ethanol has a 20% ownership interest in New PE Holdco LLC, the owner of four ethanol production facilities. Pacific Ethanol operates and manages the four ethanol production facilities, which have a combined annual production capacity of 200 million gallons. The facilities in operation are located in Boardman, Oregon, Burley, Idaho and Stockton, California, and one idled facility is located in Madera, California. The facilities are near their respective fuel and feed customers, offering significant timing, transportation cost and logistical advantages. Pacific Ethanol's subsidiary, Kinergy Marketing LLC, markets ethanol from Pacific Ethanol's managed plants and from other third-party production facilities, and another subsidiary, Pacific Ag. Products, LLC, markets WDG. For more information please visit www.pacificethanol.net.

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