

BGC Strengthens its Energy Practice with the Hire of Eleven Leading Brokers in Houston, Texas

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NEW YORK, May 23, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- BGC Partners, Inc. (NASDAQ: BGCP) ("BGC Partners," "BGC," or "Company"), today announced that eleven leading energy brokers, all formerly with Landmark Power Exchange, have joined its growing Energy Practice. The team, which specializes in brokering electricity, natural gas and environmental products, complements BGC's existing environmental energy commodities group, and strengthens BGC's ability to service its clients in a wide range of energy and energy-related markets. Based in Houston, Texas, these hires mark a strategic expansion of BGC's geographic footprint in North America.

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"These hires mark an exciting new chapter for BGC as we launch a Houston presence," said Shawn McLoughlin, Director of New Business Development, BGC North America. "We are delighted to welcome these high caliber brokers to our growing Energy Practice. Their depth of experience complements our existing strengths in this industry and we look forward to offering expanded services and added value to our client base."

Chad Martin, Director, who joins from Landmark Power Exchange, commented: "My colleagues and I are thrilled to join BGC, a leading global brokerage firm which fully supports our mission to offer clients the very best in energy brokerage services. We look forward to exploring opportunities across the firm and capitalizing on the benefits of BGC's impressive technology platform to offer our clients the most sophisticated and efficient access to trading in the energy markets."

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