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CLEAN CITIES CONGRESS AND EXPO 2006

CONFERENCE ON ALTERNATIVE FUELS OFFERS TIMELY SOLUTIONS TO RISING OIL COSTS

Las Vegas, NV-April 24, 2006- The Clean Cities Congress and Expo 2006 is designed to give fleets and decision-makers economically viable options to petroleum, providing information they need on alternative fuels, vehicles, and advanced technologies. More than 1000 fleet and industry professionals gather in Phoenix, Arizona, May 7-10 for Clean Cities Congress and Expo.

The Congress features nationally recognized leaders in the fields of fuels, emissions, vehicles, policy, and climate change. Senior U.S. Senator John McCain (R-Arizona) kicks off the Congress. Other dignitaries include JJ Brown, legislative aide to U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah); scholar and policy analyst Dr. Robert Hirsch; Phil Gordon, Mayor of Phoenix; Brian Wier, CEO of SuperShuttle; and the Chief Auto Reviewer for the *Toronto Star*, Jim Kenzie.

“There’s only one reason fleet managers from major companies like FedEx, Wal-Mart, Con-Agra Foods, Owens Corning, and Yellow-Checker-Star Cab Company are signing up in record numbers,” said Will Kleindienst, Chairman of the 2006 Congress. “\$75 a barrel oil prices, with much higher estimates forecast for the foreseeable future, force fleet leaders to seek out affordable alternatives. And, that’s exactly what our industry provides.”

Congress attendees will hear topics ranging from the bigger picture issues of energy supply and demand to technical training for fleets. Auto manufacturers will discuss upcoming plans for flex-fuel, fuel cell, and plug-in hybrid technologies. Leaders of the major alternative fuel associations will dissect the energy bill and demonstrate how to maximize value in fleet purchasing.

The general public is invited to the Expo Hall on Wednesday, May .10, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. They will be able to view vehicles and other products and services offered by close to 100 industry exhibitors. Attendees will see cutting-edge vehicles and technologies available today from exhibitors who share the practical knowledge their businesses have gained through real-world applications. The closing presentation by environmental comedian Lori Weiss is also open to the public.

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Other highlights include Tuesday evening's closing reception, featuring Bill Ball, who is the Transportation Director for the Tucson Unified School District and who uses alternative fuels in district buses. Bill is also the founder of "Still Cruisin," the top Classic Rock band in the southern Arizona convention circuit. His band is the headliner entertainment at Alice Cooper's "Coopers'town".

Hosted annually, this industry-sponsored event brings together more than one thousand government and industry stakeholders who share the mission of reducing petroleum consumption in the transportation sector. The program has long supported nonpetroleum fuels including natural gas, ethanol, biodiesel, propane, and electricity; and the alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) that can use those fuels.

American Honda, Alternative Fuel Vehicle Solutions, and General Motors are lead sponsors of the Clean Cities Congress. Additional sponsors include Advanced Fleet, ANGI International, Arizona Grain, BAF Technologies, California Natural Gas Vehicle Partnership, Campbell-Parnell, City of Phoenix, Clean Energy, CNG Services of Arizona, Cummins Westport, Custom Alloy Products, DaimlerChrysler, Ford, GreenField Compression, ICF Consulting, IMW, John Deere, Logex, National Biodiesel Board, National Ethanol Vehicle Council, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Pinnacle CNG Company, Propane Exceptional Energy, Salt River Project, Southern California Gas Company, and Toyota.

For more information on the Clean Cities Congress and Expo 2006: *Fueling Economic Solutions* please visit <http://www.afvi.org/PhoenixCongress2006/> The Congress also has a Blog which can be found at <http://domesticfuel.com/?cat=25>

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