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Michigan's Clean Cities Coalitions announce 2008 Clean Transportation Awards *11 Individuals and organizations honored at inaugural expo and awards gala*

Detroit, MI— Michigan's Clean Cities Coalitions have announced the winners of their 2008 Clean Transportation awards. Award winners in 10 different categories were honored at a sold-out dinner held September 24th at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The inaugural Michigan Clean Transportation Expo & Awards Gala also offered an opportunity for the more than 250 attendees to see and learn about the latest advancements in transportation technology and network with industry and community leaders.

This year's event and theme, "Where Today's Transportation Meets Tomorrow's Innovation" celebrated Michigan's burgeoning clean transportation industry and showcased the latest developments in alternative fuels, flex-fuel, hybrid and solar-powered vehicles, emission reduction technologies, and the latest in innovative, clean transportation technology. The event was organized by NextEnergy, Clean Energy Coalition, and Greater Lansing Area Clean Cities. Sponsors included the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth – Energy Office, DTE Energy, NxtGen Emission Controls, Greenfield, WWJ Newsradio, Fisher Coachworks, Bosch Rexroth, Corn Marketing Program of Michigan, Blu Wav Systems, Navistar, Chrysler, and Meijer, along with dozens of exhibitors.

Winners in each of the 10 categories were chosen for their leadership, innovation and commitment to advancing clean transportation technology here in Michigan.

The 2008 winners are:

1. **Clean Transportation Technology Innovation Award: Fisher Coachworks** for the development of their Advanced Technology Hybrid Bus. Fisher is committed to providing customers and partners with world-class transportation solutions that share a unique focus on engineering

innovation, fuel economy, safety, and durability. They are also committed to manufacturing their hybrid buses in Michigan.

2. **Alternative Fuel Supplier of the Year Award: RKA Petroleum Companies** in recognition of their proactive efforts to advance biofuel marketing and usage in Michigan. Based in Romulus, Michigan, RKA Petroleum is a leader in the biofuels industry and is the only terminal in Michigan to offer in-line blended biodiesel at the rack. RKA supplies and distributes E10, E85, and biodiesel to the marketplace and is the first multi-feedstock BQ9000 Certified Marketer in the world.
3. **Michigan Clean City of the Year Award: The City of Taylor & the City of Ann Arbor**
The **City of Taylor** incorporated compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles into its fleet in the late 1990s and has 16 CNG vehicles in use as water department meter repair and foreman trucks. They also have four hydrogen-powered Ford focus vehicles used by the fire department for fire inspectors and fire marshals. The City also runs their diesel fleet on B5 biodiesel and will be adding two hybrid Escapes to its fleet next week.
The **City of Ann Arbor's** Green Fleets Program, begun in 2004, has set a national example for municipal clean fleets programs. Through reductions in fleet size, from 420 to 380 vehicles, reduction in vehicle size, and increasing use of biofuels, compressed natural gas, and electric vehicles, the City of Ann Arbor has reduced its use of gasoline and diesel use by more than 14% since 2003. This reduction in gas and diesel has also meant reduced greenhouse gas emissions, with an average reduction of 290 tons of CO₂ every year.
4. **Small Business Clean Transportation & Leadership Award: Clean Emission Fluids** for their NOx reducing products and services, including their FAST system, which stands for Fluids Affordably STored, and offers on-demand, variable ratio biofuel blending on location.
5. **Michigan Clean Transportation Community Leader Award: Art Van** in recognition of their leadership in encouraging the usage of clean transportation solutions and raising awareness of alternative fuels in communities across Michigan. The company has volunteered to participate in the National Biofuels Energy Laboratory program through NextEnergy to test B20 in real world situations to move forward the creation of national standards. The trucks used for the testing have been clearly marked to promote and expose the public to the program.
6. **Media Clean Transportation Awareness Award: WJBK Fox 2** in recognition of their work to raise awareness and understanding among the public for clean transportation alternatives.

7. **Energy Independence Award: Meijer** for their success in reducing petroleum consumption over the past year through the installation of public biofuel pumps, particularly E85, and their usage of innovative clean transportation technologies, fuels, and practices within their own fleet.
8. **Corporate Clean Transportation Leadership Award: The Bosch Group** in recognition of their demonstrated commitment to clean transportation through their products, community leadership, and involvement and support of innovative programs. The Bosch Group has a long history of providing technological solutions to ecological challenges. Last year, nearly 40% of Bosch's R&D budget was used for products that conserve resources, protect the environment by reducing energy demand, use renewable energies, avoid energy waste, allow use of alternative fuels and reduce emissions.
9. **Public Fleet Manager of the Year Award: Wayne Hettler of St. Johns Public School District** in recognition of his leadership in encouraging the usage of alternative fuels, vehicles, and fuel economy practices in the school district's fleet. Hettler has been a champion of alternative fuels and has led the district to embrace several clean transportation measures including the use of B20 biodiesel, recycled motor oil, and re-capped rear tires. Hettler estimates they saved over 14,000 gallons of petroleum last school year alone.
10. **Private Fleet Manager of the Year Award: Dave Konopka of A.D. Transport Express** for his efforts to advance the usage of alternative fuels and clean transportation technologies in the A.D. Transport fleet. Through Konopka's leadership, A.D. Transport is incorporating idle reduction units on their long-haul trucks, which has resulted in idle time going from over 50-60% down to less than 10%.

About the Organizers

NextEnergy, Michigan's alternative energy accelerator, is a non-profit corporation dedicated to enabling the commercialization of energy technologies that positively contribute to economic competitiveness, energy security and the environment. NextEnergy drives technology collaborations, supplier diversification, progressive energy policy, and new business venture support to position Michigan as a leader in the emerging alternative energy industry. For more information please visit www.nextenergy.org.

Clean Energy Coalition (CEC) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting clean energy technologies as a way to create healthier, energy independent communities. CEC

implements, manages, and evaluates cost effective, market transformation projects and programs in the building and transportation sectors. Current programs and projects include: Clean Cities, BIG, Solar America Cities, and Michigan Energy Sense. For more information, visit www.cec-mi.org.

Greater Lansing Area Clean Cities (GLACC) is a coalition of stakeholders working to achieve cleaner air and energy security in mid-Michigan through alternative fuel and vehicle usage, and fuel economy practices. Stakeholders include fleets, corporations, nonprofit organizations, utilities, local governments, and individuals – anyone interested in ways cleaner fuels, vehicles, and practices can improve our air quality and energy security. Visit www.michigancleancities.org for more information.

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