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Secretary Chu Announces Nearly \$300 Million in Clean Cities Grants to Support Clean Fuels, Vehicles and Infrastructure Development

Central Indiana Clean Cities Alliance, Inc., Members Local Recipients

MOORESVILLE – Last week in Washington, D.C., Energy Secretary Steven Chu announced the selection of 25 cost-share projects under the Clean Cities program that will be funded with \$300 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These projects will help with the implementation of more than 9,000 alternative fuel and energy efficient vehicles on the road, and establishing 542 refueling locations across the country. The Department of Energy also estimates they will displace approximately 38 million gallons of petroleum per year.

The local Clean Cities Coalition, Central Indiana Clean Cities Alliance (CICCA) is a recipient of these funds. Executive Director, Kellie Walsh, stated, “We are thrilled to have been one of the awardees selected for these highly competitive funds and I look forward to working with our nine project partners in the implementation of each of their projects. I especially look forward to continuing the partnership we have fostered with the Indianan Office of Energy Development, overseen by Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, during the four-year project.”

“CICCA has been one of the state’s strongest partners in our push to improve our air quality and reduce our dependence on foreign oil through the use of alternative energy,” Lt. Governor Skillman said. “I want to thank them and all of our partners in this grant application.”

The Central Indiana Clean Cities Alliance’s Comprehensive Alternative Fuels Implementation Plan *No One Silver Bullet, but a lot of silver BBs*, deploys alternative fuels across the spectrum, with the anchor project partner, INDOT, planning to convert 682 light-duty trucks to run on bi-fuel propane (bi-fuel vehicles can also run on gasoline or diesel) and 64 dump trucks to run on compressed natural gas. Other beneficiaries include the City of Indianapolis (74 hybrid, CNG and propane vehicles), Fort Wayne (9 Hybrid vehicles), City of Bloomington (6 hybrid vehicles), Indianapolis Airport Authority (4 CNG shuttle buses; CNG public infrastructure), and Sysco Foods (57 hybrid tractors and 18 hybrid trucks). In addition, the grant, of \$10,125,000, will partially fund National Biofuels Distribution’s installation of seven municipal E85 fuels systems, Lassus Brothers Oil’s installation of three, public E85 pumps and Citizens Energy, Natural Gas Division’s upgrade of their two existing public natural gas fueling sites. The Coalition estimates that the initiative will displace one million gallons of petroleum annually in addition to several hundred jobs being retained or gained along this far-reaching project.

Clean Cities is a government-industry partnership that works to reduce America’s petroleum consumption in the transportation sector. Over the last 15 years, the Clean Cities program has established local coalitions across the country that promote the growth of alternative fuels and showcase the potential of advanced and energy efficient vehicles. Combined, they have reduced our nation’s foreign oil consumption by over two billion gallons. CICCA was designated as a Clean Cities Coalition in 1999.

For more information, please visit www.cicca.org. To view a map and a complete list of award winners, please visit www.energy.gov/news2009/7843.htm.

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