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## The Central Indiana Clean Cities Alliance Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

INDIANAPOLIS, IN, (October 14, 2009) — From 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM today, CICCA and its distinguished guests will gather at the Governor's Residence to celebrate this 10-year milestone in CICCA's history. Since its designation in 1999, CICCA has grown by leaps and bounds from within the Clean Cities Program, which is run by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

Since its inception in 1993, the Clean Cities Program as a whole has made steady progress in displacing petroleum used in the transportation sector. The number of Clean Cities coalitions has grown to almost 90 and stakeholders have expanded to more than 6,500. Over the past 15 years, Clean Cities coalitions and stakeholders have displaced more than 2.4 billion gallons of petroleum. In 2008 alone, roughly 412 million gallons of gasoline were displaced as the result of coalition activities. Because of this, Clean Cities and its coalitions are on track to reach 2.5 billion gallons of gasoline displaced per year in 2020, exceeding the Clean Cities' goal of 2.5 billion gallons per year by 23 million gallons.

Coalitions have steadily increased the number of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) on U.S. highways, with gains averaging around 39% in recent years.

Today, the coalition has grown to over 100 members and expanded its region to serve two-thirds of Indiana.

CICCA founding Board members:

- Indiana State Energy Office
- Citizens Gas
- Indianapolis Power & Light
- City of Indianapolis
- Indianapolis Airport Authority
- IndyGo
- Greene's Auto & Truck Service
- Lubs Technologies

CICCA members have certainly done their parts towards making contributions to this effort, all the while going above and beyond with many firsts, some of which are highlighted below.

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## 2003

- CountryMark, Indiana Soybean Board and the State of Indiana partnered to open the nation's first soy biodiesel metered blending facility in Jolietville, IN.
- Increased the number of AFVs on the road by 49% from 2002.

## 2004

- CICCA named among top 10 Clean Cities coalitions out of 80.
- Increased the number of AFVs in Central Indiana by 23%.

## 2005

- CICCA Member Hamilton County Coop opened our nation's first biodiesel blender pump coupled with an E85 dispenser creating a BioIsland.
- Opened Indiana's first E85 station in Terre Haute, IN. Now, with our partnership with the Office of Energy Development and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, under the direction of Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman, we have over 120 E85 stations to date.

## 2006

- Awarded U.S. DOE Clean Cities Grant in partnership with OED for E85 on I-65, the Nation's first biofuels corridor from Gary, IN to Mobile, AL. This project plan has been the template for U.S. DOE to encourage similar projects across the country. This project celebrated its completion in 2008 with the completion of the Corridor stations. Now flex fuel vehicle owners can drive the length of I-65 on E85.

## 2007

- CICCA named coalition of the year by U.S. DOE.

## 2009

- Awarded \$10 million from U.S. DOE Clean Cities to implement nine alternative fuel projects across the alternative fuel spectrum and across Indiana.

Guests will have the opportunity to tour the Governor's Residence and will reflect on CICCA presentations including "*A Look Back*" and "*Through the Years*." The subsequent "*100 Mile Luncheon*" is prepared with ingredients obtained from within 100 miles of Indianapolis.

Following the luncheon, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and CICCA's Executive Director, Kellie Walsh, will present the Paul Dana Excellence in Bioenergy Leadership Award.

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*Clean Cities is a U.S. DOE sponsored program promoting alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) and fuels at the grassroots level to improve our nation's air quality and lessen our dependence on foreign oil. CICCA was designated as a Clean Cities Coalition in 1999. For more information, please visit [www.cicca.org](http://www.cicca.org).*

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