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Michigan Energy Office Awards \$125,000 Grant to Clean Energy Coalition to Convert More Pumps to E85

October 21, 2008 —Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG) Director Keith W. Cooley announced today a \$125,000 grant was awarded to Ypsilanti-based Clean Energy Coalition to offer incentives to public service stations and public fleet owners to convert fuel delivery systems for ethanol (E85) fuel.

“This grant demonstrates Michigan’s ongoing commitment to be a national leader in developing the infrastructure to use clean, renewable, and Michigan produced ethanol fuel to power our vehicles,” Cooley said. “More than 80 public service stations throughout Michigan currently offer E85 to their customers. These incentives will allow another 20-25 stations to invest in the pump changes needed to dispense this increasingly requested fuel. Some of the benefits to Michigan will be a more diverse economy, fewer harmful emissions and a reduced dependence on imported oil.”

E85 is a clean-burning, alternative fuel for use in flexible fuel vehicles (FFVs). There are currently more than 300,000 FFVs being operated in Michigan and auto manufacturers have committed to doubling the number produced by 2010.

The incentives will cover 50% of the conversion costs up to \$5,000 per site. Projects must be completed and dispensing E85 by July 1, 2009 and station and public fleet owners must commit to purchasing E85 for at least 3 years after receiving the incentive. To apply for an incentive, service station owners and public fleet operators can contact Clean Energy Coalition, as indicated below.

The program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (www.energy.gov) and is administered by the DLEG Energy Office.

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