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Clean Energy Coalition Receives \$15 Million Grant To Green Michigan's Transportation Fleets Project to displace more than 1.3 million gallons of fossil fuels annually

YPSILANTI, Mich. – Clean Energy Coalition (CEC), an Ypsilanti-based nonprofit organization promoting clean energy technologies, was awarded a \$15 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy for its *Michigan Green Fleets* project, which aims to expand the use of alternative fueled and advanced technology vehicles across Michigan.

The *Michigan Green Fleets* project will assist nine project partners in purchasing 271 alternative fuel vehicles, including hybrids and compressed natural gas (CNG) cars, trucks and buses, and install 19 alternative fueling stations in multiple sites across the state of Michigan.

All told, more than 5 million gallons of fossil fuel and nearly 500 million pounds of vehicle emissions will be displaced and reduced over the project's four-year life cycle.

"We are thrilled to help our partners and our state in becoming leaders in the alternative energy economy of the future," says Sean Reed, Executive Director of CEC. "The DOE's assistance is vital in kick-starting this program. Going forward, we're confident the development of a visible *Michigan Green Fleets* project will be a guiding light toward an ongoing economic transformation right here in Michigan."

The \$15 million grant is part of a U.S. DOE \$300 million program outlined in the Federal government's Recovery Act of 2009. Clean Energy Coalition applied for and received \$15 million to support the *Michigan Green Fleets* project. This award will be matched by an additional \$16 million in funds provided by project partners for a total \$31 million investment. CEC is a U.S. Department of Energy designated Clean Cities Coalition and a 501(c)3 nonprofit with state-wide reach and experience.

Project implementation partners include: State of Michigan Department of Energy, Labor, & Economic Growth's Bureau of Energy Systems, Greater Lansing Clean Cities, Detroit Clean Cities, and West Michigan Clean Cities. Participating project fleets include: Mass Transportation Authority, Interurban Transit Partnership ("The Rapid"), City of Ann Arbor, Meijer, FedEx Ground, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, DTE Energy, Forest Hills Public Schools, and the University of Michigan. To learn more about the *Michigan Green Fleets* project, please contact Sean Reed at reed@cec-mi.org.

About 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. For more information visit www.cec-mi.org.