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## Clean Energy Coalition Plugs In To Electric Vehicle Planning with \$500,000 Grant

Ann Arbor, Mich. – U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu has announced that Ann Arbor-based Clean Energy Coalition is among the recipients of an \$8.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities initiative. \$500,000 in funding will support a year-long electric vehicle planning effort led by Clean Energy Coalition and in partnership with NextEnergy, the Greater Lansing Area Cities Coalition, and the Michigan Plug-In Electric Vehicle Taskforce. More than 40 committed stakeholders, including nine of Michigan's largest cities, support the project. This diverse, statewide group includes municipalities, utilities, electric vehicle supply equipment manufacturers, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the National Electrical Contractors Association, automakers, environmental non-profits and other relevant private and public organizations.

Together this coalition will work to develop and roll out a Michigan-specific, step-by-step guide that supports the widespread adoption of plug-in electric vehicles and addresses the diverse needs of Michigan's emerging electric vehicle industry. The yearlong project will build long-term consumer confidence in electric vehicles by helping Michigan communities develop supportive policies and ordinances for charging infrastructure. Many of Michigan's largest communities have signed on to participate in the project and implement the planning guide once it's complete. "Electric vehicles are helping American-made automobiles make a strong and sustainable comeback," said Sean Reed, executive director of Clean Energy Coalition. "Michigan auto manufacturing deserves to thrive and we're pleased to help lead the way to ensuring our communities are plug-in ready," he continued.

Stakeholders participating in the project include: Aker Wade, Ann Arbor DDA, City of Ann Arbor, City of Auburn Hills, Chrysler, City of Dearborn, City of Detroit, City of Flint, City of Grand Rapids, City of Houghton, City of Lansing, City of Warren, Consumer's Energy, Coulomb Technologies, DTE Energy, Eaton Corporation, Ecology Center, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce, Greater Lansing Area Clean Cities Coalition, Henry Ford Community College, Indiana Michigan Power, Lansing Board of Water & Light, LAZ Parking, Magna, Mercedes Benz, Michigan League of Conservation Voters, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Energy Office of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan Public Service Commission, Michigan Technological Institute, NECA, NextEnergy, Oakland County, PEP Stations, Robert Bosch, SEMCOG, SPX Service Solutions, SWMPC, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute and UPPCO.

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**Clean Energy Coalition** is dedicated to promoting clean energy technologies as a way to create healthier, energy independent communities. Since 2005, Clean Energy Coalition has implemented, managed, and evaluated cost effective, market transformation projects and programs in the building and transportation sectors valued at more than \$55 million. For more information, visit <http://cec-mi.org>.