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### **Clean Energy Coalition To Provide Michigan Gas Retailers With Incentives To Sell Biofuels** **Incentives made possible through Biofuels Infrastructure Incentive Grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth**

**YPSILANTI, MI** – The Clean Energy Coalition, an Ypsilanti-based nonprofit organization promoting clean energy technologies, has received a Biofuels Infrastructure Incentive Grant to provide incentives to Michigan gasoline station retailers to install or convert fueling equipment to ethanol (E85) and/or biodiesel (B20). The \$50,000 incentive grant was awarded by the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG).

Sean Reed, Clean Energy Coalition Executive Director stated that “Today, consumers can easily choose among various octanes of gasoline. To these choices we need to add non-petroleum based biofuel blends such as E85 and B20 that are domestically produced, clean, and affordable. These incentives will help to give Michigan consumers and fleets greater access to these biofuel blends.”

The cash incentives range up to \$3,000 per station for converting equipment to E85 or B20, up to \$4,000 for installing new equipment to dispense B20 or \$12,000 for E85 fuel. Projects must be completed and providing biofuel to the public by August 31, 2007. Service station owners must agree to provide the E85 or B20 for at least 3 years after receiving the incentive.

Ethanol and biodiesel are clean-burning, renewable fuels that can be made from Michigan grown feedstocks. Currently, ethanol is made primarily from corn and biodiesel is made from soybean, other seed oils and waste grease. Auto manufacturers are producing E85 compatible vehicles in an increasing number of models. In addition, diesel-powered vehicles can use biodiesel blends with no conversion needed.

Funding for the Biofuels Infrastructure Incentive Grant was made available through a grant from the State Energy Office, a division of the State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. The Clean Energy Coalition is managing the implementation of the program in coordination with NextEnergy, a Detroit-based nonprofit which was also awarded funding through the state program. Other program partners include the Michigan Corn Marketing Program, Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee, National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition, and National Biodiesel Board.

Applications for grant funding are being received by the Clean Energy Coalition and NextEnergy. The deadline for submitting applications is December 15, 2006.

For more information, please contact Sean Reed at [reed@cec-mi.org](mailto:reed@cec-mi.org), Eligibility requirements and program details can be found at [www.cec-mi.org](http://www.cec-mi.org).

### **About The Clean Energy Coalition**

The 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. CEC coordinates the Ann Arbor Area Clean Cities Coalition, a public/private partnership formed to initiate the infrastructure and increase demand for alternative fuels and vehicles within Washtenaw County, Michigan, with the goals of improving air quality, reducing dependence on foreign oil, and empowering the businesses and residents of the community to move towards creating a more sustainable community.

Stakeholders of the Ann Arbor Area Clean Cities Coalition include: the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County Government, the University of Michigan, Wacker Oil, Ecology Center, U.S. Department of Energy, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth – Energy Office, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, DTE Energy, Washtenaw County Road Commission, Ann Arbor Public Schools, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality – Air Quality Division, 1 800 GOT JUNK, RKA Petroleum Companies, Swedish Engineering, Alvan, and Sellers Truck Center.

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