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2005 National Clean Cities conference returns to Palm Springs

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — World experts in energy security, climate change, and alternative fuels will gather in Palm Springs, May 1-4, 2005 at the 11th Annual National Clean Cities Conference and Expo. Hosted by the Coachella Valley Clean Cities Region coalition and the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Institute, the event theme Guiding Transitions will highlight the many changes that have marked cleaner transportation options in the past year.

General sessions will focus on energy security issues related to turmoil in the Persian Gulf and the vulnerability of oil supplies. Charting a future that reduces petroleum dependence by focusing on available fuels, vehicles, and technologies will dominate much of the conference.

Participants will learn about new tax credits for biodiesel and ethanol; Federal Aviation Administration funding for alternative fuels at airports; the role of alternative fuels in transitioning to a hydrogen economy; breakthroughs in more efficient heavy-duty vehicles; and advances in idle reduction technologies.

Fleet Day at the conference, May 4, will include sessions and activities of particular interest to fleet managers and is available at a discounted rate to qualified fleets.

The exhibit hall will showcase the vehicles, technology options, funding sources, and equipment vendors. The hall is open during much of the conference and attendees can participate in an array of activities including a Ride-n-Drive, GSA alternative fuel vehicle auction, an AFV 101 course, and vendor sessions.

Sponsors include American Honda, General Motors, U.S. Department of Energy, Clean Energy, National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition, Daimler Chrysler, and Toyota.

For sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities and for information about early registration discounts log onto <http://www.afvi.org/palmsprings/>.

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