



# Iowa Clean Cities Coalition Update

## **Recovery Act Grant Opportunity & Iowa Clean Cities Coalition**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 created significant opportunities to fund clean vehicle and infrastructure projects in Iowa.

The Iowa Clean Cities Coalition is coordinating a competitive grant application for biofuels infrastructure development through opportunities available from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Energy (DOE). ICCC staff expects to hear more about the application review process in August, along with information about a possible second round of applications due September 30, 2009. The ICCC is committed to seeking partnerships from both the public and private sectors. Emphasis areas include

- Alternative fuels
- Alternative fueled vehicles
- Hybrid technologies and strategies
- Fuel economy strategies and education

Iowa Clean Cities partnering with the Iowa Soybean Association and the Iowa Biodiesel Board are working to improve the usage of soy biodiesel in Iowa. Through the United Soybean Board Communications Program, Iowa Clean Cities is seeking funding to hold informational workshops across the state this summer. These workshops would enable city, county, and school district leaders to meet and discuss soy biodiesel opportunities in their areas.

## **Ride Grant Guidelines**

*The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provided approximately \$1.73 million to Iowa to promote diesel emissions reduction projects that stimulate the economy and create and retain jobs. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has created a competitive grant program called Reduce Iowa's Diesel Exhaust (RIDE) to help fund voluntary diesel exhaust reduction projects. Applications will be accepted May 14 through June 29, 2009. At least \$1.49 million will be awarded to projects.*

## **Governor Culver Requests Federal Government for E-15 Ethanol Waiver**

Governor Chet Culver has sent a letter to Lisa Jackson, Administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency, requesting a waiver to allow for the sale of an E-15 blend of ethanol. The move comes as the EPA is seeking public comment on the proposal. "Iowa has led the nation in the development and use of ethanol," said Governor Culver. "By lifting the artificial cap on ethanol blends, we can increase the demand on ethanol, reduce our dependence on imported oil, and create new good-paying green collar jobs."

## **Pella Corp Award of Excellence**

Pella Corporation has been honored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy for its outstanding contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency at the 2009 Energy Star Awards Ceremony. Pella was honored with the Sustained Excellence award in recognition of three consecutive years as an Energy Star Partner of the Year.

## **EPA Identifies Air Pollution Emissions**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced that carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases produced by vehicle emissions and many industrial plants "contribute to air pollution"

## **GM and Segway Collaborate on Two-Wheel Electric Vehicle**

Two wheels may be better than four when vehicles are competing for limited space on crowded city streets. Iconic automobile maker, General Motors, is working with Segway, the Bedford, New Hampshire-based maker of electric scooters, on the PUMA, the Personal Urban Mobility and Accessibility project. The two-wheel, two-seater vehicle looks a bit like an electric rickshaw that is powered by lithium-ion batteries. It can reach speeds of up to 35 miles per hour and can run 35 miles on a single charge.

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## EVENTS

June 4-5  
Advanced Biofuels  
Conference  
Washington, DC  
www.platts.com

June 15-18  
Fuel Ethanol Workshop &  
Expo  
Denver, CO  
www.fuelethanolworkshop.com

June 23-24  
National Academies  
Biofuels Workshop  
Madison, WI

July 19-22  
World Congress on  
Industrial Biotechnology &  
Bioprocessing  
Montreal, Quebec

October 15-16  
U.S.-Mexico Border Energy  
Forum XVI  
Houston, TX  
www.glo.state.tx.us

November 18-20  
OPIS Winning Fuel Buying  
Strategies  
www.opisnet.com