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## **Wisconsin Clean Cities honors clean fuel leaders**

### Alternative fuel advocates, environmental successes lauded at event

MILWAUKEE — Wisconsin Clean Cities has selected the Wisconsin 2016 top five green fleets, leaders in alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicle technologies.

“Wisconsin Clean Cities members are inspiring in their commitment to clean fuels, clean vehicles and clean air,” Wisconsin Clean Cities Executive Director Lorrie Lisek said. “The projects undertaken by this year’s award winners represent just a small portion of the excellent work of our partners and members in improving the quality of life throughout Wisconsin.”

The U.S. Department of Energy’s Clean Cities coalitions are nonprofit organizations designed to reduce petroleum consumption in the transportation sector by advancing the use of alternative fuels and vehicles, idle reduction technologies, hybrid electric vehicles, fuel blends and fuel economy.

Forward Fleet Award winners, honored for the amount of petroleum they displaced through the use of alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles, were fifth place Time Transport of Franksville; fourth place Contract Transport Services of Green Bay, third place Sheehy Mail Contractors, Inc. of Waterloo, second place Paper Transport, Inc. of Green Bay and first-place winner Kwik Trip of La Crosse.

Collectively, the award winners displaced 14.8 million gasoline gallon equivalents and more than 17,000 tons of greenhouse gases. The five companies have a total of 412 alternative fuel vehicles in their fleets.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the actions of the Forward Fleet award winners represent the greenhouse gas reduction equivalent of taking 27,783 passenger vehicles off the road for one year, reducing carbon dioxide emissions created by consuming 304,514 barrels of oil and the amount of carbon sequestered by more than 3.4 million tree seedlings grown for 10 years.

Clean Fuel Champion award winners, honored for their use of clean fuel technologies, include GAIN Clean Fuel-US Gain, a division of US Venture, Inc. of Appleton; Barnes Green Energy of Madison and Dane County Department of Public Works.

All winners were selected from among Wisconsin Clean Cities members.

The Leadership Award was presented to Maria Redmond, director of the Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation. Redmond has worked for the state for 15 years in the areas of renewable energy, alternative fuels, biofuels and advanced vehicle technologies. She has developed and implemented competitive energy programs and services on behalf of state agencies and businesses.

“Maria has been a significant ally to the Wisconsin Clean Cities Coalition and we were proud to honor her for her partnership,” Lisek said.

The awards were presented during the Dec. 6 Wisconsin Clean Cities Annual Stakeholders Meeting at Lambeau Field.

The Wisconsin Clean Cities Annual Stakeholders Meeting included networking opportunities with industry leaders, information about the latest alternative fuel and alternative fuel vehicle technologies, details about grant funding opportunities for future projects from state leaders and exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of Lambeau Field.

For more information about Wisconsin Clean Cities, go to <http://www.wicleancities.org/>.

### **About Wisconsin Clean Cities**

The U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities coalitions are nonprofit organizations designed to reduce petroleum consumption in the transportation sector by advancing the use of alternative fuels and vehicles, idle reduction technologies, hybrid electric vehicles, fuel blends and fuel economy. Wisconsin Clean Cities is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1994 serving the entire state of Wisconsin with the goal of improving air quality, strengthening the economy and reducing dependence on foreign oil.

**Cutline:** Wisconsin Clean Cities presented Forward Fleet awards to the top five green fleets at its annual meeting at Lambeau Field Dec. 6. Representing the winning fleets are (l-r) Joel Fasnacht of Kwik Trip, Jeff Shefchik of Paper Transport, Inc., Lisa Morris of Time Transport, Carrie Kratz of Contract Transport Services and John Sheehy of Sheehy Mail Contractors, Inc.