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ATLANTA NONPROFIT RECEIVES FUNDING FOR TRI-STATE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CORRIDOR PLANNING PROJECT

Atlanta, GA – The Center for Transportation and the Environment has been awarded funding from the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Clean Cities Initiative to lead a project that will establish a comprehensive, tri-state (Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina) readiness and deployment strategy for electric vehicles (EV) and EV infrastructure and begin implementation of the community-based **Southeast Regional EV Deployment Readiness Program.**

The project, one of 16 selected for funding by DOE, represents a collaboration between the Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE), the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, the Palmetto State Clean Fuels Coalition, and the Middle Georgia Clean Cities Coalition, and supports DOE’s goal of accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in communities across the nation.

By becoming a DOE-designated regional EV hub, Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina will add thousands of jobs to support the manufacture and installation of EV charging stations and smart grid technology. Establishing an EV-friendly market will unleash pent up demand for new, low- and zero-emission vehicles at car dealers across the Southeast, boosting local economies. This economic activity will also help strengthen the region’s relationships with auto manufacturers like Honda, Hyundai, and Mercedes-Benz, in addition to forging new relationships with other EV manufacturers.

Through the \$8.5 million Clean Cities’ Community Readiness and Planning for Plug-in Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure awards, local public-private partnerships will collaborate to develop EV deployment strategies. By developing the next generation of automotive engineers and preparing communities to adopt plug-in electric vehicles (EVs), these technologies will reduce petroleum dependence and build the foundation for a clean transportation system.

Funding recipients range from communities with extensive EV planning experience to those that are eager

to begin, but have not previously had the resources to do so. The one-year projects will help communities address their specific needs, which include updating permitting processes, revising codes, training municipal personnel, promoting public awareness, or developing incentives, and each will create a plan that will be publicly available so that other stakeholders can learn best practices.

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About CTE

The Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that develops technologies and implements solutions to achieve energy and environmental sustainability. Since its founding in 1993, CTE has managed a portfolio of over \$206 million in federal, state, and local cost-shared research, development, and demonstration projects involving more than 450 organizations in the advanced transportation technology field. CTE has facilitated and leveraged funding for its projects and initiatives from the *U.S. Departments of Defense, Energy, Interior, and Transportation*, as well as from the *U.S. Army, Environmental Protection Agency and NASA*, among many others. CTE is also nationally recognized for its expertise in the measurement and evaluation of Transportation Demand Management programs and manages the Southern Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Coalition (SHFCC) in partnership with the Federal Transit Administration.