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CTE Hosts Successful 2011 National Fuel Cell Bus Workshop

The Center for Transportation and the Environment presents the state of zero emission fuel cell transit bus technology

Atlanta, Georgia – The Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) partnered with The American Public Transit Association (APTA) to host the 2011 National Fuel Cell Bus Workshop (NFCBW) October 3-5 in New Orleans. Workshop sessions featured discussions from US, Canadian and UK transit managers on achievements of fuel cell buses in regular transit fleet service.

The Workshop was supported through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) National Fuel Cell Bus Program (NFCBP). The NFCBP is a targeted, multi-year program to develop and deploy commercially viable fuel cell bus technologies and related infrastructure.

At the Workshop, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) presented initial bus performance results from the 25 buses that were operating at eight transit agencies in the US in 2011. This number is expected to grow to 32 buses in 2012. NREL's report documents significant achievements in fuel cell durability including the first fuel cell system having reached 10,000 hours of in-bus operation in the US.

The Workshop also showcased a compelling open-floor dialogue with private industry partners regarding fuel cell buses' market readiness. The event was well attended by a diverse audience of industry representatives, transit agencies, research groups, planners and policy makers. All of the Workshop's presentations can be found [here](#).

CTE is hosting a webinar in May 2012 presenting the next steps in fuel cell bus adoption and the parallels this path has with diesel hybrid bus commercialization. CTE is also planning an international workshop for Spring 2013. The Workshop will focus on the critical public and private milestones needed to progress fuel cell bus commercialization. Sessions will feature the planned 25 bus fleet in Sao Paolo, Brazil and the recently

completed UNDP-GEF sponsored three bus demonstration in Shanghai, China among the ongoing demonstrations in North America and Europe. More details regarding this event will be released soon.

About CTE

The Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization based in Atlanta, Georgia that develops technologies and implements solutions to achieve energy and environmental sustainability. Since its founding in 1993, CTE has managed a portfolio of more than \$225 million in federal, state, and local cost-shared research, development, and demonstration projects involving more than 200 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 and NASA, among many others.