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Press Release

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Governor announces major electric vehicle investment in Oregon

ARRA investments also include Oregon electric vehicle & battery technology companies

(Salem) - Governor Ted Kulongoski today welcomed news that Oregon has been selected as one of five test markets for the largest deployment of electric vehicles (EVs) and the associated charging station network in United States history. This news was part of a nationwide announcement by the U.S. Department of Energy that also included millions of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) dollars for three Oregon companies in the electric vehicle and battery technology industry.

Oregon was named as a test market by the Electric Transportation Engineering Corporation (eTec) that announced today the receipt of \$99.8 million in federal funds to study electric vehicle usage. The goal of the project is to deploy EV charging stations and analyze the use of the stations and EVs to guide widespread adoption throughout the

"This investment is exciting news for Oregon as we work to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and for consumers who would rather plug-in than pay at the pump," Governor Kulongoski said. "The state's electric vehicle tax credit coupled with this latest partnership on electric vehicles will advance Oregon's leadership role in our nation's transition to the next generation of new, cleaner vehicles."

eTec, a subsidiary of ECOtality, Inc., is partnering with Nissan North America to deploy approximately 5,000 electric vehicles and 12,750 charging stations in five U.S. markets, one of which is Oregon. Dependent upon on-going contract negotiations, up to 1,000 Nissan electric vehicles will be deployed in Oregon and 2,500 charging stations will be installed at homes and businesses that choose to purchase the Nissan EV and participate in the program.

The deployment of vehicles and infrastructure will focus initially on the Portland-metro area and then expand to other areas in Oregon, likely including Eugene, Salem and Corvallis.

Deployment of Nissan's EVs is scheduled for fall of 2010 and charging infrastructure installations are expected to begin in summer of 2010. The Nissan EV will be available at local Nissan dealerships.

Governor Kulongoski has been working toward developing policies and plans that encourage electric vehicle adoption. Today's news comes on the same day the Governor signed House Bill 2078 into law, which phases out the \$1500 state tax credit for hybrid vehicles and directs the incentive for the purchase of the next-generation of plug-in hybrids and all-electric vehicles to grow Oregon's EV market and supporting industries.

It also follows an agreement between the state, Nissan North America and Portland General Electric last November to work toward the development of an electric vehicle charging network.

Other Oregon companies also receiving ARRA dollars for electric vehicle and battery technology include:

\$299.2 million - Johnson Controls, Inc. (Entek) - Lebanon, OR

Production of nickel-cobalt-metal battery cells and packs, as well as production of battery separators (by partner Entek) for hybrid and electric vehicles.

\$21 million - EnerG2, Inc. - Albany, OR Production of high energy density nano-carbon for ultracapacitors.

5,450 rebates for truck modification to idle reduction technologies.

\$22.2 million - Cascade Sierra Solutions - Coburg, OR Deployment of truck stop electrification infrastructure at 50 sites along major U.S. Interstate corridors and provide

To read the press release from the White House, visit: http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/24-Billion-in-Grants-to-Accelerate-the-Manufacturing-and-Deployment-of-the-Next-Generation-of-US-Batteries-and-Electric-Vehicles/

More detailed information about the eTec announcement, including FAQs, is available at <u>www.ecotality.com</u>. Broadcasters: video and audio interviews are available for download at www.ecotality.com.

Oregonians and businesses that purchase the Nissan EV will be eligible to participate in the project, and can find out

more information about the vehicle at: www.NissanUSA.com.

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