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2012 Alternative Clean Transportation (ACT) Expo Draws Thousands to Long Beach, Calif. to Experience an Alternatively Fueled Future

Sold-out conference saw participation from more than 3,000 from across North America

May 18, 2012—Long Beach, Calif.— The 2012 Alternative Clean Transportation (ACT) Expo drew thousands to the Long Beach Convention Center May 15 - 17 in Long Beach, Calif., affirming the event as North America's largest alternative fuels and clean vehicles conference.

With more than 3,000 registrants, attendees at the sold-out, three-day conference gathered to explore partnerships, technologies, funding opportunities, and hear success stories related to alternative fuel vehicle deployments that are revolutionizing the transportation industry. Top fleets from across the country like Frito-Lay, UPS, Swift, Coca-Cola, Ryder System, Inc. and many others were on hand to share their experiences of the transition to alternative fuels in their fleet operations.

Over the course of the 2012 ACT Expo, 125 expert speakers and 21 unique conference sessions helped attendees gain a better understanding of the economic, energy security, and environmental benefits of alternative fuel use.

The sold-out expo hall boasted 171 exhibitors covering nearly 100,000 square feet of floor space. More than 90 clean vehicles were on display representing all alternative fuel types and applications, including transit buses, Class-8 tractors, utility and refuse trucks, light-duty passenger vehicles and more. The event also provided networking receptions, training sessions, off-site technical tours and a Ride and Drive to showcase the future of alternative fuels and clean vehicle technologies.

Wesley Clark, retired U.S. Army four star general and former supreme allied commander of Europe, delivered the opening keynote address on May 15, which was the highlight for many attending. Clark stressed the importance of the alternative fuel industry working cooperatively to reduce our country's dependence on foreign oil and the subsequent economic benefits that will emerge as a result.

The ACT Expo 2012 "Ride and Drive" on May 16 offered attendees the opportunity to participate in test drives of the cleanest, advanced vehicles commercially available today ranging from light- to heavy-duty. In total, 31 clean vehicles were available for test drives including the BYD Motor E6-B all-electric, Honda FCX Clarity fuel cell electric vehicle, 2012 Honda Civic Natural Gas, VW Passat clean diesel, Peterbilt 382 Vocational Truck compressed natural gas, Kenworth T370 diesel-electric hybrid tractor, Ford E-250 autogas and Freightliner M2 106 diesel-electric hybrid tractor among many others.

Conference sessions on May 17 included a roundtable with CEOs and top executives from Shell, Chesapeake Energy, Daimler Trucks North America, Westport and Chart Industries discussing the burgeoning North American natural gas vehicle sector followed by a keynote address from Ryder System, Inc. Chairman and CEO Greg Swienton. The day's sessions were among the most widely-attended of the entire conference and concluded the event on an extremely positive note, setting the stage for ACT Expo 2013.

The next ACT Expo is scheduled for June 24 – 27, 2013 in Washington, D.C., where the event will help celebrate the 20th anniversary of the U.S. Department of Energy's National Clean Cities program. For more information, visit www.actexpo.com.

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