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## SELECT COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL ECONOMIC STABILIZATION FUNDING

### MEMORANDUM

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TO: House of Representatives  
FROM: Chairman Jim Dunnam  
DATE: September 4, 2009  
SUBJECT: Stimulus Funds Awarded for Alternative Fuel and Wind Energy Projects

In the last several days, the U.S. Department of Energy has awarded \$38 million in stimulus funding for three alternative fuel projects in Texas under the "Clean Cities" program. These funds were awarded on a competitive basis and are not included in the Recovery Act funds appropriated in Article XII of our state budget. Additionally, the U.S. Treasury Department and the Department of Energy jointly announced that \$114 million in stimulus funding for private sector clean energy projects has been awarded to the Penascal Wind Farm in Sarita, Texas.

We have provided a brief summary of each of the alternative fuel projects and the contact information if you have any follow-up questions or would like to obtain additional details.

**North Central Texas Council of Governments' North Central Texas Alternative Fuel and Advanced Technology: \$13,181,171.** The project will deploy refueling stations and alternative fuel vehicles in the Dallas-Fort Worth area: three B20, three ethanol E85 stations, three compressed natural gas stations and 97 vehicles, four electric recharging sites and 34 vehicles, and 251 hybrid/electric vehicles. In addition to city fleets, high mileage and high visibility fleets such as Coca-Cola, Sysco, Frito Lay, school districts, and taxis are included. DOE estimates that this project will help displace approximately 1.3 million gallons of petroleum annually. **Contact: Amanda Wilson, 817-695-9284**

**Texas State Technical College's Development of a National Liquid Propane (Autogas) Refueling Network, Clean School Bus/Vehicle Incentive & Green Jobs Outreach Program: \$12,299,828.** The project will result in the development of approximately 184 liquid propane Autogas refueling stations in the following major metropolitan areas: Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Denver, Sacramento, Los Angeles,

Dallas, Phoenix, Indianapolis, Seattle, Orlando, San Diego, St. Louis, San Antonio/Austin, and Oklahoma City, as well as a refueling corridor along I-10 in Louisiana (New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles). The initiative will also support the purchase of dedicated propane school buses and vehicles, and provide an innovative outreach program designed specifically to retrain and certify U.S. veterans and out of work or at risk service technicians for work in the alternative fuel and advanced vehicle technology industries. DOE estimates that the initiative will help displace more than 3 million gallons of petroleum annually. **Contact: Carliss Hyde, 254-867-4843**

**Texas Railroad Commission Propane Fleet Pilot Program: \$12,633,080.** The project will deploy 882 propane vehicles, including 245 propane school buses, 24 medium-duty propane trucks and vans, and 613 propane-fueled light-duty vehicles for 40 school districts and public agencies. To support the vehicles, 35 propane refueling stations will be constructed. The stations will allow the fleets to lower their costs by buying fuel in bulk, access federal motor fuel excise tax credits, refuel at the times most convenient to their schedules, and model successful use of propane to nearby peers. DOE estimates that these projects will help displace more than three million gallons of petroleum annually. **Contact: Heather Ball, 512-463-7359**

In other news, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission received official notification this week from the federal Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) that Texas has qualified to receive the higher, Tier 2 level reimbursement for Medicaid, and the new reimbursement rate will be retroactive for the last two months of state Fiscal Year 2009 (July and August).

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Select Committee staff or me if we can be of any assistance.