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**Tommy Foltz to Again Coordinate Clean Cities Coalition**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (August 1, 2007) — The Central Arkansas Clean Cities Coalition will again be led by Tommy Foltz. On July 26, the U.S. Department of Energy renewed the Central Arkansas Clean Cities Coalition's official status for another five years. The following day, Mr. Foltz signed an agreement to coordinate clean cities activities as Executive Director of the coalition.

"We are fortunate that Tommy could rejoin the program just as renewal of the Clean Cities Coalition was taking place," said Jim McKenzie, executive director of Metroplan, a council of local governments and the host agency for the Clean Cities Coalition.

"Tommy's previous experience with the Clean Cities Program in Arkansas and Washington, D.C., and in developing alternative fuel markets in Arkansas and Texas is a tremendous asset that we expect will re-energize the Coalition's efforts to promote alternative fuels and clean transportation technologies."

The purpose of DOE's Clean Cities Initiative is to decrease the nation's dependence on petroleum in the transportation sector through the collective efforts of the eighty-five public/private clean cities partnerships that have been formed around the country. The Department of Energy works with and through the Clean Cities Coalitions to:

- Accelerate the development of a sustainable alternative fuels market;

- Accelerate the use of idle reduction technologies;
- Accelerate the use of hybrid vehicles;
- Increase the use of alternative fuel blends in petroleum fuels; and
- Promote informed consumer choice on fuel economy.

Another Clean Cities objective is reduced air pollution from transportation sources, which is an issue of increasing concern in central Arkansas where an Ozone Action Days public awareness program ([www.ozoneactiondays.org](http://www.ozoneactiondays.org)) has been in effect since 1997. “We are on the bubble for exceeding the national ambient air quality standards for ground-level ozone,” said McKenzie, “and Clean Cities can help us stay in attainment or help us re-attain the ozone standards in the event of non-attainment.”

Mr. Foltz has been involved in the alternative energy industry for more than 14 years, beginning at the U.S. Department of Energy in 1993, as Deputy Staff Director of the Federal Fleet Conversion Task Force, and later as co-Director of the National Clean Cities Program. When he left DOE, Mr. Foltz founded Clean Fuels Strategies, a public policy, marketing and grant writing consultancy for the clean fuel industry in the Washington, D.C. area.

In 2000, Mr. Foltz was hired by Blue Energy & Technologies Company as Vice President for Business Development. While at Blue Energy, he was Executive Director of the Texas Coalition for Clean Transportation, which successfully lobbied the Texas Legislature to make natural gas vehicle projects eligible for funding under the Texas Emission Reduction Plan.

In 2003, he formed the Foltz Company, which included, among others, Central Arkansas Clean Cities among its clients. During his leadership of the Coalition, a natural gas fueling station and CNG vehicle project was completed at the Little Rock National Airport, and an Adopt-a-School Bus pilot project involving the Little Rock and Pulaski County school districts established the desirability of biodiesel as a fuel in school buses. When he resigned as Executive Director of the Central Arkansas Clean Cities Coalition in 2005, DOE funding had been secured for a biodiesel storage and fuel distribution project serving all of Arkansas. Newsletters with more information about those projects are posted online at [www.ozoneactiondays.org/news\\_links.htm](http://www.ozoneactiondays.org/news_links.htm).

Subsequently, Mr. Foltz was instrumental in founding Patriot Biofuels, Inc., Arkansas' first "independent" biodiesel plant, which has distributed more than two million gallons of biodiesel to-date. He was President of Patriot Biofuels until December 2006, when he took a position as Vice President for Public Affairs at Earth Biofuels of Dallas, Texas, and was later elevated to President of the company.

In order to spend more time with his wife and children at his home in Little Rock, Mr. Foltz recently decided to return to his consulting business.

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