



Federal Budget Supports Investment in Clean Transportation Technologies

OTTAWA, June 7, 2011 – Yesterday’s federal budget included \$48 million for a clean transportation initiative focused on regulatory development, capacity building, and investment in clean transportation technologies.

“The federal government understands the challenge Canada faces with respect to emissions from transportation,” noted Alicia Milner, President of the Canadian Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance (CNGVA). “Canada’s new vehicle regulations will decrease emissions and reduce energy use.”

“Yet there are some lingering problem areas. Heavy diesel vehicles are one of the fastest growing sources of carbon emissions in Canada. Encouraging investment in innovative, commercial technologies including Canadian natural gas technologies for heavy trucks and buses is a sound strategy that complements the new regulations and accelerates the benefits for Canadians,” according to Milner.

“Canada is home to many leading companies involved in the supply chain for natural gas, heavy natural gas engines for trucks and buses, and vehicle and station components. Encouraging fleets to invest in innovative lower emission natural gas technologies can reduce emissions and contribute to economic prosperity,” Milner stated.

U.S. President Obama’s recent endorsement of natural gas use for trucks as a way to improve American energy security also suggests an emerging opportunity for Canadian exporters.

The CNGVA advocates for increased use of natural gas vehicles to provide economic and environmental benefits for Canadians. During 2011, Canada’s first two major liquefied natural gas (LNG) highway truck projects will begin with Robert Trucking operating up to 180 LNG trucks in Québec and Ontario, and Vedder Transport operating 50 LNG trucks in British Columbia. Canada’s first natural gas refuse truck fleet was also recently put into service by Waste Management in British Columbia.

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