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Local businesses and state to receive special fleet awards during Auto Show in Portland

PORTLAND—Two Northwest area businesses and the State of Oregon will receive special fleet awards by the Columbia Willamette Clean Cities Coalition and National Association of Fleet Administrators during a luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 24 at the Portland International Auto Show.

Fleet Maintenance Incorporated (FMI) of Portland, Organically Grown Company of Eugene and the State Of Oregon's Department of Administrative Services will receive 2008 Fleet of the Year Awards at the annual Auto Show, which is being held at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The fleets are being recognized for their use of alternative vehicles such as hybrids and flex fuel vehicles, and for operating fleets that use biofuels such as CNG, E85, B20 and B99.

FMI operates its fleet almost completely on biodiesel and is a leader in developing electric drive trucks. Organically Grown runs its fleet almost completely on B99 fuel and has demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting local sources of biofuels. The State Of Oregon now runs a fleet that is almost 35% "green."

Bill Mahan will accept the award for FMI, Steve Brown will accept the award for Organically Grown and Kent Fretwell will accept the award for the State.

(Editor's Note: The recipients will be available for interviews following the awards ceremony at around 12:30 to 1 p.m. at the luncheon)

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