



Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition, Inc.

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Questions & Answers

What is Clean Cities?

It is a government-industry partnership to advance alternative fuel vehicles. Clean Cities is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and was created with one over-riding mission: to advance the use of vehicles powered by alternative fuels, and thereby reduce our nation's dependence on imported petroleum. The Program promotes the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) and the expansion of the AFV-refueling infrastructure. Clean Cities helps all parties identify mutual interests while meeting their individual objectives such as the need to improve air quality, comply with federal fleet regulations, or identify and create markets for vehicles or fuel.

What are alternative fuels?

A short list of fuels was created by federal legislation in 1992. When congress passed the Energy Policy Act (EPAct), it required certain types of users to complete their future light-duty vehicle acquisition, in specific proportions, with AFVs. To meet those requirements, covered fleets must choose vehicles that can run on approved alternative fuels. Those fuels include natural gas, ethanol, methanol, hydrogen, battery-electric power, biologically produced diesel or "biodiesel" fuel, and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), also commonly called propane.

How does Clean Cities work?

The Program attempts to mobilize local stakeholders in government and industry. In approximately 86 coalitions across the country, the Clean Cities Program draws local stakeholders from the public and private sectors. A Clean Cities coalition can provide a forum for members to leverage their resources, develop joint projects, collaborate on public policy issues, and promote AFVs in their communities. Opportunities for AFV users are greatest where fleets can share their use of the infrastructure. Also, the Program can match buyers and sellers, and help create AFV markets.

Why should I become a member in the Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition?

Clean Cities members have the potential for more funding opportunities, valuable resources and positive public exposure than non-members. Clean Cities provides opportunities for networking and partnerships, 2 keys to successful AFV programs. Additionally, Clean Cities offers vendors opportunities to meet and talk to purchasers of AFV products and services. As an added incentive, DOE grants to the State Energy Programs for Alternative Fueled Vehicles (AFV) are available only to Clean Cities members. And Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

What are the goals of Clean Cities?

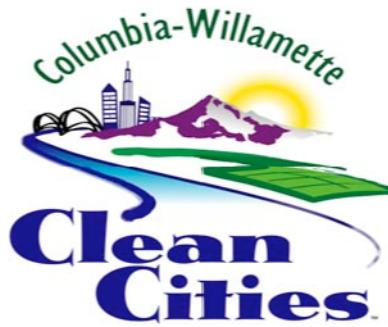
Ultimately, to reduce our nation's dependence on imported petroleum and help clean up the air. Additionally, to create new jobs and commercial opportunities; Facilitate AFV production and sales; Develop "clean corridors" of AFV-friendly highways and increase public awareness of alternative fuels. The Program emphasizes applications in "niche markets." Examples include refuse and recycling trucks, freight and package delivery trucks, transit and school buses, and airport, campus and government vehicles.

Where do I get information?

Visit the Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition web site at www.cwcleancities.org.

The Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition Board of Directors is represented by members from City of Portland, Oregon Department of Energy, FMI Truck Sales & Service, and Oregon Automobile Dealers Association.

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Membership Benefits and Dues Structure **For Columbia- _____ Wilamette Clean Cities Coalition, Inc.**

Why become a member of CWCCC, Inc.?

Becoming a member of the Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition, Inc. affirms your company's commitment to improving our region's air quality and lessening our nation's dependence on foreign oil.

By joining CWCCC, Inc., you will also receive several benefits from your participation as a member. Some of these benefits include networking with other CWCCC, Inc. members, as well as active involvement in making your community a better place to live. CWCCC, Inc. is also a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, so your membership may be tax deductible.

Another benefit to becoming a member is access to industry experts regarding the purchasing of alternative fuel vehicles, refueling of alternative fuel vehicles and fleets and the various types of alternative fuels and their benefits to the environment.

Every year, CWCCC Inc. will host various training sessions for members of the organization. These training and information sessions include, but are not limited to, annual stakeholder meetings, talks by industry experts on available alternative fuel vehicles, emissions in our area as well as talks with local fleet owners and their success stories with various fuels and vehicles. Also, throughout the year, training will be held for fleet managers and their maintenance staffs on the latest alternative fuels and alternative vehicle technologies.

However, one of the most important benefits of becoming a member of CWCCC, Inc., is that, throughout the year, the Department of Energy (DOE) and various other organizations announce funding opportunities for a multitude of alternative fuel uses, such as, vehicle purchase, infrastructure installation, fuel purchasing, research requests and much more. As an added incentive, DOE grants to the State Energy Programs for Alternative Fueled Vehicles (AFV) are available only to Clean Cities members. As a member of CWCCC, Inc. you will receive notification when these opportunities are announced and assistance in preparing the grant application, if you wish to apply.

The following page outlines our annual membership dues structure.

Please take a moment today and fill out this application, getting your organization on the road to improving the region's air quality and our nation's petroleum independence!

For additional information contact Matt Hale, CWCCC Coordinator at 503-373-7560 or toll free at 1-800-221-8035, or by email at matt.hale@state.or.us

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