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Nine NHA Members named to Department of Energy's Hydrogen Technical Advisory Council

Washington, DC – Leaders from nine member companies of the National Hydrogen Association (NHA) were named on June 20 as Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman announced the members of the Department of Energy's new Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC).

The nine representatives were selected from a group of over 100 nominees submitted to serve on HTAC, who represented all areas of hydrogen industry and research and development. The Committee was created in accordance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to advise the Secretary on issues related to the development of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies. Under the Advanced Energy Initiative, President Bush has requested \$215 million for hydrogen research and development in the 2007 budget to reduce American dependence on foreign oil.

The representatives selected from NHA member companies to help represent both technical and commercial areas of expertise include: Larry Bawden, President & CEO Jadoo Power Systems; Mark Chernoby, V.P., Advanced Vehicle Engineering, DaimlerChrysler; John Hofmeister, President & U.S. Country Chair, Shell Oil Company; Art Katsaros, Group V.P., Development & Technology, Air Products and Chemicals; Dan Keuter, Vice President, Entergy Nuclear; Byron McCormick, Executive Director of Fuel Cell Activities, General Motors; Roger Saillant, President & CEO, Plug Power; Jan van Dokkum, President, UTC Power; and Gregory Vesey, President, Chevron Technology Ventures. These members will provide recommendations to the Secretary upon DOE's programs, plans, and activities, as well as safety, economic, and environmental issues related to hydrogen.

About the National Hydrogen Association: The National Hydrogen Association (NHA) is the Nation's premier hydrogen trade organization led by 100 companies dedicated to supporting the transition to hydrogen. Efforts are focused on education and outreach, policy, safety and codes and standards. Since 1989, the NHA has served as a catalyst for information exchange and cooperative projects and continues to provide the setting for mutual support among industry, research and government organizations.
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