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FUEL CELL SUMMIT 2005: INNOVATION AND ENERGY EXPERTS FEATURED AT CONFERENCE DESIGNED TO ACCELERATE FUEL CELL ADVANCEMENT

DEARBORN, Mich., and ROCKY HILL, Conn., September 19, 2005 — Keynote speakers at Fuel Cell Summit 2005 are high profile innovation and energy experts from government and industry who will address controversial scenarios and strategies for fuel cell and hydrogen commercialization, including the ability for fuel cells to deliver energy reliability and security. Fuel Cell Summit 2005 is being held October 23-25, 2005 at the Mohegan Sun Casino & Resort in Uncasville (Hartford), Conn. by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) and the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF), whom have partnered to offer a solutions-based event designed to accelerate fuel-cell development. Visit www.fuelcellsummit.com.

Featured keynote speakers include:

- Monday, October 24, 2005 – 8:15 a.m. – 9 a.m. – Keynote Address:
“How Breakthroughs Happen: Lessons for Fuel Cells from Technologies Past and Present,” by Andrew Hargadon, associate professor of technology management and director of technology management programs, Graduate School of Management, University of California-Davis.
- Monday, October 24, 2005 – 7 p.m. – Networking Dinner Reception with Keynote Presentation:
“Scenarios and Strategies: Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Commercialization to Meet the World’s Energy Demand,” by Arno A. Evers, owner & operator, Arno A. Evers FAIR-PR.
- Tuesday, October 25, 2005 – 8:15 a.m. – 9 a.m., Keynote Address:
“Finding Markets: Bringing Fuel Cells to the 2012 London Olympics,” by Allan Jones, M.B.E., chief development officer, London Climate Change Agency, City of London.
- Tuesday, October 25, 2005 – 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Keynote Address:
“The Global Energy Revolution: Can Fuel Cells Deliver?” by Vijay Vaitheeswaran, author and environment and energy correspondent, *The Economist*.

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Fuel Cell Summit 2005 Conference:

The unique approach of the Fuel Cell Summit 2005 combines SME's "*Manufacturing...Alternative Energy's Future*" and the CCEF's "*Moving Fuel Cells into the Mainstream*," creating a working environment that initiates ideas for solutions to barriers to assist in advancing the fuel cell industry. This will eventually lead to deployment by bringing together key industry players such as fuel cell developers, end-user customers, researchers, and the supply chain. Attendees will learn the latest technical advancements in hydrogen storage and fuel cell components, connect with technology investors and venture capitalists and participate in interactive tours and networking opportunities.

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Additional Information:

To register for Fuel Cell Summit 2005, visit the Web site at <http://www.fuelcellsummit.com>, or call the SME Resource Center at (800) 733-4763, or outside the U.S. and Canada at (313) 425-4500 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, ET, or Fax to (313) 425-3401. Questions? Contact Dan Radomski at SME at (313) 425-3147, or email training@sme.org.

About CCEF:

The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF) was created by the Connecticut General Assembly and is administered and managed by Connecticut Innovations, a quasi-public state agency. CCEF is promoting the development and commercialization of clean energy technologies and fuel cells and is stimulating markets for electricity from clean renewable sources. CCEF's funding comes from a surcharge on electric ratepayers' utility bills.

CCEF's main goals are to:

- Create clean energy supply for Connecticut
- Develop clean energy technologies
- Educate residents about clean energy's importance for our state's energy future

About SME:

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers is the world's leading professional society supporting manufacturing education. Through its member programs, publications, expositions and professional development resources SME promotes an increased awareness of manufacturing engineering and helps keep manufacturing professionals up-to-date on leading trends and technologies. Headquartered in Michigan, SME influences more than half a million manufacturing engineers and executives annually. The Society has members in 70 countries and is supported by a network of hundreds of chapters worldwide.