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**NATIONAL AF&V CONFERENCE FOCUS ON FUNDING**  
*The Latest Information on Funding, Policies, Vehicles and Technologies*

**Orlando, FL-March 9:** Alternative Fuel Vehicle Institute (AFVi) hosts the fifteenth Alternative Fuels & Vehicles National Conference + Expo (AF&V 2009) in Orlando, Florida April 19-22. Key experts from government and industry will be on hand to present the latest information on applying for the billions of dollars available for alternative fuels, vehicles and advanced vehicle technologies included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“As we celebrate fifteen years of providing fleet managers with information to accelerate the use of alternative fuels, the Recovery Act funds mark an unprecedented landmark for our industry,” said Annalloyd Thomason, Executive Director of AFVi. “Now is not the time when slow and steady will win the funding race. We are positioned to use the Conference to help fleets navigate available funding and how to access it.”

AF&V 2009 features experts from federal agencies who will provide up-to-the-minute information on the status of available funds for alternative fuels. Included in the Recovery Act are \$300 million for education and vehicle acquisition through the U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities program; \$300 million through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the purchase of medium- and heavy-duty trucks that reduce diesel emissions; and, \$300 million for federal fleets to purchase new vehicles. Another \$700 million is available to states and local governments and \$17.1 billion for public transit, both of which will stimulate vehicle purchases. Additional funding includes research and development for batteries, vehicle charging infrastructure and biofuels.

There is a three-hour workshop on funding presented Sunday, April 19, as well as a 90-minute session on Monday, April 20. An overview of incentives is presented in the Tuesday General Session. A four-hour training session for fleet professionals on Wednesday afternoon, April 22, offers step-by-step guidance on using Recovery Act funds to green vehicle fleets. To aide in understanding the market, complementary programming features many of the leading decision-makers in alternative fuels and technologies representing truck manufacturers, fuel suppliers, government agencies and parts manufacturers.

Conference keynote speakers include T. Boone Pickens, General Wesley Clark and J.D. Power’s automotive forecasting expert Jeff Schuster. Additional concurrent session topics focus on air quality, plug-in hybrids, fuel cells, heavy-duty hybrids, biofuels updates, electric drive advances, and in-depth workshops on biofuels, vehicle conversions and natural gas trucking. The national Conference is a fuel and technology neutral meeting place for policy and purchasing decision-makers. An estimated 2,000 people will attend.

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Representatives from the Departments of Energy, Transportation, Agriculture, and the Environmental Protection Agency explain the new money and how to get it. Industry leaders from the Diesel Technology Forum, Electric Drive Transportation Association, Growth Energy, National Biodiesel Board, Natural Gas Vehicle Institute, Propane Education and Research Council, and the Renewable Fuels Association offer specifics about federal and state incentives and trends related to their fuels and technologies.

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Alternative Fuel Vehicle Institute (AFVi) is an entrepreneurial organization that works through industry to bring people in need of proven transportation technologies together with those who can meet their needs. AFVi is fuel and technology neutral. More information on the Conference is available by going to <http://www.afv2009.com>

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