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Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow Insights from Experts

EP-ACT's 25th Annual Stakeholder Meeting convened Tuesday November 20th at long time stakeholders PECO headquarters, in Philadelphia. This annual event always held on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, showcased EP-ACT's accomplishments and activities the past year, with a glimpse ahead of what EP-ACT is planning in the year ahead.

Over 50 people were in attendance, some stakeholders and some new to EP-ACT and the alternative fuel world. The audience was treated to presentations by the Commonwealth's DEP representatives, Mark Hand & Josh Dziubek. Their combined presentations covered the DEP's programs [Driving PA Forward](#) and [Alternative Fuel Incentive Grant \(AFIG\)](#) respectively. Highlights from the presentation were the announcement of the opening of the Class 8 Truck and Transit Bus Grant Program allocating \$16 million over the next 5 years & the On-road Rebate Program-Class 4-7 Trucks. Port Drayage Trucks, School



PA DEP's Mark Hand presenting

Buses and Shuttle Buses, which is allocating approximately \$30 million over the next 5 years too. EP-ACT has resources to help with your Alt. Fuel application for information email tbandiero@ep-act.org

The day's events continued with an interactive survey questions, done in real time. The survey provided audience participation and kept the audience engaged in the program.

We were then lucky to have Linda Bluestein co-Director of the national Clean Cities Program address the audience. She provided a look back to where the program started, views on present day clean cities, and a glimpse to what the future holds in-store for the DOE's Clean Cities Program. Highlights included the integration of vehicle technology and how clean cities will begin to transform what we already do into newly developing technologies. The interactive program received praise from many participants and the day concluded with our Annual Networking Luncheon. We thank all for attending and look forward to seeing you again next year.

EP-ACT is Still Accepting Projects for 2nd Submission of AFIG Projects

On December 14th 2018 the PA DEP will close the 2018 AFIG program. The program which has been in existence for over 15 years, helps many types of businesses in Pennsylvania with their entrance and continuation of alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure. There is also another program type allowed in the application, named Innovative Technology, which allows for funding for research, development or training as well as the demonstration of new applications or advanced next phase technology related to alternative fuels and alternative

fuel vehicles.

EP-ACT and our stakeholders have been very successful pulling projects together and promoting these projects. We will be accepting project ideas until December 6th. If you are unsure of the validity or have questions relating to your proposed projects, you can contact EP-ACT's Executive Director Tony Bandiero at: tbandiero@ep-act.org

The AFIG program is funded each year from a portion of PA's gross utility tax, which is between \$5-6 million. The intent of the program is to help mitigate air pollution emitted through vehicles in transportation.

AFIG Winners Announced Include 5 EP-ACT Stakeholders

On November 8th, the PA DEP announced the winners of the 1st round of the states Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant. The applications were submitted in the summer and selected by the DEP and the Governor's office. The DEP received over 35 applications and funded over 20 projects. The projects spanned the state and 14 separate counties received project funding for businesses and school districts.

Amongst the recipients included were 5 current members of EP-ACT, and 1 new school district that EP-ACT helped with their application. The current members of EP-ACT include: **Colonial Parking**, whose project includes the purchase of 4 new propane powered shuttle buses; **Lancaster County Solid Waste Municipal Authority (LCSWMA)** to help purchase 2 new CNG waste transfer



trucks; **Suburban Transit Network** receiving funding to purchase 14 new and convert 7 shuttle buses to propane; **Derry Township School District** getting funding to help purchase 8 propane school buses; **Haverford School District** to purchase 8 new propane school buses. The newest addition to our coalition will be **North Penn School District** who received funding for a new propane fueling station and money to purchase 10 new school buses and convert another 16 buses to propane.

We want to congratulate all of our stakeholders and all of the rest of the recipients of the AFIG program. Since the inception of the program EP-ACT and the former GPCC have helped secure over \$6 million to help fleets in our region convert to alternative fuels.

Energy Independent Summit, Worth the Trip

More than 12 years ago, Transportation Energy Partners formed. A combination of alternative fuel technology industry representatives partnered with the Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program's from across the country with a mission of educating members of congress.

That mission seemed lofty 12 years ago, today, more than ever the mission needs your help. In a paramount shift with the new administration in the white house, our mission of petroleum reduction within the transportation sector has been steered in a new direction. We are still tasked to help alternative fuels, vehicles and technologies become mainstream, but with a new direction of Technology Integration added in the mix.

This year on February 11th—13th we will embark on a journey to the nations capital. Industry and Clean Cities Coalition representatives from across the country. In a combined effort to educate members of Congress, we will walk the halls of the congressional offices of our home states, side by side with our constituents representing all the great accomplishments and projects we have completed over the years.

This meeting is the one time where we stand up for our program (Clean Cities) and show the value of the program to our congressional representatives. Our program is unlike any other federal program. **For every federal dollar we receive, we turn this into an \$11 private investment**, create jobs and provide energy security to our domestic production of alternative fuels. We also get the new technologies on the road, which is one of the main purposes of our coalitions'.

Please join EP-ACT this year as we meet with industry, peers, congressional delegates and others, with the hope of keeping the Clean Cities program funded.

Last year, collectively we held over 250 congressional meetings in one day. It is these meetings where the proverbial rubber meets the road, the education of new delegates and staying relevant to others that we have known for years are the keys to success.

We want you to join us and help to educate Congress to all of the great work we produce as Clean Cities Coalitions. For additional information and to register and be part of the Eastern Pennsylvania Delegation please click the link: [Energy Independence Summit](#)

Partnering with Like Minded Organizations in 2019

For 25 years, the Clean Cities Program has gone through evolutions. Consistently changing to welcome the newest technologies, the latest and greatest alternative fuel mouse traps, whilst still holding on to the basic principals of getting vehicles and infrastructure on the road and in the public eye.

We are the only organization trying to put ourselves out of a job. What do you mean, you're thinking? If you think about it, once the technologies become "mainstream" then we have served our purpose, done our job and finally putting a feather in our cap. We can see this transition in electric vehicles (EV's) beginning to happen, and my prediction is that within 5 years, we will no longer have the need to be teaching you about EV's.

That being said, one way to help promote our mission is to partner with outside organizations. There are many organizations who support clean alternative fuels and transportation. Our plan is to begin to partner with like-

minded organizations who may not have exactly the same mission as EP-ACT, but similar interests to achieve the same end game.

One of the 1st partnering organizations that EP-ACT will enter into a mutual benefitting agreement is [The Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas](#). Their commitment to advocate for increased renewable natural gas development throughout the country is directly in-line with our mission of helping to support domestic alternatives to gasoline and diesel.

Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) is an ultra-clean and ultra low-carbon natural gas alternative. As organic waste breaks down it emits methane gas, called [biogas](#), that can be processed to meet natural gas pipeline quality specifications. The advantages of RNG are when used with a new near zero emission's engine, the product becomes carbon neutral or carbon negative. This refers to the abolition of Green House Gas (GHG) from the atmosphere. Be on the lookout for and educational workshop in 2019 featuring RNG and our new partner.

Alternative Facts

(truths about alternative fuels)



Over 50% of new refuse trucks ordered run on CNG

Mark Your Calendars:

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Info/Link</u> |
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| Energy Independence Summit | Feb. 11-13th | EIS |
| 1st Responders Training Lancaster | TBD Late Feb | Coming Soon |
| 1st Responders Training Philadelphia | TBD Late Feb | Coming Soon |
| Work Truck Show Green Truck Summit | March 5-8th | GTS |

For more info and promotional discounts, contact: tbandiero@ep-act.org

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