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**DFW Purchases 100th Alternative Fuel Vehicle;
Fleet Will Be Expanded To 500 Vehicles**

DALLAS/FORT WORTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (February 13, 2001)—DFW Airport will announce on Thursday, February 15, 2001 the purchase of its 100th alternative fuel vehicle (AFV), as well as plans to add 400 more AFVs in the next few years, at the Southwest Regional Airport AFV Conference.

Hosted by DFW Airport at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, the conference focuses on the many types of AFVs—ranging from compact sedans to full-size buses powered by natural gas, electric, propane and other clean fuels—airports use to reduce air pollution and oil dependence. Presenting the two-day conference (Feb. 15-16) is the Clean Airport Partnership, Inc., a not-for-profit organization based in Lakewood, Colorado.

DFW Airport achieved its goal of 100 AFVs with its recent purchase of eight police cars that operate on compressed natural gas and two ambulances powered by clean-burning diesel fuel. The new low-emission police cars are the first to be purchased by an airport in Texas. Additionally, the Airport is the first in Texas to add a “hybrid” car, which operates on both electric batteries and a gasoline engine, to its fleet.

“Our long-term goal is to convert the entire Airport fleet to clean-fuel engines by 2005,” said DFW Airport CEO Jeff Fegan. “The purchase of 400 additional AFVs not only will move us closer to achieving that goal, but make our AFV program a leader among world-class airports.

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“Measured in air quality terms, the Airport’s new AFVs will reduce significantly the harmful emissions emitted by the gasoline- and diesel-burning vehicles they replace,” Fegan added. “Not only do AFVs improve air quality but they save money through reduced fuel costs, engine wear and maintenance.”

Supporting DFW Airport’s AFV program are airlines and tenants. For example, American Airlines recently purchased 270 electric-powered vehicles for ramp operations at Terminal B. To facilitate these efforts, the Airport installed recharging stations for electric-powered ground service equipment at terminal gates.

DFW Airport AFVs will be demonstrated at the Sheraton Grand Hotel at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, February 15. The AFV conference features nationally recognized environmental, energy and transportation industry speakers and panelists. Participants include airport managers, fleet and transit operators; air quality, energy and transportation administrators; and AFV leaders from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico and Arkansas.

In addition to DFW Airport, other conference sponsors include American Airlines, American Honda Motor Company, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation, North Central Texas Council of Governments, Texas General Land Office, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, TranStar Energy Company, U.S. Department of Energy/Clean Cities Program, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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