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INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION SIGNS ON TO CITY OF AUSTIN PLUG IN PARTNERS CAMPAIGN

The Institute for Environmental Research and Education, an environmental not-for-profit and home of the American Center for Life Cycle Assessment is proud to announce its support of the City of Austin's Plug Hybrid Initiative.

Executive Director Rita Schenck said "The United States will never achieve energy independence until it finds a way replace fossil fuel driven engines. A plug hybrid vehicle is a big step towards that end. The City of Austin's effort towards developing the market for plug hybrid cars uses the strength of market forces, and we are please to be able to support it."

IERE will be working with partners within the state of Washington and nationally to make plug in hybrid vehicles a reality, starting with its co-sponsorship of the Advanced Vehicle Initiative, along with the Port of Chelan County and others.

IERE's Pacific Northwest Energy Independent Communities program recently published an economic and engineering study providing a 10 year plan for energy independence (http://www.iere.org/documents/EnergyIndependentCommunities-10yearplan.pdf). The study could not include transportation due to the lack of commercially available vehicle options based on renewable energy.

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