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## **COLORADO FUEL CELL CENTER PROPOSAL SELECTED BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION**

**DENVER, CO April 6, 2005** – The Colorado Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation (OEMC) selected a proposal for the Colorado Fuel Cell Center (CFCC). The proposal is from the Gas Technology Institute (GTI) and was selected because it allows the State to meet its goal of expanding fuel cell related research, development, education, and commercial application in Colorado. The proposal also meets the requirement of a \$1 million to match OEMC's \$2 million investment.

The Colorado School of Mines (CSM), Versa Power Systems, Inc. (VPS) and the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) will support the CFCC as sub-contractors and cost-share providers to Gas Technology Institute. The CFCC will be located at the CSM and GTI will manage its daily operations for the two-year period. GTI will provide technical advice on fuel cell research, development, demonstration, and commercialization, as well as provide public education.

"This is a proud moment for the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation. We are very pleased that such a respected group could come together to form this partnership with the state. This will fulfill the Governor's promise in his '2005 State-of-the-State Address' to form the Colorado Fuel Cell Center," said Rick Grice, the OEMC director. "It will build from the solid reputations of its partners and provide a strong research, economic, and educational platform for fuel cell and hydrogen technology development and will help put Colorado 'in the game' for this important and emerging energy technology of the future."

An extensive amount of research on electrochemical technology, materials and fuel processing will be performed by the partners, as well as CSM students and faculty. CSM will add fuel cell courses to the existing curriculum and oversee all student and faculty research programs.

At the completion of this two-year project, operation of the CFCC will be self-sustaining through research and development contracts and consulting agreements. CFCC will emphasize the development of the Colorado fuel cell industry as it actively responds to national solicitations in fuel cells.

This proposal also received the strong support of many Colorado State legislators, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, the Mayor of Golden, Colorado, the Federal Bureau of Reclamation and several Colorado businesses.

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