



## *An Invitation to Join the Clean Fuels Development Coalition*

On behalf of the member groups of the Clean Fuels Development Coalition (CFDC), we are extending an invitation to your organization to become a member of our coalition.

Founded in 1987, CFDC is a non-profit, 501-C-6 tax-exempt organization supported by membership dues, government and foundation grants, sponsorship of special events and projects, and the sales of publications. During its twenty years CFDC has brought together hundreds of organizations, companies, and individuals from environmental, consumer, government, and energy policy groups to work together in support of CFDC's core mission of advancing the development and use of clean transportation fuels. Collectively these groups represent several thousand companies, state and community-based groups, and dedicated individuals that share a concern about energy policy status quo. CFDC has a membership open to incorporated, for profit businesses and organizations as well as governmental bodies and academic institutions nationwide that share CFDC's vision.

That mission is to increase federal and state government support for clean burning, renewable energy technologies (i.e., ethanol, biodiesel, biomass-based products and services) and vehicles that utilize these fuels that are proven to reduce oil imports, improve the environment, and stimulate the economy. Through its education efforts, CFDC supports its charter by helping business and government leaders make decisions that will have a positive impact on federal and state energy policies such as budget and tax related policies designed to spur economic growth in the renewable energy sectors while protecting the environment.

Over the past twenty years, CFDC has successfully led the effort to increase the demand for clean fuels and enhance federal renewable energy programs. Some examples of our leadership are outlined below.

∞ *National Issues:* CFDC has designed and/or successfully advanced a variety of federal tax incentives and related programs to simulate ethanol production and technologies such as the development of the oxygenated and reformulated gasoline programs, the renewable fuel standard, and renewable tax credits. In addition to being involved in every major legislative initiative of the past 20 years, CFDC has also been at the table to work with the federal agencies charged with the responsibility of implementing these programs. The coalition has been represented in such areas the Clean Air Act regulatory negotiations, the Federal Fleet Conversion Task Force , the Federal Biomass Advisory Council, and numerous other councils, commissions, and forums. CFDC makes sure its members voices are heard as regulations are developed that have an impact on the deployment of these technologies and products in the market place.

— *State Programs:* CFDC has a long history of working with state energy and air quality officials to establish renewable fuels like ethanol as a valuable component of clean air strategies. Due to its broad based membership and wide area of expertise, CFDC was selected to help develop strategies in Phoenix, Denver, Albuquerque, Louisville, Birmingham, and dozens of other areas around the country. In addition, the coalition has advised states on successful ethanol incentive programs to expand the industry.

- ⌘ *Reaching Out*: In 1989 CFDC established the *Environmental and Clean Energy Inaugural Ball* to celebrate the bipartisan efforts of the Administration, House of Representatives, the Senate and federal agencies that work together to advance sustainable energy and environmental programs. Through
- ⌘ In addition to direct involvement in policy and regulations CFDC leads a national public education effort through its non profit foundation. Key to this effort is the *Ethanol Across America* program that produces a wide range of educational tools including the award winning Ethanol Fact Book , Issue Briefs, White Papers, Ethanol Minute Radio Program, FlexFuel Vehicle Club, Consumer Brochures, the Ethanol Plant Guide, and many other publications. In addition the CFDC continually issues news releases, publishes editorials, and hosts/sponsors numerous related conferences and workshops in cooperation with industry partners as well as government agencies. CFDC has authored hundreds of letters to the White House, members of Congress, and federal agencies on current energy policy issues.
- ⌘ CFDC helps supports the efforts of the Sustainable Energy Coalition and efforts to advance the congressional Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Caucuses which now includes a majority of the members of the U.S. House of Representatives and one-third of the members of the U.S. Senate. It has also sponsored and participated in the annual Congressional Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency EXPO.

***Some examples of CFDC efforts planned for 2010 include:***

- ⌘ Continue to value-add and leverage the resources of its members to achieve its mission. The Coalition will support a range of initiatives such as the Bush Administration's vision to reduce oil imports and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- ⌘ Opportunities in the Farm Bill, Tax Bill, Climate Change legislation, the Transportation Bill and countless other opportunities to advance ethanol and biofuels are certain as the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress continue to tackle energy issues.
- ⌘ Work with America's auto companies to maximize the opportunities at hand, and develop workable, practical solutions to reduce the U.S. addiction to oil.
- ⌘ Continue to build a strong and diverse coalition of businesses, industries, academia, media representatives, and government organizations that are aligned with the CFDC mission;
- ⌘ Design/Host/Sponsor/Promote/Coordinate over 20 workshops, seminars, and conferences designed to advance the CFDC mission;
- ⌘ Work to further increase membership in the U.S. House of Representatives' and U.S. Senate's Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Caucuses;
- ⌘ Actively educate and work with key Members of Congress and the Administration on current energy policy and related issues;
- ⌘ Continue to publish a series of issues briefs, white papers, radio shows and other education tools outlining the energy, environmental, economic and technical potential of clean and renewable fuels;
- ⌘ Monitor the media and issue news releases, editorials, articles and other medial related activities designed to make the media more accountable for information dissemination on related issues.



*CFDC Member Services: Working for you.*

- ✂ Few industries are as dependent on the actions of government as the ethanol and biofuel industries are. You will receive CFDC's periodic updates with information on developments in Congress, the White House, federal agencies, and other industry related developments and issues around the country. This is not just information, it is analysis. By being in the room and at the table, CFDC doesn't simply report the news. We break it down and help our members understand what it means to their bottom lines.
- ✂ When the time comes for action, CFDC members are heard before Congress, agencies, and state governments. And, CFDC members—not just Washington staff—often testify before Congress and get involved.
- ✂ A force multiplier, CFDC provides our members with publications, analysis, insights, and counsel as the entire coalition works to support other members on various local initiatives.
- ✂ Receive opportunities to sign on to policy statements developed by the CFDC and affiliated organizations on a cross-section of related issues;
- ✂ Have the opportunity to submit relevant news releases that can be included in the CFDC's updates and published on the Coalition's website;
- ✂ Be alerted about opportunities to participate in national education campaigns, workshops and conferences coordinated by or supported by CFDC its member companies or affiliated organizations.

*Get involved and get active. CFDC will arm you to move your business, and the entire industry, forward.*

Annual dues for CFDC Members are based on an organization's annual energy program budget and other voluntary contributions. Our guidelines are provided in the attached registration form.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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## CFDC Membership Registration Form

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address(s) For Updates : \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please give us a call if you find a category that fits your needs:**

Annual Dues Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_:

Annual Budget	Corresponding Dues
Individual	\$1,250
\$1MM - \$5MM	\$2,500
\$5MM to \$10MM	\$5,000
\$10MM to \$15MM	\$10,000
\$15MM to \$20MM	\$15,000
\$20MM plus	\$25,000

Please provide a short written description of your organization (about 200 words), or (2) written materials that describe your organization.

My organization's goals and priorities are consistent with those stated by CFDC.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for your support!