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Hydrogen Hybrid Bus Leaves Columbia Following Successful Fuel Cell/Battery Technology Demonstration

Bus Exits Phase I Midlands Demo for Phase II in Austin, Texas Debut

(Columbia, SC) December 18, 2010—The Hydrogen Hybrid Bus, a prototype mass transit vehicle and part of the Federal Transit Administration's National Fuel Cell Bus Program leaves Columbia for its second demonstration site, Austin, Texas today.

The 35-foot, 37-passenger bus arrived in Columbia in August, 2009 and served as a transit vehicle for the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) and as a shuttle bus for the University of South Carolina as part of phase one of a three phase demonstration program.

An example of a public/private partnership, the bus also participated in various conferences and meetings including the 2010 Winter Olympics, the 2009 National Hydrogen Association Conference and many other parades, football games and educational activities.

Built by Proterra, a Colorado-based manufacturer, the Hydrogen Hybrid Bus stage one demonstration included a successful commercialization initiative with the builder opening a large scale, \$68 million commercial facility in Greenville, SC.

An estimated 1200 jobs will be added to the upstate as a result of the facility's stand-up. Proterra's long term goal is building 8 advanced buses a day for electric and fuel cell hybrid applications worldwide.

"The Hydrogen Hybrid bus program has been very successful to date with a wide variety of individuals and organizations taking notice of the bus and its technological applications," said Hydrogen Hybrid Bus program manager, Erik Bigelow of the Center for Transportation and the Environment. "The commercialization hit was a cherry on top of what has been a very successful program," he added.

With the mission of educating Americans about the future of hydrogen propulsion, and proving the concept of a battery/fuel cell propulsion application for mass transit, the bus completed more than 6,000 miles of over the road service, completed 20 days of Olympic Games "Shadow Service," attended 34 educational events and more than 35, 540 people on a one-to-one basis with a total media impressions number in excess of 4,405,600 and netting more than 108 stories in national, regional and local media including a wide variety of new media and online stories.

Partners for the program included Altair Nano, Hydrogenics, the Center for Transportation and the Environment, Signature Transportation Services, Big Fish Ad/PR, CMRTA, The University of South Carolina, the City of Columbia, and SCRA.

For more information about the bus, visit www.hydrogenhybridbus.com.