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Natural Gas Vehicle Institute Recognized as ASE-Certified CASE Training Provider

Las Vegas, NV - Natural Gas Vehicle Institute (NGVi) announced today that it has received certification from the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) for the company's training programs. NGVi is the first and only ASE-certified CASE provider that specializes in training for the natural gas vehicle industry.

In late October, a National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) evaluation team visited NGVi's corporate headquarters and performed a detailed on-site evaluation of the company's training development process and curriculum, leading to the certification. To receive certification, training companies must go through a rigorous and extensive review of their training and student assessment methods, validity of the curriculum and material, administrative processes, and instructor qualifications. ASE CASE certification is administered by NATEF, and assures the highest quality of training processes. Because of the stringent requirements, only about 50 U.S. companies have achieved this certification.

NGVi's training programs deliver the most up-to-date information on a wide range of topics, including natural gas vehicle and technician safety, CNG fueling system inspections, CNG fueling station sizing, design, operation and maintenance, and overall NGV fleet management. They focus on the practical "how-to" procedures and industry best practices. NGVi's curriculum is updated continuously, assuring that it contains the most recent developments and state-of-the-art practices in the respective subject area.

"Natural Gas Vehicle Institute is well known in the industry for its dedication to providing comprehensive and high quality training programs," said Leo Thomason, Executive Director of NGVi. "We share this commitment with ASE, and are proud to provide our customers with the leading-edge courses that train them to safely and competently operate and manage natural gas vehicles and fueling technologies."

In its more than 23-year history, NGVi has equipped more than 16,000 employees with the skills they need to safely implement, operate and maintain natural gas-powered vehicles and fueling stations. NGVi's certified training processes prepare vehicle technicians, fleet operators, and any employees involved with maintaining or driving NGVs to perform these tasks safely and efficiently.

For more information, please visit the NGVi website: www.ngvi.com.

About NGVi: NGVi is North America's leading provider of technical consulting and training education on natural gas vehicles and fueling technologies. Established in 1989, NGVi has worked with hundreds of companies and government agencies throughout the U.S. and worldwide to help successfully integrate natural gas into their transportation mix. NGVi's training team is comprised of CSA and ASE certified instructors, each with more than 20 years' experience in technical consulting and training on natural gas vehicles and fueling. Leo Thomason, Executive Director, is known internationally as an expert in natural gas fueling and vehicle technology. To date, NGVi has successfully trained more than 16,000 students in the United States and worldwide.

About ASE: ASE is the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, a non-profit organization established in 1972 by the automotive industry to improve the quality of vehicle repair and service through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive repair technicians. NATEF, the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, is a separate non-profit foundation within the ASE organization. The primary mission of NATEF is to improve the quality of automotive technician training programs nationwide through voluntary certification. NATEF is responsible for the evaluation process, and makes recommendations for ASE certification based on the evaluation.