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**NGVi Expands Staff with Automotive Industry Expert and Educator**

**Las Vegas, NV** - Natural Gas Vehicle Institute (NGVi), North America's leading provider of training and consulting services related to natural gas as a transportation fuel, is pleased to announce the addition of Paul Pate to its staff as Training Manager. Mr. Pate, an ASE Master Certified technician, brings more than twenty years of experience in the automotive industry working as a technician, an educator, a program developer, and an industry expert.

Prior to joining NGVi, Mr. Pate worked at the College of Southern Nevada teaching and administering college level courses. During his 17-year tenure as a faculty member and administrator, he provided the leadership that successfully expanded the automotive program, and was responsible for development of multiple credit and non-credit based programs, including Aviation, Collision Repair, Environmental Safety and Health Safety Management Emphasis, Power Utilities, Diesel Technology, Adjunct Teacher Training Seminar Program for Technical Faculty, and GM Remote Training Center and Skid Car. Additionally, Mr. Pate was an owner of Auto Solutions LLC, a consulting company that provided automotive related arbitration services and educational program development.

Along with his professional career, Mr. Pate has received appointments by two State Governors to committees regarding automotive legislation, has served as the President of an international college automotive association and has been an active member in the alternative fuels training development. Furthermore, Paul has authored numerous technical articles, technical curriculum and is currently completing work on an alternative fuel textbook.

"Having worked as a technical automotive faculty expert for many years, Paul brings a valuable range of knowledge and experience of technical education and knows the alternative fuels

technologies extremely well,” said Leo Thomason, Executive Director of NGVi. “We’re confident that his involvement in the automotive industry and his dedication to teaching will provide a great benefit to NGVi and its customers.”

Paul holds a Master’s Degree in the education field with an emphasis on curriculum development for adult learners.

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