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Industry's Premier NGV Technician Training Featured at TMC Conference

NGVi Provides Truck Operators with Comprehensive Solutions to a Successful NGV Program

Las Vegas, NV – Natural Gas Vehicle Institute (NGVi), North America's leading provider of technical consulting and training on natural gas vehicles and fueling technologies, will showcase its comprehensive training program for heavy-duty NGV technicians at the Technology & Maintenance Council's Annual Meeting & Transportation Technology Exhibition. To be held March 10-13 in Nashville, TN, the event is the premier technology marketplace for new trucking-related products and services. Conference attendees are invited to join NGVi at **booth # 1804** for one-on-one conversations about their CNG or LNG programs and technical hands-on demonstrations with subject-matter experts.

Trucking is the fastest growing market for natural gas as a transportation fuel in the United States. The demanding and unique operating characteristics of heavy-duty trucks, combined with the enormous cost savings that natural gas affords, makes this fuel the perfect choice for heavy-duty fleets.

To accommodate the growing demand for NGV training, NGVi offers three levels of ASE-accredited training programs for vehicle technicians and management. **Technician and Fleet Operations Safety Training** helps technicians understand the differences between natural gas and traditional liquid fuels, safety procedures that need to be implemented, and basic fuel system operation. This course provides the foundation for technicians expected to work on or around NGVs, and also prepares them for the more advanced training courses that NGVi offers. **CNG Fuel System Inspector Training** is designed for technicians who will conduct the federally required system inspections (a CNG fuel system is required to be inspected every three years or 36,000 miles; or after any fire or accident exceeding 5 mph). Finally, **NGV Heavy-Duty Maintenance and Diagnostics Training** is an intensive course which teaches experienced diesel technicians how to maintain and diagnose the entire natural gas vehicle fuel system—including the engines.

"Each of our training classes is designed to meet the needs of vehicle technicians based on their duties," said Paul Pate, master curriculum developer and NGVi Training Manager. "Whether technicians need a basic foundational understanding of how natural gas systems work, or they need to learn how to perform detailed maintenance, diagnostics or repair of their

fleet vehicles, appropriate training is crucial."

"Even seasoned vehicle technicians with years of experience on gasoline or especially diesel engines need training before they can safely and efficiently work on natural gas powered vehicles, he added. "Our programs compliment their experience with critical information, industry best practices, and safe procedures needed when working on NGV systems."

Established in 1989, NGVi is the only Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) CASE (Continuing Automotive Service Education) accredited training provider for CNG and LNG vehicles. In its more than 25-year history, NGVi has equipped more than 18,000 students with the skills they need to safely implement, operate and maintain natural gas-powered vehicles and fueling stations. NGVi's client base includes a vast number of truck operators, commercial fleets, government fleets, school bus fleet operators, vehicle manufacturers, fleet leasing companies and NGV industry members. Clients include Agility Fuel Systems, Cummins Inc., Encana Oil & Gas, FedEx Freight, Freightliner, Frito-Lay, Kwik-Trip, Mack Trucks, McNeilus, Navistar, Inc., Penske Truck Leasing, Ryder, TravelCenters of America, Supervalu, UPS, Volvo, Veolia Transportation, Waste Management and many more.

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