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**MAYOR DALEY ANNOUNCES INSTALLATION OF  
220 CHARGING STATIONS IN CITY FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

*Increased Use of Electric Vehicles Is Important Part of  
Chicago's Climate Action Plan*

Mayor Richard M. Daley said today that 280 charging stations for electric vehicles will be installed in the Chicago area – 220 of which will be located in the City.

“If the use of energy-efficient vehicles is to expand the way it should, we have to use every tool available to us and move ahead on many fronts, leading by example,” Daley said in a news conference held at McCormick Place, 2301 S. King Dr.

“Motor vehicles are the largest contributor to air pollution in Chicago. By improving air quality and reducing how much fuel we use, we also improve the health of our residents and save money on fuel costs,” he said.

Daley said an important part of the City's comprehensive Climate Action Plan calls for the increased use of electric vehicles to help reduce dependence on oil and improve air quality. But because electric vehicles and electric vehicle infrastructure are new transportation technologies, the City has looked for ways to support the private sector by encouraging local economic investment in this field.

The City will partner with 350Green, LLC, to carry out the “Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project.”

350Green -- which was selected in a competitive process -- will install, own and operate 73 DC quick-charging stations and 207 Level 2 stations for electric vehicles in the Chicago area. The project will be completed by the end of 2011, with 75 percent completion by August.

About 50 of the Quick -Charge stations and 170 of the Level 2 stations will be in the city. A Level 2 station takes from three to eight hours to charge a vehicle; a Quick Charge station can charge a vehicle in less than 30 minutes.

The charging stations will be broadly distributed in retail shopping centers, at the airports, at Illinois Tollway oases and in other places where Chicago drivers park, thus addressing the single greatest barrier to the broader adoption of electric vehicles: driver concern about running out of charge.

Daley said 350Green has leveraged \$2 million in public money to raise another \$6.9 million in private investment, so only about 22 percent of the project's funding comes from public sources. The public money is \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Energy under the federal economic stimulus program and \$1 million from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

"Chicago is on the cutting edge of national efforts to prepare for electric vehicles. When this project is completed, Chicago will have the most DC quick-charging stations of any city in the country, with only the entire State of California surpassing our station numbers," he said.

In addition to improving air quality and saving money, the Project itself will directly create 50 jobs. 350Green is committed to be a long-term corporate citizen in the City of Chicago by locating its national call center here, where the majority of the jobs will be located.

The Mayor said establishing the charging stations will encourage car manufacturers to sell electric vehicles in Chicago and because this project is cutting edge and emphasizes a long-term approach to electric vehicles, it can encourage funders and investors to consider supporting the project to an even greater degree.

The project is leveraging a broad range of public and private partners such as the Chicago Area Clean City Coalition, ComEd, Zipcar and IGo car sharing companies, and the Clinton Climate Initiative.

Daley pointed out that the City is making good progress in making its own vehicle fleet more environmentally-friendly. The fleet now has 1,078 alternative fuel vehicles, 323 hybrid vehicles, 8 electric vehicles and has retrofitted 1,535 diesel vehicles. In addition, the CTA now has 228 hybrid buses in its fleet.

"Since I have been Mayor, my goal has been to make Chicago a shining example of how a large city can live in harmony with its environment in a way that is good for our economy. As a result, Chicago will be an even better place for all its residents," Daley said. "I am confident that if we continue to address our challenges together with creativity, boldness and innovation as this project does, our city will continue to lead the world in designing a path to a stronger environmental and economic future."