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**AUTO SUPPLIERS, STATE OF MICHIGAN AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
ANNOUNCE FORMATION OF ALLIANCE TO ADVANCE VEHICLE
TECHNOLOGIES**

*Initial Focus on Lightweight Materials, Electrical and Electronic Thermal Management,
and Engine Combustion and Emission After-Treatment*

DETROIT – The formation of a cooperative, pre-competitive research and development alliance was announced today at the North American International Auto Show by representatives of the automotive supplier industry and officials of state and federal government. It will be known as the U.S. Automotive Partnership for Advancing Research & Technologies – or USAutoPARTs.

Signing a Memorandum of Intent to participate in supporting USAutoPARTs, were Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Department of Energy Under Secretary Clarence H. Albright Jr. and, on behalf of USAutoPARTs, Neil De Koker, president and CEO of the Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA).

USAutoPARTs will perform pre-competitive research and engage auto suppliers to advance cost-effective emerging technologies into performance-specified, factory-ready materials, processes, components and systems. It will initially have three research consortia that are aligned with member supplier businesses and national priorities for energy, environment and competitiveness. The consortia will focus on lightweight materials, electrical and electronic thermal management, and engine combustion and emission after-treatment.

Suppliers and others may choose to participate in one or more of the current research consortia, or those that will be selected in the future. Participants are required to make a financial contribution based on the number of consortia they select, and a portion of that amount may include the value of loaned personnel and in-kind contributions.

“Michigan suppliers will be at the center of this partnership to develop advanced automotive and alternative energy technologies,” said Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. “As this center evolves, we are determined to see that their cutting edge research results in innovative products designed and produced right here in Michigan.”

At the federal level, DOE and its world-class national labs, specifically its Oak Ridge National Laboratory, intends to perform advanced research and provide technical assistance valued at up to \$9 million beginning in 2008, to further the efforts of USAutoPARTs. The areas on which USAutoPARTs will initially focus are well aligned with the DOE’s Vehicle Technologies Program, which aims to develop vehicle technologies and clean, renewable fuels that could dramatically reduce the demand for petroleum, decrease emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases, and enable the U.S. transportation industry to sustain a strong, competitive position in domestic and world markets. Funding and similar support is also being provided by the U.S. Department of Defense.

“Coming on the heels of the President signing new energy legislation last month, this alliance with state government and industry demonstrates a shared commitment to advance highly efficient vehicle technologies that will help reduce our reliance on foreign energy and promote robust economic growth,” DOE Under Secretary Albright said. “Furthering the Administration’s comprehensive effort to increase energy security, we are eager for this alliance to take shape so cleaner, more efficient vehicles can successfully move from the laboratory to the showroom.”

USAutoPARTs will be located in Shelby Township, Michigan, in a 56,000 square foot comprehensive vehicle R&D center with established laboratory infrastructure that will support approximately 200 persons. Delphi Corporation is vacating this facility under its corporate restructuring program.

“Delphi is delighted that leaders in state and federal government and the supplier community supported our suggestion that a facility formerly occupied by Delphi be preserved and adapted for pre-competitive collaborative work,” said Dr. Andrew Brown, Jr., executive director of Delphi Corporation’s Innovation & Technology

Office and chief technologist. “By utilizing this state-of-the-art research center, participants will be able to create advanced technologies more efficiently and get product solutions to the market more quickly.”

Brown noted that, “Delphi is contributing equipment and laboratory assets to the facility that will aid the industry, working with state and federal government, to address the safe, green and connected challenges before us.”

An organizing board has been formed to govern USAutoPARTs, and its research mission. Those participating include: Automation Alley, the Center for Automotive Research, Delphi Corporation, McLaren Performance Technologies, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Original Equipment Suppliers Association, U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research and Development and Engineering Center, Visteon Corporation, and Wayne State University.

“We know the pace and expense of automotive innovation required to meet future environmental, consumer and business requirements will grow rapidly over the next decade,” said Neil De Koker, president and CEO of the Original Equipment Suppliers Association. “Working with the U.S. National labs, USAutoPARTs, through DOE’s Oak Ridge National Lab, connectivity with universities and the automotive supply chain, and collaborative knowledge and financial leverage, will significantly assist automotive suppliers in developing tomorrow’s technology in a cost effective manner.”

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