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EPA RECOGNIZES CITY OF DALLAS FOR LEADING GREEN POWER PURCHASE *CITY RANKS #1 AMONG ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS*

DALLAS - The City of Dallas announced today that for the first time it appears on two of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) lists of largest green power purchasers: Top 10 Local Governments List and the National Top 25 List.

The City of Dallas is purchasing nearly 334 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power in 2008, which is enough green power to meet 40 percent of the organization's purchased electricity use. This purchase lands the City of Dallas in the **No. 1 spot on the EPA's Top 10 Local Government List and No. 9 on the National Top 25 List**. The National Top 25 List includes leading U.S. organizations — from Fortune 500 companies to local, state and federal governments, and a growing number of colleges and universities.

"This ranking will demonstrate that Dallas is not only committed to improving the environment, but is committed to being the Greenest City in America," said Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert.

"The City of Dallas understands that each of us - every individual, every business, every government must act to protect our environment. And this city knows it must lead by example, and the best way to do that is with our purchasing clout. Clearly, this ranking demonstrates on a national level that our commitment is solid, and I am confident we will continue to be a leader on a local and national level, because it's the right thing to do for our future," added Leppert.

Green power is electricity that is generated from environmentally preferable renewable resources, such as wind, solar, geothermal, biogas, biomass and low-impact hydro. These resources generate electricity with a net zero increase in carbon dioxide emissions, while offering a superior environmental profile compared to traditional power generation sources. The City of Dallas is currently buying 40 percent of its total purchased electricity from renewable sources, primarily wind.

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"EPA applauds our local government partners for protecting our environment by purchasing green power," said EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson. "By voluntarily shifting to

renewable energy, the City of Dallas is proving you don't need to wait for a signal in order to go green."

This purchase also qualifies the City of Dallas for the **EPA's Green Power Leadership Club**, a distinction given to organizations that have significantly exceeded EPA's minimum purchase requirements. Green Power Leadership Club members must purchase ten times the partnership's minimum requirement organization-wide. The City of Dallas' commitment to green power helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions while also supporting the development of new renewable generation capacity nationwide.

"This is a huge honor and we are proud to be recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," said City Manager Mary K. Suhm. "Purchasing green power helps our organization become more sustainable, while also sending a message to others across the U.S. that supporting clean sources of electricity is a sound business decision and an important choice in reducing climate risk."

According to the EPA, the City of Dallas' green power purchase of nearly 334 million (kWh) is equivalent to avoiding the carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions of nearly 48,000 passenger vehicles per year, or is the equivalent amount of electricity needed to power nearly 33,000 average American homes annually.

Today, the EPA updated each of its National Top Partner lists, highlighting some of America's largest green power purchasers. Each list highlights EPA Green Power Partners that have completed the largest annual voluntary purchases through January 8, 2008. EPA's updates its Top Partner Lists quarterly at <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/toplists/>.

About Green Dallas

The purchase of renewable, green power is just one of many steps the City has taken as part of the Green Dallas initiative. For example, Dallas also boasts the largest alternative fueled city-owned fleet in Texas and one of the largest in the nation with 41 percent of its fleet running on alternative fuels or a hybrid mix.

To find out more about how the City of Dallas is an environmental leader and what residents can do to 'build a greener Dallas,' visit the City's green Web site www.GreenDallas.net

About EPA's Green Power Partnership

The Green Power Partnership is a voluntary program that encourages organizations to buy green power as a way to reduce the environmental impacts associated with purchased electricity use. The Partnership currently has hundreds of Partner organizations voluntarily purchasing billions of kilowatt-hours of green power annually. Partners include a wide variety of leading organizations such as Fortune 500 companies, small and medium sized businesses, local, state, and federal governments, and colleges and universities. For additional information, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower>.

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