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HEADLINE:**EMTEC RECEIVES STATE OF OHIO GRANT FOR FUEL CELL SUPPLY CHAIN**

The Edison Materials Technology Center (EMTEC) of Dayton, Ohio, announced today that it has received a grant from the Ohio Department of Development in support of the development of a Fuel Cell Supply Chain project to build and strengthen the fuel cell industry in Ohio. The two-year Fuel Cell Supply Chain development award will build a comprehensive supply chain database which identifies Ohio companies capable of being suppliers of fuel cell materials and components. In addition, the funds will promote and maintain a "Fuel Cell Request Hotline" enabling non-Ohio fuel cell manufacturers to locate qualified suppliers of fuel cell components and materials within the state as well as assisting in other fuel cell technology issues. Data development will be achieved by identifying major fuel cell subsystems, components and materials as a function of fuel cell type and then linking this information with existing fuel cell suppliers and with related industries which could supply such products. The database will also incorporate expertise and other information from Ohio's key universities and research centers. Since fuel cells are an emerging technology, Ohio's fuel cell industry will strategically benefit from this resource scheduled to be available as a beta-version database in 2005 and in a final version by the end of 2006. Both the beta and final version of Ohio's Fuel Cell Supply Chain database will be accessible from EMTEC's website (www.emtec.org). The Fuel Cell Request Hotline is already operational and available to Ohio's fuel cell related industries through this website.

The development of the Fuel Cell Supply Chain will impact the future of the manufacturing sector in Ohio by enabling Ohio companies to gain a competitive edge via early participation and knowledge of fuel cell opportunities. According to the Ohio Department of Development, the emerging fuel cell technology market is an opportunity for new high wage job growth in Ohio. With research and technology strengths in Advanced Materials, Power and Propulsion, and Instrumentation, Controls and Electronics Ohio has the potential to become a principal player in advanced technology. By connecting fuel cell technology with manufacturing capabilities, Ohio can emerge as one of the leading geographic regions in the global fuel cell market.

The Edison Materials Technology Center (EMTEC) in Dayton, OH, is a non-profit, member-based organization serving Ohio and is committed to the mission of "...accelerating materials technology to the market..." With over 18 years experience in applied research management, commercial successes, startups, and spin-offs EMTEC focuses on commercialization assistance for Ohio's high growth potential materials technologies. EMTEC provides technical coordination and commercialization assistance to Ohio's industry, universities, and government labs that strengthen Ohio's industrial competitiveness in automotive, tooling and machining, metal casting, polymer, biomaterials, and alternative energy markets.

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