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EMTEC RELEASES ONLINE VERSION OF OHIO FUEL CELL SUPPLY CHAIN DATABASE

The Edison Materials Technology Center (EMTEC) of Dayton, Ohio, announced today that it has developed and released a searchable online database of Ohio organizations, contacts, products, and services that contribute to the emerging fuel cell supply chain. The database development, accessible through <http://www.emtec.org>, is part of the Ohio Fuel Cell Supply Chain Project funded by the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD). This project aims to stimulate, build, and strengthen the fuel cell industry in Ohio by identifying Ohio entities that are, or may be, capable of becoming suppliers of fuel cell materials, components, and technological expertise.

The database is currently composed primarily of Ohio's industry, academic, and government entities which are dedicated to developing and implementing a forward looking plan to advance the fuel cell industry in Ohio. Database users may search by product or service offering, organization, or individual name. Alternatively, users may search by key word or phrase. Organizations and individuals may register themselves for inclusion in the database by completing an online registration form. EMTEC also welcomes user comments as a means of continuously improving site usefulness.

EMTEC's Fuel Cell Supply Chain Database enables companies to become early participants in the emerging hydrogen economy using fuel cells as one avenue of market opportunities. By utilizing the database, users are able to make appropriate connections and integrate their strengths in research, manufacturing, and/or services to the fuel cell market. By supporting this database creation, one ODOD objective is to stimulate Ohio's economic growth in this new market through helping to connect fuel cell technology needs with Ohio's manufacturing capabilities.

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 potentially high growth materials technology. 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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