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HEADLINE: Edison Center to Host 3rd Membrane Electrode Assembly (MEA) Manufacturing Symposium

Dayton, Ohio -- The Edison Materials Technology Center (EMTEC) will host the 3rd *Membrane Electrode Assembly (MEA) Manufacturing Symposium* August 21-23, 2007 at the Dayton Marriott in Dayton, Ohio. The three-day symposium is supported by Ohio's Third Frontier Program and includes speakers such as Dr. Jack Brouwer of the National Fuel Cell Research Center, as well as many state, national, and international experts.

The Membrane Electrode Assembly (MEA) is the heart of the Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell (PEMFC). The MEA consists of two electrodes, the anode and the cathode, which are each coated on one side with a thin catalyst layer and separated by a proton exchange membrane (PEM). The flow-field plates direct hydrogen to the anode and oxygen (from air) to the cathode.

According to Dr. Michael Martin, Vice President of Alternative Energy Technologies at EMTEC, "The feedback received from last year's symposium was strong and we want to make this an annual event. We see Ohio as an emerging leader in the manufacturing and supplying of materials for fuel cells, and this highly focused symposium is a great opportunity to share ideas and to help position Ohio companies as leaders in this field."

Opportunities for sponsorship, exhibiting, and technical poster display are still available. For more information regarding this event, and to view the Call for Abstracts, please follow the symposium link provided at www.emtec.org.

The Edison Materials Technology Center (EMTEC) in Dayton, OH, is a non-profit, member-based organization serving Ohio. As an organization that develops business and technology strategies, sponsors, coordinates and manages collaborative projects and programs leading to commercialization or new business formation EMTEC is committed to the mission of accelerating materials technology to the market. With over 20 years experience in applied research management, commercial successes, and startups EMTEC focuses on assistance for potentially high growth materials technologies. EMTEC provides technical coordination and commercialization assistance to Ohio's industry, universities, and government labs to strengthen Ohio's industrial competitiveness in automotive, metal casting, nanomaterials, polymers, composites, biomaterials, and alternative energy markets.

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