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City of Cincinnati Hosts 2nd Annual Employee Energy Fair

City providing practical information on how to reduce energy use at work and home

Cincinnati – On Friday, October 2, the City of Cincinnati will host the second annual Regional Government Employee Energy Fair at the Duke Energy Convention Center from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. Open to all government employees in the Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana tri-state region, the event will include a variety of speakers and exhibitors on a wide range of energy topics including energy efficient buildings, geothermal heating and cooling systems, recycling, EcoDriving, and more. Several electric cars will be on display. Sponsors of the Employee Energy Fair include Ameresco, Duke Energy, and Honeywell.

The City of Cincinnati spends more than \$30 million per year on energy, making it the City's second largest expense after payroll. In 2009, the City saved more than \$800,000 through energy conservation measures and energy bill management led by the Office of Environmental Quality.

The City's energy efficiency efforts are part of Mayor Mallory's Green Cincinnati Action Plan, passed by Council in June 2008 to reduce Cincinnati's contribution to global climate change and make the region a more sustainable, healthier place to live. The Mayor and the City Administration are leading by example, emphasizing energy conservation measures that government employees can implement both at work and home.

"By focusing on energy conservation, local governments can reduce our operating expenses at the same time we improve our environment," Mayor Mark Mallory said. "Simple decisions that individuals make each day can significantly impact our energy usage and lead to big savings. Reducing our energy costs allows us to redirect that funding to other priorities like public safety and job creation."

"The City of Cincinnati is serious about energy conservation. Already this year, the City has committed to energy efficiency improvements in 39 City buildings, guaranteed to reduce City energy bills by at least \$427,240 annually. But improving our buildings is only half the story. The other half is encouraging City employees to take action to conserve energy," said City Manager Milton Dohoney. "This energy fair will give employees the necessary knowledge and motivation to reduce their own energy use at home and work." An invitation to other government employees was extended to other regional government leaders.

The Energy Fair has been organized by the Office of Environmental Quality and the City's Energy Management Team. Numerous City employees have volunteered their time to help make the event a success.

The Energy Fair will feature concurrent information sessions running from 7:30 am until 1 pm on October 2. For more information, contact Bonnie Phillips, the Office of Environmental Quality, at 513-352-5310 or bonnie.phillips@cincinnati-oh.gov.