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**NJ HYDROGEN LEARNING CENTER NETWORK TO DISCUSS
ALTERNATIVE FUEL POLICIES AT RAMAPO COLLEGE**

(Mahwah) – Ramapo College of New Jersey will host a regional and educational networking meeting for stakeholders of The New Jersey Hydrogen Learning Center on Thursday, February 7, at the Pavilion on the College campus. An introduction to the potential of hydrogen in the state’s energy future will be offered at 9:30 a.m., and invited speakers will commence remarks at 10 a.m. They will discuss “Articulating a Hydrogen Energy Policy at the State Level: New York Lessons for New Jersey.” The presentation will explore New York and New Jersey state government plans and policies to develop a hydrogen economy. A tour of Ramapo College’s fuel cell will be conducted at the conclusion of the conference, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting is free and open to the public; attendees may RSVP to Carmela Federico at 201.684.6227 or cfederic@ramapo.edu. The snow date is February 14th. Attendees will be notified if the event is cancelled due to inclement weather.

John Love, associate project manager of New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), will introduce New York’s hydrogen “roadmap.” Other speakers will provide perspectives on New Jersey state government’s policies and the role of the private sector. There will be an opportunity for the audience to join in a discussion.

The meeting is an offering of the New Jersey Hydrogen Learning Center, administered by the Center for Energy, Economic and Environmental Policy (CEEPP) at Rutgers University. The New Jersey Hydrogen Learning Center is the first organization

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of its kind in the state. Its stakeholder network is made up of businesses, non-profit organizations and academic institutions across New Jersey involved in the burgeoning hydrogen economy.

The Learning Center grew out of the recommendations of a July 2004 CEEEP report, *New Jersey: Opportunities and Options in the Hydrogen Economy*. “The purpose of the New Jersey Hydrogen Learning Center is to promote discussion and education about what role hydrogen should play as part of New Jersey’s energy portfolio,” said CEEEP Director Scott Weiner. It brings issues that stakeholders in the hydrogen economy face to the forefront, with the goal of informing New Jersey energy policy makers.

The New Jersey Hydrogen Learning Center is conducting a series of events this year focused on the stakeholder network. Ramapo College is one of several college and university partners. The others are The College of New Jersey, Ocean County College, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and the Rutgers EcoComplex. These partners have fuel cell facilities or hydrogen production facilities, and have joined together to develop hydrogen and fuel cell educational modules and to host networking meetings.

Ramapo College has received a mini-grant of \$8,000 as a university partner of the Center to host the networking meeting and to develop a hydrogen education module to be implemented in the school’s curricula. The New Jersey Hydrogen Learning Center is funded by a grant from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and is administered by the Center for Energy, Economic & Environmental Policy (CEEEP), housed within the Bloustein School at Rutgers University.

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