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ATHENS, Ohio (August 26, 2009) - The members of Rural Action, partnering with Clean Fuels Ohio and the Hocking College Energy Institute, announce today their support of the *U.S. Route 33 Biofuels Corridor*. The Biofuels Corridor is an effort to provide diesel cars and trucks the ability to travel from Columbus to the Ohio River along U.S. Rt. 33 and use only biodiesel, a diesel derived from a renewable resource. The objective is to have at least six retail biodiesel fueling points and the buses of at least three K-12 school districts using biodiesel along the four-county route. There is grant money available from the state of Ohio for both biodiesel dispensing stations at the retail level and for the incremental cost between petroleum diesel and biodiesel for K-12 school buses.

Biodiesel, produced locally from soybeans, can be used in nearly all late-model diesel vehicles and has several advantages. Among them,

- Better engine lubrication compared to petroleum diesel
- A local market for Ohio soybean farmers
- Reduces our dependence on foreign and domestic oil
- Once the oil is extracted from the soybeans the remainder can be used as animal feed

Rural Action, Clean Fuels Ohio, and the Hocking College Energy Institute are seeking businesses, school districts, and government agencies interested in dispensing or using biodiesel to join the U.S. Route 33 Biofuels Corridor. A workshop will be held on October 23rd at the Hocking College Energy Institute to answer questions and to provide information about biodiesel and the grant money available. Contact Ava Mowery at 740.380.9315 or mowery_a@hocking.edu for reservations. Tuition is \$30 for the workshop.

Rural Action is a non-profit organization based in Trimble, Ohio with the mission of fostering social, economic, and environmental justice in Appalachian Ohio. See www.ruralaction.org for more information.

Clean Fuels Ohio is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the use of cleaner domestic fuels and efficient vehicles to the transportation industry, government officials and the general public. See www.cleanfuelsohio.org for more information.

The Hocking College Energy Institute, with its campus in Logan, Ohio, is a state college learning center for energy programs such as alternative energy, fuel cells, and vehicular hybrids. See www.hocking.edu/energy-institute for more information.

