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Sysco Intermountain Inc. Contributes to Cleaner Air in Utah
*Government Leaders Applaud Business for Implementing First
Compressed Natural Gas Fleet Conversions*

SALT LAKE CITY - The Utah Clean Cities Coalition will showcase food service distributor Sysco Intermountain's first successfully retrofitted tractor trailer fueled by clean-burning compressed natural gas (CNG) on Friday, October 23 at 9:30 a.m. at Sysco Intermountain's facility, 9494 South Prosperity Road in West Jordan. Sysco's CNG class seven tractor averages over 50,000 miles a year and is routed throughout Ogden, Salt Lake City and Provo delivering food service products to customers. The CNG conversion will reduce particulate matter annually by 400 pounds.

Sysco Intermountain accomplished the successful pilot project with the help of green team partners. The company was awarded a portion of a U.S. Department of Energy \$14.9 Million grant administered by the Utah Clean Cities Coalition, an independent non-profit organization committed to reducing America's dependence on foreign oil. CH4 Energy, a Utah-based company specializing in natural gas fueling infrastructure, provided the technical expertise with the retrofit process. Cummins Rocky Mountain, the authorized CNG engine distributor for Utah, supplied the Cummins Westport 280 CNG engine.

"As someone who has spent years promoting alternative fuel vehicle incentives, I find it inspiring when an industry leader like Sysco makes it a reality. Their work on cleaner air and energy security is impressive," said Senator Orrin Hatch.

"These kinds of projects give other Utah companies the confidence to move toward cleaner-burning, locally produced fuel sources that have positive impacts on air quality and domestic energy security," said Governor Gary Herbert.

"Sysco Intermountain recognizes our responsibility, to not only serve our customers and the communities in which we operate, but to be innovative and continually look for better ways in which to promote ongoing environmental sustainability and operate as a greener company. We are proud of our advancements in the utilization of alternative fuels, and remain encouraged by the future of CNG and the other environmental initiatives of our company," said Tom Kesteloot, president and CEO of Sysco Intermountain, Inc.

“As any resident of the Wasatch Front knows, our air quality is of great concern. I congratulate Sysco Intermountain for taking a leadership role in improving our air quality and shifting to a fuel that reduces our dependence on foreign sources. I encourage other businesses to follow their strong example,” said Salt Lake County Mayor Peter M. Corroon.

“I am pleased to see Sysco Intermountain taking the lead in the food service industry. Sysco has lowered its carbon footprint and is making a commitment to clean air in Utah,” said Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker.

Sysco Intermountain Inc. is one of 23 grant partners to receive funding for CNG conversions through the Utah Clean Cities/Department of Energy \$14.9 million grant. This grant will provide new refueling stations for CNG, liquefied CNG (L/CNG), and biodiesel fuel and upgrades to the existing CNG refueling sites. Additionally, the grant will provide for 678 CNG, L/CNG and hybrid vehicles.

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