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## **STIMULUS BILL PROVIDES FUNDING FOR GEM ELECTRIC CARS**

### ***2009 Recovery Act Grants Provide Opportunity for Electric Car Purchase***

**Fargo, ND – April 13, 2009** – Now is the time to buy those GEM 100% electric cars. The new American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides funding for GEM 100% battery-electric vehicles for state and local governments – and their universities - to “green” their fleets. GEM cars are manufactured and distributed by Global Electric Motorcars, LLC, a Chrysler company based in Fargo, North Dakota where the cars are manufactured.

The first such grant is formally known as the U.S. Department of Energy National Energy Technology Laboratory Clean Cities FY90 Petroleum Reduction Technologies Projects for the Transportation Sector, Funding Opportunity Number DE-PS26-09NT01236-04, and is due May 29, 2009. It is accessible through [www.gemcar.com](http://www.gemcar.com)

This grant is available to state and local governments, and metropolitan transit agencies, “in partnership with an active designated Clean Cities Coalition(s).” In the Carolinas, for example, Triangle Clean Cities is collaborating with the other North and South Carolina Clean Cities Coalitions in embracing this opportunity in a highly organized, professional manner.

The Carolinas team is coordinating a multi-fuels effort to develop the infrastructure for alternative fuel vehicles, including a roadmap to electrifying transportation. The electric transportation team includes GEM electric cars, electric utilities, and non-profit firms like Advanced Energy, who are committed to implementing electric vehicles and infrastructure as a long-term solution to our dependence on foreign oil.

“We are focused on improving air quality, reducing the threat of global warming, and decreasing our nation’s dependence on foreign oil as quickly as possible. We are excited to work with various Coalition members like GEM and Advanced Energy in these electrification efforts,” said Kathy Boyer, Coordinator for Triangle Clean Cities.

“Kathy is such a dynamo leading this Clean Cities effort to leverage government funding from the new Recovery Act,” says Jill Mongelli, District Sales Manager in North Carolina for GEM who is working directly with Kathy and her team. “Partnering with our local dealers including Autopark of Cary and Ilderton Dodge of High Point, we are excited that state and local governments, and related universities, can leverage this federal funding subsidy to increase the use of electric vehicles in North Carolina and reduce their costs too.”

GEM electric vehicles qualify as part of this grant in the category of neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs). Any of the six models of GEM 100% electric vehicles qualify for the grant, both passenger and utility, which makes it easier for police departments and city officials, for example, to replace their gas-powered light trucks and small cars with GEM cars for parking enforcement, beach patrols and conducting municipal business around the neighborhood. They can customize their GEM cars and utility vehicles to suit their needs. The federal subsidy makes the vehicles that normally cost only two cents per mile even more economical.

State campuses such as University of North Carolina - Charlotte, which is already a model GEM campus, can use the Recovery Act funding for purchasing GEM cars, too. Universities use GEM cars for various purposes, including transporting faculty, guests, athletes and sports equipment, and maintaining the grounds (see *Campus Planning and Management* magazine, December 2008, at [www.gemcar.com/enews](http://www.gemcar.com/enews)).

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There are nearly 40,000 100% electric zero-emission – and street-legal – GEM cars on the road to date, enjoyed by college campuses, corporations, sports teams and facilities, state and local governments, and federal agencies, including the military, as well as individual consumers.

With lifecycle costs about one-third of gas-powered vehicles, GEM cars are very economical in price and fuel consumption. GEM vehicles also have many of the same safety features of traditional automobiles (such as three-point seat belts, automotive windshield safety glass, horn, mirrors and headlights), making them a safe and ideal choice for short-distance driving.

GEM 100% battery-electric vehicles produce zero tailpipe emissions. To date, GEM cars have been driven over 300 million emission-free miles, and have saved over 15 million gallons of gas. They have also prevented over 180 tons of ozone-producing pollutants from reaching the air.

For more information about GEM vehicles, to price your own, or to locate a GEM dealer, visit [www.gemcar.com](http://www.gemcar.com)

### ***About Global Electric Motorcars (GEM):***

An 11+-year old Chrysler company, GEM has nearly 40,000 neighborhood electric vehicles on the road worldwide used by state and local governments, federal government agencies, and on resorts, master planned communities, and university, medical and corporate campuses, as well as by sports teams, taxi-shuttle services, and individual consumers. GEM vehicles are eligible for incentives and tax credits from clean-air districts and other government agencies.

The six models of GEM vehicles (passenger and utility) are legal on most streets posted 35 mph and below, and have many of the same safety features of regular cars, but are much more economical in price and fuel consumption.

GEM is a winner of the prestigious 2007 Blue Sky Merit Award from WestStart-CALSTART. To date, GEM cars have been driven over 300 million emission-free miles, and have saved over 15 million gallons of gas. They have also prevented over 180 tons of ozone-producing pollutants from reaching the air.

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