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Dear Municipal Clerk:

Please see the attached NJDEP Press Release concerning the new program that will recognize electric vehicle charging stations that are installed on employers worksites.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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CHRISTIE ADMINISTRATION LAUNCHES RECOGNITION PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYERS WHO INSTALL ELECTRIC-VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

(16/P69) TRENTON – Workplaces that install electric-vehicle charging stations are eligible for special state recognition, Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Martin and New Jersey Board of Public Utilities President Richard S. Mroz announced today.

The recognition program, “NJ Charging Challenge: Electrify Your Workplace,” complements the recently announced “It Pays To Plug In” program, a joint initiative of the DEP and BPU that provides grants to help employers make electric-vehicle charging stations available to their workforces.

The DEP is currently soliciting applications from employers for recognition in the NJ Charging Challenge program. Employers from both the private and public sectors who have installed at least two electric-vehicle charging stations at their workplaces since January 1, 2015 are eligible to participate in the challenge.



All workplaces that qualify will receive a certificate from the state. Top-performing employers will be honored during the annual Governor’s Environmental Excellence Awards ceremony this December in Trenton.

“The response to the ‘It Pays To Plug In’ grant program has been very positive, and we want to keep building on this success by formally acknowledging those employers

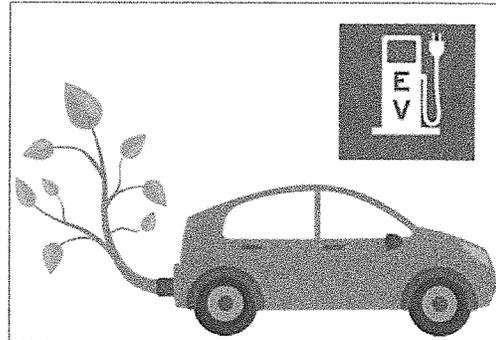
who are working to make it more practical for people to buy and drive electric vehicles, in the process improving air quality and setting an example for others to follow,” Commissioner Martin said.

“The Christie Administration’s efforts to publicize early adopters of the ‘It Pays to Plug In’

program will help drive other employers to take advantage of available incentives for workplace electric vehicle charging stations,” said BPU President Mroz. “This recognition program is a simple, yet valuable tool in achieving Governor Christie’s State Energy Master Plan’s goal of encouraging greater use of alternative-fueled vehicles.”

The use of more electric vehicles on New Jersey’s roads will reduce the amount of tailpipe emissions from gasoline-fueled vehicles that affect air quality, an important goal of the Christie Administration. Emissions from gasoline-fueled vehicles are a primary cause of ground-level ozone – also known as smog – during summer months. Smog is a respiratory irritant that can affect the health of everyone, but especially the young, the old and those with existing lung conditions.

Between 2012 and 2015, the number of electric vehicles registered in New Jersey has risen dramatically, from 1,741 to 7,818. As the number of electric vehicles increases, the public and private sectors have been working cooperatively to improve opportunities for installation of charging stations that offer a range of technologies from quick short-trip charges and medium-trip charges to rapid long-range charging.



To be eligible for 2016 recognition, completed applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, September 30 to the DEP. Eligibility criteria and details about the application process as well as a wealth of information on electric vehicles, charging stations and the benefits of electric vehicles are available at www.DriveGreen.nj.gov

You may also call the DEP’s Bureau of Mobile Sources at (609) 292-7953 or email DriveGreen@dep.nj.gov

To check New Jersey’s daily Air Quality Index, visit: www.njaqinow.net

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