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**Smith Electric Vehicles U.S. Corporation Announces Partnership
With Clean Fuels Ohio Program Targeting
\$10 Million In Federal Stimulus Dollars**

April 14, 2009 – Columbus, Ohio – Smith Electric Vehicles U.S. Corporation (SEV U.S. Corp), a Delaware corporation headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., announced today its partnership with Clean Fuels Ohio headquartered in Columbus.

Clean Fuels Ohio, a state wide non-profit organization, today launched its Ohio Electric Drive Initiative that is designed to bring more than \$10 million in federal funds to Ohio through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). SEV U.S. Corp and the Ohio State University Center for Automotive Research are participating in the Ohio Electric Drive Initiative as major program partners.

“We’re involved in this initiative to help our customers with fleet operations in Ohio take full advantage of the benefits the ARRA federal stimulus plan has to offer for the adoption of zero-emission all-electric commercial vehicles,” said Bryan Hansel, chief executive officer of SEV U.S. Corp. “With funding anticipated at 50 percent of the incremental vehicle purchase price, this program is key to making electric vehicles a viable option for fleet operators. We congratulate Clean Fuels Ohio for taking the lead in pulling together the resources needed for these funding applications.”

“As a manufacturer of road-ready all-electric commercial trucks, SEV U.S. Corp is critical to our Clean Cities grant writing program,” said Sam Spofforth, executive director of Clean Fuels Ohio. “We must demonstrate a proven technology and demand for that technology. We believe SEV U.S. Corp helps satisfy both requirements.”

The Ohio Electric Drive Initiative will apply for funds available through the Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program and Vehicle Electrification Projects. For more information visit www.DrivingOhioForward.org. SEV U.S. Corp plans to participate in similar funding programs in California, Missouri, New York and Texas.

SEV U.S. Corp will assemble all-electric zero-emission commercial vehicles in Kansas City beginning in the third quarter of 2009. The company will initially focus its production on battery-electric-powered vehicles for depot-based predictable-route delivery fleets.

SEV U.S. Corp has already received a strong expression of interest from fleet operators. Canteen Vending Services, a national vending company and an operating division of Compass Group North America based in Charlotte N.C., has signed a letter of intent with SEV U.S. Corp to purchase some of the first zero-emission vehicles to roll off the assembly line. Frito-Lay North America, a division of PepsiCo that is headquartered in Plano, Texas, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, headquartered in San Francisco, Calif., have also signed on as launch partners.

Through its U.K. partner, The Tanfield Group Plc, SEV U.S. Corp is also working with Ford Motor Company to electrify the Ford Transit Connect as a BEV (battery electric vehicle) light-duty van scheduled for production in 2010.

"These visionary companies will help take all-electric commercial vehicles to the next level by introducing this advanced technology to their fleet operations," noted Hansel. "This is the critical first phase of transforming the commercial transportation industry. We must do all we can to help them be successful."

As more truck fleets adopt the technology, Hansel projects it will drive advancements in battery technology, drive down manufacturing costs, and form the foundation of a U.S.-based supply chain that, over time will also significantly reduce the cost of commercial electric vehicles.

SEV U.S. Corp is a privately held company and is owned by U.S. investors and The Tanfield Group Plc, based in the United Kingdom. Tanfield is also the parent company of Smith Electric Vehicles, the leading manufacturer of zero-emission battery-electric commercial vehicles in Europe since the 1920s. Smith has produced the Newton truck in Europe for more than three years and has sold vehicles to major fleet operators in sectors such as mail and parcel delivery, logistics, retail, highway maintenance and airports.

SEV U.S. Corp's first zero-emission truck model will be the Smith Newton – the world's largest battery-electric-powered truck. It has a top speed of up to 50 mph,

a range on one battery charge in excess of 100 miles and a payload of up to 16,280 lbs. SEV U.S. Corp will utilize the Enova P120 drive system for the Newton, a proven solution currently being used by Smith in Europe. The selection of Torrance, Calif., based Enova Systems, Inc.'s P120 drive system aligns with SEV U.S. Corp's core strategy to build a strong U.S.-based supply chain.

In addition to its partnership agreement with Ford on the Transit Connect, SEV U.S. Corp will expand its zero-emission product line to include other van and light truck models based on demand.

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About Smith Electric Vehicles U.S. Corporation: Smith Electric Vehicles U.S. Corporation (SEV U.S. Corp) (www.sev-us.com), a Delaware corporation, is an all-electric zero-emissions commercial truck manufacturer. The company licenses its proprietary technology from Smith Electric Vehicles U.K., the world's largest manufacturer and industry leader of commercial electric vehicles. SEV U.S. Corp is a privately held company owned by U.S. investors and the Tanfield Group Plc, based in the United Kingdom. SEV U.S. Corp produces the Smith Newton – the world's largest battery-electric-powered truck, and has a partnership agreement with Ford Motor Company to electrify its new battery electric vehicle, the Ford Transit Connect, scheduled for production in 2010.

About Clean Fuels Ohio: Clean Fuels Ohio (CFO) is a non-profit organization, formed in January 2002 under the original name of Central Ohio Clean Fuels Coalition (COCFC). Our office is located at 3400 N. High St, Suite 430, in Columbus. Our mission is to increase the use of cleaner American fuels and vehicles and energy-saving transportation technologies (AFVTs) in order to improve air quality and health, reduce climate change, curb dependence on imported petroleum, and support Ohio's economy. Clean American fuels include biodiesel, natural gas, propane, ethanol, electricity, and hydrogen. In 2002, the U.S. Department of Energy designated CFO as the Clean Cities coalition for Central Ohio. We are proud of this designation and it gives us unique access to DOE technical and financial resources to develop AFVT projects. The DOE also gave an award to the Coalition in 2002 for "one of the best (market development) program plans ever received."

Clean Fuels Ohio's primary goal is to develop public-private projects that deploy vehicles, refueling equipment, and other technologies. These projects lead directly to improved air quality, reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, increased energy security and support for Ohio's economy. As part of this goal, Clean Fuels Ohio educates government and private fleet decision-makers, operations and maintenance personnel, teachers, students, public officials,

the media and the general public. Clean Fuels Ohio also supports government policies that are consistent with our mission. For more information visit www.cleanfuelsohio.org.

About Tanfield Group Plc: The Tanfield Group Plc is the world's leading developer and manufacturer of road-going commercial electric vehicles and aerial work platforms. Tanfield is headquartered in Washington, Tyne & Wear, with operations in Europe, Scandinavia, North America, the Middle East, Asia-Pacific and Africa. It has two main divisions:

Smith Electric Vehicles was founded in 1920 and acquired by Tanfield in October 2004. Following its acquisition, Smith is developing into a world leader in new technology electric vans and trucks with greatly enhanced performance, speed and range capabilities. This makes them attractive for all fleet operators in large towns, cities and closed industrial environments. For the first time, these fleet operators have economically viable, zero emission alternatives to using diesel vans and trucks. Smith has an unrivalled UK-wide service and support network, which already maintains over 5,000 vehicles for major fleet operators. www.smithelectricvehicles.com

Powered Access contains two of the world's most established aerial work platform brands, UpRight Powered Access and Snorkel International. UpRight is the UK's biggest manufacturer of self-propelled aerial work platforms (also known as "cherry-pickers", "mobile elevating work platforms", "aerial lifts", etc). UpRight has assembly facilities in the UK and USA, with products sold through a strong network of over 200 independent, full-service distributors across Europe, Scandinavia, the Middle East and Asia-Pacific regions. Snorkel, acquired in August 2007, has significant manufacturing capabilities along with strong sales and distribution, in North America and Australia. Tanfield has successfully extended its powered access product range and is now one of only three "full line" aerial lift manufacturers to have a significant global footprint in both the North America and EMEA regions, in what is a \$7bn market. www.upright.com / www.snorkellift.com

About Enova Systems Inc.: Enova Systems (<http://www.enovasystems.com>) is a leading supplier of efficient, environmentally friendly digital power components and systems products. The Company's core competencies are focused on the development and commercialization of power management and conversion systems for mobile applications. Enova applies unique 'enabling technologies' in the areas of alternative energy propulsion systems for light and heavy-duty vehicles as well as power conditioning and management systems for distributed generation systems. The Company develops, designs and produces non-invasive drive systems and related components for electric, hybrid-electric, and

fuel cell powered vehicles in both the new and retrofit vehicle sales market. For further information, contact Enova Systems directly, or visit its Web site at <http://www.enovasystems.com>.

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