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Second short-lists for 2017 LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards announced!

The Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP) has announced the shortlist for the second two categories of the 2017 edition of the prestigious Low Carbon Champions Awards. The Champions Awards celebrate innovation and best practice in the UK's accelerating drive to cut carbon emissions from the road transport sector. Table bookings for the celebration gala dinner – which will take place alongside Energy 2017 at the NEC on 11 October – are now being taken.

Short-listed entrants to the **Low Carbon Vehicle Operator of the Year** (sponsor: BAE Systems) are:

- **London Borough of Hackney**, for introducing electric vehicles with supporting off-street charging as well as high blend renewable biodiesel, backed up with practical emissions testing.
- **Martin Brower UK**, for the development and implementation of a strategy to be less than 20% reliant on fossil fuel by 2020 through the use of used cooking oil-based biodiesel.
- **Transport for London and Go-Ahead London**, for beginning operation of the first two all-electric bus routes (507 and 521) in central London, including work to accommodate over 45 electric buses in a space-constrained environment at Waterloo bus depot.

Low Carbon Fuel Initiative of the Year (Sponsor: Shell):

- **Chargemaster Plc**, for the Ultracharge project, a UK-wide programme to install public rapid chargers. (200 units installed in 2017.)
- **CNG Fuels Ltd**, for building the UK's first network of CNG refuelling stations, able to provide 100% renewable RTFO-approved biomethane for transport.
- **ITM Power**, for building four publicly assessible hydrogen refuelling stations and providing fuel made from excess renewable electricity and water.
- **RoadGas Ltd**, for the design, construction and installation of a 250 bar, biomethane, bus refuelling station for Nottingham City Transport's new double-deck gas bus fleet.

The Awards are in their seventh year and will, for the first time, be hosted alongside Energy 2017, the largest UK event of its kind. The Awards will be presented at a gala dinner at the Concourse Suites 1 & 2, NEC, Birmingham on the evening of Wednesday October 11.

Commenting on this year's Awards shortlist, the **LowCVP Managing Director Andy Eastlake** said: "It's been another exciting year, with further progress on the electrification agenda and enhanced commitments from Government to the low carbon transport sector.

"I commend all those organisations that have made this year's shortlist and look forward to a great celebration on 11 October, when we'll announce the winners."

Nathan Garnett, Event Director for Energy 2017 added: "We are delighted to welcome the LowCVP

Low Carbon Champions Awards alongside Energy 2017, and the wider UK Construction Week. Our 35,000 visitor base and that of the gala dinner mean we have an opportunity to shine a bright light on some truly innovative low carbon initiatives.”

Background information

The LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards celebrate outstanding and innovative practice in the UK in accelerating the shift to lower carbon vehicles and fuels and reducing road transport emissions. The LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards are one of a select few sustainable development awards schemes to have received accreditation by the Royal Society of the Arts (RSA), which enables category winners to go forward to the European Business Awards for the Environment (EBAE).

For LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards table bookings and more details on the Awards see: <http://www.lowcvp.org.uk/initiatives/lowcarbonchampions>

NOTES TO EDITORS

Full details about the LowCVP Awards 2017 and entry process are available [here](#)
Images from the 2016 Champions Awards can be found [here](#)

The other awards categories will be announced as below:

On **Friday 1 September**:

- 2017 Award for Low Carbon Innovation by an SME (*Sponsor: Advanced Propulsion Centre*)
- Low Carbon Road Transport Initiative of the Year
- 2017 Outstanding Low Carbon Publication or Report

Category short-lists already announced (on 4 August) are:

Low Carbon Car/Van Manufacturer of the Year (sponsor: Michelin):

- Groupe Renault UK, following its introduction of the new Renault Kangoo Z.E.33 and Renault ZOE Z.E.40 with enhanced range
- London Taxi Company, for making the world's first purpose-built, mass-market electric taxi
- Toyota (GB) PLC, for being a global leader in hybrid sales and technology

And in the Low Carbon Heavy Duty Vehicle Manufacturer of the Year:

- BYD UK, for the introduction of over 50 electric buses to London and other cities
- IVECO Ltd, for offering an extensive range of alternatively fueled commercial vehicles
- Volvo Group UK, for development of a pioneering range of hybrid, electric hybrid and full electric vehicles

There are two special awards categories for which there is no shortlist; winners are announced on the night)

- Outstanding Individual in Promoting Low Carbon Transport
- ‘Grand Prix’: Outstanding Achievement in Low Carbon Transport (*Sponsor: Millbrook*)

The **LowCVP** (www.lowcvp.org.uk), which was established in 2003, is a public-private partnership that exists to accelerate a sustainable shift to lower carbon vehicles and fuels and create opportunities for UK businesses. Nearly 200 organisations are engaged from diverse backgrounds, including automotive and fuel supply chains, government, vehicle users, academics, environment groups and others. Follow the LowCVP on Twitter: @theLowCVP

The largest event of its kind in the UK, **Energy 2017** will include information and guidance on low carbon vehicles and the business opportunities they can offer. The three-day show will bring together energy suppliers and managers, manufacturers, developers, consultants, distributors, engineers, architects, FM professionals and end-users, offering them an ideal platform to find out about the latest energy-based trends and uncover innovative new products and solutions.

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