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Final shortlists for 2017 LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards announced!

The Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP) has announced the shortlist for the final three 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 and polluting 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 **2017 Award for Low Carbon Innovation by an SME** (sponsor: APC UK) are:

- **Aquafuel Research Ltd**, for its innovative glycerine combustion technology which eliminates air quality pollutants and dramatically cuts carbon emissions.
- **Controlled Power Technologies Ltd**, for the ADEPT system, working with Ford, Ricardo & others to achieve 'intelligent electrification' with fuel consumption and CO₂ reductions.
- **Dearman**, for developing an engine driven by the expansion of liquid nitrogen or liquid air, to produce clean cold and power. The engine emits only air or nitrogen.
- **Tevva Motors Ltd**, for developing a glycerine-fuelled, EV range-extended truck that offers a zero emission, range-sustaining capability for e-trucks of any weight.
- **Vantage Power Ltd**, for developing and marketing a hybrid powertrain technology for new buses and as a retrofit solution, significantly improving fuel consumption while reducing NOx.

For **Low Carbon Road Transport Initiative of the Year** are:

- **Cross River Partnership**, for testing 80 fully electric freight vehicles across 8 European cities under the FREVUE project.
- **Go-Ahead London**, for converting the Waterloo bus garage to enable the charging of buses for the 507 and 521 bus routes, overcoming capacity and major logistical challenges.
- **Transport for London**, for the adoption of cleaner bus technology as a lever to quickly improve air quality while also cutting GHG emissions.

And for **2017 Outstanding Low Carbon Publication or Report**:

- **Ricardo, E4tech**, for the Advanced Propulsion Centre's *UK Capability Study* which identified 21 strategic opportunities for the UK auto sector.
- **Element Energy and Transport for West Midlands**, for the *West Midlands Low Emission Bus Delivery Plan* showing how to cut NOx & CO₂ emissions through the uptake of clean buses.
- **Energy Saving Trust and Uber**, for *Electric Private Hire Vehicles in London: On the road, here and now* which reports on Uber's trial of 60 electric vehicles in London, in partnership with EST.
- **GreenFleet Magazine**, for establishing and growing environment-focused interest and action in what was a niche area of fleet management when the publication began in 2005.

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 short-lists already announced (on 4 and 18 August) are:

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

- Groupe Renault UK
- LEVC (formerly London Taxi Company)
- Toyota (GB) PLC

Low Carbon Heavy Duty Vehicle Manufacturer of the Year:

- BYD UK
- IVECO Ltd
- Volvo Group UK

Low Carbon Vehicle Operator of the Year (*sponsor: BAE Systems*)

- London Borough of Hackney
- Martin Brower UK
- Transport for London and Go-Ahead London

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

- Chargemaster Plc
- CNG Fuels Ltd

- ITM Power
- RoadGas Ltd

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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