ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY STUDY INSTITUTE
122 C Street, NW Suite 630 • Washington, DC 20001-2109 • 202-628-1400 • http://www.eesi.org
Carol Werner, Executive Director

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Thomas Ashley, Clean Bus Project, EESI
202-662-1883
Fred Beck, Senior Policy Associate, EESI
202-662-1892
Beverly Miller, Director, Salt Lake Clean Cities Coalition
801-535-7736
Jim Hinckle, Transportation Director, Jordan School District
801-567-8820

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jordan School District and Salt Lake Clean Cities Coalition Recognized as National Clean Bus Leaders

Washington, D.C., October 26, 2004: The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) today recognizes Jordan School District and Salt Lake Clean Cities Coalition as National Clean Bus Leaders for 2004. Jordan and Salt Lake Clean Cities are recognized jointly and join five other organizations recognized for their leadership in promoting clean buses for 2004.

Jordan School District, working with Salt Lake Clean Cities has demonstrated its leadership with a two-pronged approach that promotes a cultural awareness of the importance of alternative fueling among educators, students, parents, and employees. In 2004, Jordan received ten compressed natural gas (CNG) school buses to increase its total to 30 and move it closer to its goal of fueling its entire fleet with alternative fuels. The funding for this year's buses came in the form of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean School Bus USA grant, written by Salt Lake Clean Cities Director Beverly Miller. Miller estimates that Jordan's 30 CNG buses will now displace approximately 33,000 gallons of diesel annually, and by burning significantly cleaner, will prevent nearly 250 tons of emissions from entering the atmosphere each year.

Jordan is also beginning to implement an alternative fuel vehicle (AFV) curriculum into its drivers education program. Salt Lake Clean Cities developed the curriculum, *Fueling the Future*, with the Salt Lake-based National Energy Foundation. The curriculum provides students with an understanding of the range of alternative fuels currently employed, and their relative environmental benefits. The curriculum also employs two natural gas fueled Honda Civic GXs and a CNG refueling station, allowing students first-hand experience with AFVs. *Fueling the Future* is currently being taught at West Jordan High School and is being implemented at Alta High School. Jordan ultimately plans to incorporate the curriculum district wide.

Also being recognized this year are King County Metro Transit (Seattle, Washington), Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (Oakland, California), the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Durham Public Schools (Durham, North Carolina), and Knoxville Area Transit (Knoxville, Tennessee). Initiatives represented range from a $20 million hydrogen fuel cell demonstration program to a statewide clean school bus campaign.

The National Clean Bus Leadership Recognition Program was initiated in 2003 by EESI to highlight the leadership of local initiatives to bring cleaner buses to America's communities and to remove America's dirtiest diesel buses from our roadways. This program is part of the Clean Bus Project, initiated with the goal of encouraging the deployment of cleaner fuels and advanced vehicle technologies by strengthening support for local, regional, state, and national 'clean bus' initiatives that have recognized

the environmental and health impacts of conventional diesel buses, and are working towards cleaner transportation practices.

The Environmental and Energy Study Institute is a non-profit organization established in 1984 by a bipartisan, bicameral group of members of Congress to provide information on energy and environmental policy issues and develop innovative policy solutions.

More information, including the case study for Jordan School District and Salt Lake Clean Cities Coalition, is available on the National Clean Bus Leadership Recognition Program's website: http://www.eesi.org/programs/cleanbus/leadership/index.htm