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## **City of Riverside Named “Best” Green Fleet in North America**

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.** – Riverside’s fleet was named “best” in North America at the fifth annual Government Green Fleet Awards & Expo in Chicago. The Government Green Fleet Awards is sponsored by Government Green Fleet Magazine in partnership with Tom Johnson, author of the 100 Best Fleets program.

The Government Green Fleet Award is a comprehensive set of criteria specifically tailored around the challenges and requirements of the government fleet manager.

The award is evaluated on standards in fleet composition, fuel and emissions, policy and planning, fleet utilization, education, executive and employee involvement and support programs. Riverside stood out for its steady approach of incorporating hybrids, electric vehicles, and adding alternative fuels such as propane, hydrogen and compressed natural gas into the fleet.

“Riverside’s spirit to be the best continues to drive Riverside forward” said Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge. “We are excited that Government Green Fleet recognized Riverside’s work to assemble the best and greenest fleet in the country. Riverside -- also recently named Most Intelligent City in the World -- is honored to be positioned as a leader in sustainability.”

The Government Green Fleet Award is open to all Federal, State, and Local Government Fleets in North America. Forty governmental agencies received recognition, 10 of which are located in California.

“As a City, we are committed to improving the public health, safety and welfare, including air quality, through various strategies, encouraging the use of alternative fuels, and moving to fuel efficient vehicles” said Kris Martinez, General Services Director. Since the 1980s, Riverside and its community partners have actively and aggressively adopted programs focused on improving air quality.

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**About the City of Riverside:** The City of Riverside, located in the Inland Southern California region, currently ranks as the 12th largest city in California, 6th in Southern California, and is the largest city in one of the fastest growing regions in the United States. Riverside’s excellence in high technology, workforce development, digital inclusion, arts, innovation, collaboration and social capital resulted in the City being named the 2012 Most Intelligent Community in the World! As an economically vibrant and culturally diverse city, Riverside boasts high-end retail centers, a rapidly growing office population, and a charming historic downtown fused with upscale dining, shopping and entertainment venues. It is home to four internationally recognized universities and colleges which support a growing student population of more than 50,000. As an important financial and professional center, Riverside offers

the support of numerous legal, accounting, brokerage, architectural, engineering, and technology firms as well as banking institutions. Businesses in the city benefit from city-owned electrical and water systems, high-speed fiber optic telecommunications, exceptional freeway system, BNSF and UPSP rail access, and a large corporate jet and general aviation airport.