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Connecticut's Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Industry To Be Showcased at World's Leading Industrial Technology Show

The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and hydrogen and fuel cell companies from Connecticut and the region will showcase their capabilities at Hannover Messe 2018. The event, the leading international trade show for industrial technology innovation, runs April 23-27 in Hannover, Germany.

Participants from Connecticut's hydrogen and fuel cell industry will include Precision Combustion, Inc., US Hybrid, Skyre Inc. (formerly Sustainable Innovations), and Proton Onsite/NEL. The event provides green energy companies in Connecticut with an exceptional venue for reaching the global market.

"This is a great opportunity for us to make new connections and expose our technology and products to an international market," said Trent Molter, President and CEO of Skyre Inc.

DECD will attend to promote Connecticut companies at the show and recruit companies to establish their business in the state. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) provides eligible Connecticut companies with grants to help them showcase at Hannover Messe and increase their international sales and exports.

"The exhibit at Hannover Messe is the result of a strong collaboration between the Connecticut Hydrogen Fuel Cell Coalition, DECD and the SBA," said Bart Kollen, Deputy Commissioner at DECD. "By exhibiting at this major international event, we are helping hydrogen and fuel cell companies reach new markets, increase revenues, and boost the state's economy."

Connecticut is home to world leaders in the research, design, and manufacture of hydrogen and fuel cell technology. The industry's Connecticut supply chain includes over 600 companies involved in the development and deployment of hydrogen and fuel cell products. Based on a recent study, those companies have a significant economic impact, contributing to the state economy

- nearly \$601 million in revenue and investment;
- more than 2,800 direct, indirect and induced jobs;
- over \$31 million in state and local tax revenue; and
- over \$286 million in labor income.

“This trade show is one of the most well attended industry forums in the world. It provides a great opportunity to showcase the strengths and capabilities of our Connecticut-based industry,” stated Joel Rinebold, director of energy at the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology. “We are pleased to help our hydrogen and fuel cell businesses in Connecticut reach new markets to increase sales and exports.”

About DECD

The [Department of Economic and Community Development](#) is the state's lead agency responsible for strengthening Connecticut's competitive position in the rapidly-changing, global economy.

About the Coalition

The Connecticut Hydrogen-Fuel Cell Coalition, administered by the [Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology](#), is comprised of representatives from Connecticut's fuel cell and hydrogen industry, labor, academia, government, and other stakeholders. CCAT and the Connecticut Hydrogen-Fuel Cell Coalition work to enhance economic growth in Connecticut through the development, manufacture, and deployment of fuel cell and hydrogen technologies and associated fueling systems. The CHFCC is supported by the State of Connecticut, CCAT, and its members.

About CCAT

[Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology Inc.](#) (CCAT) is a nonprofit organization, headquartered in East Hartford, Conn., that creates and executes bold ideas advancing applied technologies, IT strategies, energy solutions, STEM education, and career development. By leading state, regional, and national partnerships, CCAT helps manufacturers, academia, government and nonprofit organizations excel.

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