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\$3 Million in Fuel Cell Funding for Cleveland-based TMI

TMI Fuel Cell Systems moving forward with commercialization

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Cleveland-based TMI (Technology Management, Inc.), Ohio's oldest fuel cell systems developer, is proud to announce funding in excess of \$3 million from the U.S. Department of Energy and the State of Ohio to launch TMI's 1-kilowatt fuel cells into rural, residential and military markets. Together, these projects signify more than \$5 million in new investments from private and public sources for commercialization.

Today, TMI announced finalized terms of an award of \$2,537,500 from the State of Ohio under the OAQDA Advanced Energy Program to support commercialization of TMI's compact fuel cell system into kilowatt-scale markets, to include military, farm, home-based and remote distributed power applications. In addition, TMI was awarded and signed a \$481,000 contract with the U.S. Department of Energy for a project entitled "*Distributed Electric Power from Bio-based and Fossil Fuels*".

"A small fuel cell running on ordinary available fuels inside your home, office or barn could one day be as common place appliance as the refrigerator or dishwasher," said Benson Lee, TMI's President and CEO. "We are pleased with the support of the State of Ohio and the Department of Energy; together with our private sector partners it represents more than \$5 million in new investments toward commercialization of our distributed generation systems."

TMI's system is a primary power option for consumers who want or need energy independence from the utility grid. TMI's modular 1-kW system provides the advantages of being sited almost anywhere, including indoors where surplus heat can be used for cogeneration (e.g., heating and cooling).

"Because it runs on most available fuels – including renewable biofuels – without requiring any fuel cleanup or pretreatment, TMI's *AnywhereEnergy* system can deliver clean, renewable energy anywhere, anytime," Lee added. "Our clean, quiet, compact system can produce primary power in operating environments where there are essentially no alternatives."

TMI has focused on the design of a small-scale system since its earliest development nearly 20 years ago. The system design has specifically focused on a platform that could be easily manufactured by Ohio's automotive and appliance manufacturers. Over the years, TMI has deployed multiple demonstrations that have set industry milestones.

TMI is currently working closely with leading defense contractor Lockheed Martin on a high efficiency military genset for the battlefield or peacekeeping missions in remote areas. TMI is teamed with Lockheed Martin and Stark State College of Technology on two Ohio Third Frontier Programs. In addition, the team recently announced in late September a \$1.7 million contract from the U.S. Department of Defense. TMI has also worked closely with Ohio's agriculture sector including a 30-day, on-farm demonstration in 2009 funded by the Ohio Soybean Council.

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