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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Hydrogen Teacher Training Workshop at Nauticus October 4th

#### Hydrogen comes to Hampton Roads!

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Nauticus, Virginia Clean Cities, Virginia Department of Mines Minerals & Energy, The Virginia Hydrogen Economy Roundtable, Hampton Roads Hydrogen and NEED (National Energy Education Development) present a **one day teacher training workshop, A Hydrogen Future, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2007 at Nauticus in Norfolk, Virginia 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.**

With hydrogen technology, power is generated and transportation is fueled with carbon-free energy, a clean burn and most importantly less dependency on foreign oil. The Virginia Hydrogen Economy Roundtable developed a comprehensive Hydrogen Development plan for the Commonwealth. The first plank of this plan is education.

The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Hampton Roads Clean Cities Coalition, Hampton Roads Hydrogen, the Science Museum of Virginia, Nauticus, the Virginia General Assembly, the Virginia Department of Education, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Department of Energy and the NEED Project are all excited to announce: the second annual Virginia Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) Education Workshop.

Teachers gathering at the Nauticus will gain from hand-on learning about the basics of hydrogen, sources and uses of hydrogen, hydrogen storage, and hydrogen fueling stations. They will see how it may shape our future and how to educate our future workforce. The October 4<sup>th</sup> teacher-training workshop is the second in a series of one-day workshops in 2007 designed to support Virginia Science Standards of Learning and provide educators with tools to return to their classrooms to integrate hydrogen energy into their curriculum. Participating schools receive the H<sub>2</sub> Educate curriculum and hands-on kits created by NEED Project.

**Participating teachers and local officials will have the opportunity for a ride and drive in GM's HydroGen3 powered by liquid hydrogen**, the first fuel cell vehicle certified by the Japanese government for operation on regular roads. Ford, GM, Honda, Toyota and Daimler-Chrysler are all working to develop and introduce hydrogen fuel vehicles in the near future. The workshop, substitute reimbursement, breakfast and lunch are free to Virginia teachers, compliments of a grant provided by the Virginia General Assembly and the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.

**Location: One Waterside Drive, Norfolk**

**Date: October 4, 2007**

**8:00 am to 3:00 pm Teachers and Attendees**

**10:00 to 2:00 pm Ride & Drive General Motors Hydrogen3 Car**



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**11:30 am Press Event with local elected officials**