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IGS Energy Partners with Smart Columbus to Provide Electric Vehicle Buyers with Charging Equipment

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 11, 2018 – IGS Energy has announced that, through its partnership with Smart Columbus, the company will provide electric vehicle buyers in Central Ohio with a \$750 value towards the installation of their electric vehicle charging equipment along with IGS' 36-month go green™ fixed rate electricity product for their home.

In 2016, the City of Columbus was named the winner of the first-ever Smart City Challenge issued by the US Department of Transportation and the Paul G. Allen Philanthropies, and recipient of \$50 million in grant funding. [Smart Columbus](#) is an initiative that is using that money, along with complementary investments by the private and public sectors, to modernize and expand the region's transportation ecosystem to relieve congestion, grow access to transportation, and accommodate the 1,000,000 additional residents expected to join the region by 2040.

Through the Paul G. Allen Philanthropies grant, Smart Columbus is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by electrifying the transportation sector. To achieve this goal, Smart Columbus is working to increase electric vehicle adoption among public and private fleets and consumers, with the goal of increasing electric vehicle adoption to 1.8% of cars sold in the seven-county region—a 486% increase from 2015. Smart Columbus is also working to expand access to residential, workplace and public charging infrastructure, in order to aide adoption.

“Residents that choose to drive electric, and to power their future-forward vehicles through a 100% renewable electric contract from IGS Energy, help drive our city closer to the vision set out by Smart Columbus,” said Jordan Davis, Director, Smart Cities, the Columbus Partnership.

In addition to supporting electric vehicle adoption in the Columbus area, IGS has committed to \$8,000,000 in incentives for Class A fleets that convert to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). CNG is a technology that is much cleaner than diesel and supports the Smart Columbus goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in our region.

IGS is also dedicated to encouraging employees to drive less or drive electric. This past fall, the company served as a host location for the Smart Columbus Ride & Drive Roadshow sponsored by Smart Columbus, where IGS employees could learn about and experience various electric vehicle options.

“We see Smart Columbus as a brilliant opportunity to leverage technology to help all residents move more easily and access opportunity,” explains Scott White, CEO of the IGS family of companies. “By providing charging equipment to new electric vehicle owners and a green

electricity rate to power their homes, we are working with Columbus residents to build a meaningful energy future together.”

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About the IGS Family of Companies

With nearly 30 years of experience in the energy industry, the IGS family of companies provides the following to over one million customers across the country: natural gas, electricity, and home protection products; power generation solutions off the grid; clean, domestic alternative fueling options; and solar solutions. The company focuses on empowering consumers to make choices that best fit their energy needs. Their community investment program, IGS Impact, provides employees with opportunities to get involved with causes that are meaningful to both the company and to them personally.

[Learn more about IGS family of companies.](#)

About Smart Columbus

The City of Columbus' Smart Columbus plan won the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) \$40 million Smart City Challenge in June 2016 after competing against 77 cities nationwide to become the country's first city to fully integrate innovative technologies – self-driving cars, connected vehicles and smart sensors – into its transportation network. Columbus was also awarded an additional \$10 million grant from the Paul G. Allen Philanthropies to accelerate the transition to an electrified, low-emissions transportation system. Aligned investments totaling more than \$500 million have been made by the private, public and academic institutions in the region to support technology and infrastructure investments that upgrade Columbus' transportation network and help make Columbus the model connected city of the future. Smart Columbus is a regional smart city initiative co-led by the City of Columbus and Columbus Partnership that includes partnerships with The Ohio State University, Battelle, American Electric Power and many more.

For more information, visit the Smart Columbus website
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