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American Coalition for Ethanol congratulates South Dakota on successful blender pump grant program

Sioux Falls, SD (June 1, 2010) – The American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE) today congratulated the state of South Dakota on launching a successful blender pump grant program that will greatly enhance consumer fuel choice across the state.

The program, created by legislation from Representative Mitch Fargen of District 8, offers gas station owners \$10,000 per blender pump they install, with the funding coming from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Grant applications were accepted April 1 through May 28, and more than 100 applications were submitted.

Ron Lamberty, Vice President / Market Development of ACE, stated:

“ACE would like to congratulate Energy Policy Director Hunter Roberts and the staff at the South Dakota Department of Tourism and State Development for the successful roll-out of the South Dakota Ethanol Blender Pump Incentive Grant Program. Thanks to Representative Mitch Fargen for sponsoring the legislation that created the grant program. ACE is pleased to have worked with Representative Fargen on the development of the program, and we are happy to have been able to help with the informational events held across the state for petroleum marketers to learn more about the program, as well as the many follow up calls we fielded after those events. This is an outstanding opportunity for South Dakota gas stations, and once the station owners heard about the grant program, it basically sold itself – as evidenced by the fact that the number of grant applications exceeded the goal of the program.

ACE looks forward to continuing to work with petroleum marketers in South Dakota to answer their questions during the installation of these blender pumps. South Dakota motorists and travelers who come to the state will all benefit by having more choices at the pump, and we hope this program can be a model for other states that are trying to find ways to offer more clean, homegrown fuel options.”

There are approximately 200 blender pump locations today in the U.S., which can be viewed on [this map](#).

For more information about blender pumps, flex-fuel vehicles, and the topic of consumer fuel choice, visit the [Fuel Choice](#) page in the Press Room at www.ethanol.org.

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