



## LowCVP News Release

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### **LowCVP announces call for nominations for Low Carbon Champions Awards 2012. Awards to be presented at event alongside LowCVP's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception**

The Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership has announced the call for nominations for the third Low Carbon Champions Awards which will be presented at a gala event to take place on **January 29 2013** at One Birdcage Walk, Westminster. The deadline for nominations for these prestigious Awards is **Friday 23 November**.

The Awards presentation will take place following a celebration event to mark the LowCVP's tenth anniversary. The Anniversary Reception, to be attended by transport minister Norman Baker MP, will celebrate the achievements of the LowCVP's first decade and provide an opportunity to announce the Partnership's future strategy.

The LowCVP Awards and Anniversary Reception are being held in association with the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE).

The LowCVP Champions Awards celebrate examples of outstanding and innovative practice in accelerating the shift to lower carbon vehicles and fuels and reducing road transport emissions. There should be plenty of competition for the Awards this time as - over the last year and more - the automotive industry has been a bright sector in an otherwise dull economic picture while also delivering progress in environmental terms. Significant UK investment in low carbon vehicles and fuels infrastructure has been combined with more rapid reductions in new vehicle emissions and growing consumer and company interest in, and acceptance of, new low carbon technologies.

There are seven categories of Awards reflecting the diversity of those engaged in encouraging the shift to lower carbon vehicles and fuels. There are also two special awards. The awards are for:

- Low Carbon Car / Van Manufacturer of the Year
- Low Carbon Heavy Duty Vehicle Manufacturer of the Year
- Low Carbon Vehicle Operator of the Year
- Low Carbon Fuel Initiative of the Year
- 2012 Award for Low Carbon Innovation by an SME
- Low Carbon Road Transport Initiative of the Year
- 2012 Outstanding Low Carbon Publication or Report

The special awards are:

- Outstanding Individual in Promoting Lower Carbon Transport

- Outstanding Achievement in Low Carbon Transport over the last 10 years

The LowCVP Awards winners will be assessed by a panel of expert judges drawn from the LowCVP's wide range of stakeholder organisations including: BMW, BVRLA, Cenex, Department for Transport, Energy Saving Trust, Freight Transport Association, Green Car Guide.com, Greenpeace, Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV), Ricardo UK Ltd, Road Haulage Association, Shell, SMMT, Transport for London and others. (See: [www.lowcvp.org.uk/lowcarbonchampions/judges.asp](http://www.lowcvp.org.uk/lowcarbonchampions/judges.asp))

Winners of the 2011 LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards included: Nissan, Iveco, Stagecoach Group, Coca Cola Enterprises and Gasrec, Flybrid Systems, Whipcar and Element Energy. Stephen Joseph and Richard Parry-Jones were joint winners of the Outstanding Individual Award.

Andy Eastlake, the LowCVP's Managing Director, said: "The LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards demonstrate excellence in moving forward the low carbon agenda in transport. With so much innovation and dynamism around the low carbon transport sector this year - covering vehicles, fuels, policy and operations - I look forward to some very high quality entries."

Nominations, using the form accessible through the microsite, (address below) should be sent to the LowCVP Secretariat no later than Friday, 23 November.

The LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards are accredited by the Royal Society of Arts (RSA).

#### **Notes to Editors**

Full details and downloadable entry forms for the LowCVP Awards 2012 are available at: [www.lowcvp.org.uk/lowcarbonchampions/](http://www.lowcvp.org.uk/lowcarbonchampions/)

To reserve a place at the LowCVP's Anniversary Reception and/or Champions Awards presentation visit: <http://lowcarbonchampions1.eventbrite.com/> (Note that the LowCVP will give priority to members who wish to attend the Anniversary Reception). For a media pass, please contact: [secretariat@lowcvp.org.uk](mailto:secretariat@lowcvp.org.uk)

The LowCVP ([www.lowcvp.org.uk](http://www.lowcvp.org.uk)) which was established in 2003, is a public-private partnership that exists to accelerate a sustainable shift to lower carbon vehicles and fuels and create opportunities for UK businesses. Nearly 200 organisations are engaged from diverse backgrounds including automotive and fuel supply chains, government, vehicle users, academics and civil society.

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) ([www.imeche.org](http://www.imeche.org)) was established in 1847 and has some of the world's greatest engineers in its history books. It currently has over 94,000 members, representing mechanical engineers involved in a diversity of fields such as the automotive, rail, aerospace, medical, power and construction industries

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