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**GSA Fulfills Administration's Recovery Act-Funded Greening of Federal Fleet  
*Northeast and Caribbean Region Receives Alternative-Fuel and Fuel Efficient Vehicles***

New York — With the recently announced purchase of five compressed natural gas buses and 35 hybrid buses, the U.S. General Services Administration has successfully completed one of the Administration's key initiatives to green the federal fleet through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

In GSA's Northeast and Caribbean Region, 1,916 alternative fuel and fuel efficient conventional fuel vehicles have been distributed for use by federal agencies. Of this total, 289 vehicles are gas/electric Hybrids, 574 are gas/ethanol Flexible Fuel (E85) vehicles and 1,053 are more fuel-efficient conventional gasoline models. These vehicles are being issued to eleven federal agencies in the regional area, with the U.S. Postal Service being the biggest beneficiary receiving 1,166 vehicles. The federal agency users of these vehicles are located at various sites around the region including Fort Dix and Camden in New Jersey and New York City, White Plains, Albany and Syracuse in New York.

"We're proud to have completed this program under such an aggressive schedule," said GSA Acting Administrator Paul F. Prouty. "By investing in more fuel-efficient federal vehicles, we're contributing to the nation's economic recovery while realizing significant long-term savings for both the taxpayer and the environment."

GSA had until September 30, 2009 to invest \$300 million in new, more fuel-efficient vehicles for the federal fleet. Ahead of the deadline, GSA ordered 17,246 vehicles, including cars and buses from a total of six manufacturers. With the exception of the most recent purchase, GSA expects the majority of these vehicles to be delivered to the government by the end of October 2009. Allowing for production times, the buses are expected to be delivered in the third quarter of FY2010.

GSA will use the new vehicles to replace older, less-efficient models in the federal fleet. By increasing fuel efficiency, the Recovery Act vehicles will save an estimated 16.7 million gallons of fuel over the next seven years, prevent 334 million pounds of greenhouse gas from entering the atmosphere, and save taxpayers at least \$40 million in fuel costs. As the older vehicles being replaced are sold, the money from the sales will be used to make additional investments toward greening the federal fleet.

The first phase of the purchase occurred on April 1, 2009 when GSA ordered 3,100 fuel-efficient hybrid vehicles for \$77 million. On June 1, 2009, the agency invested \$210 million in an additional 14,105 commercially available vehicles, including alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles. Each new replacement vehicle will have a higher miles-per-gallon rating than the one it replaces.

In the final phase, GSA invested the remaining \$12.4 million in 40 advanced-technology buses and one hybrid-electric car. Five of the buses are powered with compressed natural gas, while another 35 are hybrid-electric buses. The compressed natural gas buses are produced by New Flyer, Inc of

Crookston, Minn., while the hybrid-electric buses will come from Capitol Coach Works, Inc of Capitol Heights, Md. and Navistar International of Knoxville, Tenn.

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