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ENERGY CENTER ANNOUNCES COLLABORATION WITH THE OHIO FUEL CELL COALITION

LIMA, OHIO – Judith Cowan, President of the Ohio Energy & Advanced Manufacturing Center (OEAMC), and Patrick Valente, Executive Director of the Ohio Fuel Cell Coalition (OFCC), announced today that OFCC and the OEAMC are officially joining each other's organizations as active members. The collaboration between the OEAMC and the OFCC will allow each organization to have a broader reach across the state of Ohio and share the competencies of their association.

Ohio is internationally recognized as a global center for the fuel cell industry and has a unique combination of knowledge, resources and infrastructure to support the development of this clean and efficient energy technology. The result is a hotbed of fuel cell businesses that are making real products today. The mission of the OEAMC and the OFCC are similar in their desire to bring new energy saving technologies to Ohio and the United States.

"I'm very excited to be able to work with Patrick Valente again. Patrick was the Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Development's Technology Division when the Third Frontier Program was rolled out." We worked together on behalf of the State of Ohio for over a decade. He has an intimate knowledge of the high-tech companies across Ohio that have the potential to be future collaborators of the OEAMC. This collaboration will be a win-win for both of our organizations."