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**HYDROGEN ENGINE CENTER HOSTS GOVERNOR CULVER OF IOWA FOR SIGNING OF STATE
RENEWABLE ENERGY BILL**

Praises HEC's "Exciting Possibilities"

ALGONA, IA, May 12, 2008 -- Hydrogen Engine Center, Inc. (HEC) (OTC BB: HYEG.OB) announced today that Governor Culver of Iowa visited Hydrogen Engine Center's state-of-the-art engine/generator manufacturing facility for the ceremonial signing of Iowa's Alternative Energy Bill into law. Iowa has been a leader in utilizing wind power and ethanol production, positioning the state as the "Renewable Energy Capital of the U.S." The state has set a goal to have at least 25% of the energy in the state produced by renewable and alternative sources by 2025.

Culver toured HEC with Don Vanderbrook, CEO, who explained the technology and innovation developed by HEC that allow engines and generators to run off of a multitude of combustible fuel, including propane, hydrogen and other potential fuel carriers such as anhydrous ammonia. HEC has provided numerous proposals to potential customers with Renewable Wind Energy Projects. These projects are similar to the projects the company undertook with Xcel Energy and Natural Resources Canada. Xcel Energy recently began testing HEC's grid connected hydrogen powered genset in Colorado. HEC has deployed its product line on a global scale.

Don Vanderbrook, HEC's CEO, stated, "Our mission is to combine our clean energy solutions in support of renewable and other sources of clean power. It took the pioneer spirit to settle this land. Now we need the true pioneer spirit again with a great deal of planning and sound instinct to end the need for immediate action. That pioneering movement is an energy revolution that will result in our independence, strength and security as a nation."

Governor Culver stated, "Hydrogen Engine Center has been working in India and I would look to make connections in China during my upcoming visit to that country. We can export this technology around the planet. Iowa can help the rest of the world with its energy needs. We've learned a great deal in a short time on our tour here."

Governor Culver also said, "I see the Hydrogen Engine Center and its exciting possibilities. It reaffirms my commitment to Iowa's cutting edge technology. We're going to need more operations like this one here doing great things. We want to push the envelope. Our goal is a very diverse alternative energy portfolio."

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About Hydrogen Engine Center, Inc.

Hydrogen Engine Center, Inc. (HEC) designs, manufactures and distributes alternative-fueled internal combustion engines, engine controls and fuel delivery systems and power generation equipment for distributed power, agricultural, industrial, airport ground support, off-road vehicular, business and home applications. All HEC engines and power generation equipment are capable of running on a multitude of fuels, including but not limited to, hydrogen, ammonia, synthetic gas, coal bed methane, gasoline, and ethanol. HEC trades on the Bulletin Board under the symbol "HYEG.OB." Principal offices are located at 2502 E Poplar St., Algona, Iowa 50511. Visit www.hydrogenenginecenter.com or in the US dial 515-295-3178 for more information.

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