

# Ohio Fuel Cell Coalition Symposium set for October 2-3 in Canton, event will highlight vast potential for growth

*Studies show hydrogen fuel cell-related industries could create 180,000 new jobs by 2020, 65,000 in Midwest*

ELYRIA, OHIO, UNITED STATES, September 25, 2018 / EINPresswire.com/ -- The Ohio Fuel Cell Coalition (OFCC), in conjunction with Stark State College, will conduct the 2018 Ohio Fuel Cell Symposium, "Create Success: through Vision-Connections-Opportunities" on October 2 and 3 at the Business and Entrepreneurial Center at Stark State College, North Canton, OH. The Center is located at 6200 Frank Avenue NW North Canton, Ohio 44720.



The symposium is being held as interest in hydrogen fuel cell technology is growing rapidly in the U.S. and abroad. Spurred by the clear advantages hydrogen offers over other renewable and non-renewable energy sources, governments, transit authorities, vehicle manufacturers, and a wide range of companies in the power generation and supply sector are investing in the development and deployment of fuel cells. A number of studies indicate widespread acceptance of fuel cell technology may create 180,000 new jobs in the U.S. by 2020 and up to 675,000 new positions by 2035. Ohio and the Midwest, already home to a number of leading companies in the fuel cell supply chain, could see employment in the industry increase by 65,000 jobs in the next 15 years.

Symposium attendees will have the opportunity to gather information from and interact with fuel cell industry experts from the academic, public, and private sectors. The Symposium begins Tuesday, Oct. 2nd at 2:30 P.M with an invitation-only Supply Chain Exchange then continues with the Exhibitors Showcase and Networking Reception for all Symposium attendees from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

The symposium will continue on Wednesday, October 3 with presentations beginning at 8:45 A.M. Following the presentations participants will board the [Stark Area Regional Transit Authority's](#) hydrogen fuel cell-powered buses and travel to SARTA's headquarters to tour the Authority's headquarters and hydrogen refueling station. The Symposium will conclude at 2:55 P.M. For more information on the 2018 Ohio Fuel Cell Symposium, visit [www.fuelcellcorridor.com](http://www.fuelcellcorridor.com).

Overview of Symposium events/schedule:

Tuesday, October 2, 2018:  
Supply Chain Exchange, an invitation-only session promoting interaction between integrators

and suppliers. Argonne National Laboratory will present opportunities for the U.S. Dept. of Energy's Technologist-in-Residence program.

Opening and viewing of Exhibitors Showcase – all attendees

Networking Reception - all attendees

Wednesday, October 3, 2018:□

Welcome and remarks by Dr. Para Jones, President of Stark State College, Pat Valente, OFCC Executive Director, and Kirt Conrad, OFCC Chairman-elect and CEO of Stark Area Regional Transit Authority.

Presentations sharing fuel cell industry insights from several powerful industry partners, some located right here in Ohio. PEM and solid oxide fuel cells will be highlighted.

Presentations by Andrew Marsh (CEO, LG Fuel Cell Systems), Jack Brouwer (Director, National Fuel Cell Research Center and Assistant Director of the Advanced Power and Energy Program), Andrew Marsh (CEO, Plug Power), Tim Terrill (VP, North American Aftermarket Services, Plug Power), Shailesh Vora (National Energy Technology Laboratory), Anthony Leo (Vice President, Applications & Advanced Technology Development, FuelCell Energy), and Manny Anunike (Energy Specialist, Ohio Development Services Agency).

Fuel Cell bus ride and tour of Stark Area Regional Transit Authority and their hydrogen refueling station.

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The Ohio Fuel Cell Coalition is a united group of industry, academic, and government leaders working collectively to strengthen Ohio's fuel cell industry and to accelerate the transformation of the region to global leadership in fuel cell technology. For information, visit [www.fuelcellcorridor.com](http://www.fuelcellcorridor.com) or contact us at 440-366-4230. Our offices are located at 151 Innovation Dr. Suite 320D, Elyria, Ohio 44035.

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