

VANCOUVER, Sept. 10, 2013 /PRNewswire/ - [Ballard Power Systems](#) (NASDAQ: BLDP)(TSX: BLD) and its consortium partners have received approximately \$6.7 million in funding from the U.S. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under the National Fuel Cell Bus Program for the deployment of two next-generation fuel cell buses as well as for extended operation of two existing Ballard-powered buses. The awards were announced by Peter Rogoff, Federal Transit Administrator during a public event held at BAE Systems offices in Endicott, New York

Ballard will deliver its next-generation fuel cell power module - the FCvelocity[®]-HD7 - to BAE Systems for incorporation into its HybriDrive

propulsion system, with the final bus assembly to be completed by EIDorado National. Two FCvelocity

-HD7 power modules will be assembled in America and are expected to be delivered in 2014 in support of deployments with the

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority in Ohio

and with Tompkins Consolidated Transit Authority in Ithaca, New York

. The same bus platform is currently in operation with SunLine Transit Agency in Thousand Palms, California

Paul Cass, Ballard Vice President of Operations said, "This FTA announcement will facilitate

the introduction of our FCvelocity[®]-HD7 to the U.S. market. We are delighted to work with our consortium partners - BAE and EIDorado - as we continue building on the success of the current bus configuration."

The FTA announcements also include funding to extend the operation of a Ballard-powered bus with Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit in Birmingham, Alabama and to test an existing EIDorado bus at the National Bus Testing Facility in Altoona, Pennsylvania. The programs are administered through the Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) and CALSTART, non-profit organizations focused on the implementation of clean transportation technology.

Ballard has provided fuel cell modules to the National Fuel Cell Bus Program multiple times since its 2006 inception. FTA funding has enabled improvements in reliability, performance and durability of the Company's fuel cell power module, along with product cost reduction. As a result, Government and transit agencies benefit through deployment of zero-emission, clean energy transportation alternatives.

Ballard's FCvelocity[®]-HD7 will feature a number of enhancements, including: reduced parts count; fewer moving parts; integrated air compressor and coolant pump; and lower parasitic load. The module will also utilize fuel cell stacks manufactured through a high volume, low cost process. The enhancements and manufacturing process will reduce capital and operating costs of the fuel cell module, making the total cost of ownership competitive with other zero emission technologies.

About Ballard Power Systems Ballard Power Systems (TSX: BLD) (NASDAQ: [BLDP](#)) provides clean energy fuel cell products enabling optimized power systems for a range of applications. Products deliver incomparable performance, durability and versatility. To learn more about Ballard, please visit www.ballard.com.

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