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**NEW AND ESTABLISHED GREEN COMPANIES CHOOSE ONTARIO, CALIF.**  
**AS THE BEST LOCATION FOR BUSINESS GROWTH**

- Ontario Provides Transportation, Workforce, Training and Opportunity for Growth of Clean Energy Economy Including Recycling and Electric Vehicle Industries

**ONTARIO CALIF.** (September 14, 2009) Ontario is at the center of a growing clean energy economy due to its highly skilled workforce and a transportation infrastructure that reaches population and business centers throughout Southern California. While Ontario's competitive cost of doing business benefits business owners, the City has also attracted the educational and training resources that are important to long-term job growth. These factors, along with Ontario's commitment to proactively foster entrepreneurial and corporate expansion, have prompted a number of "green" companies to locate to the City.

**reRubber LLC**, an innovative scrap tire recycling company based in Ontario, determined that the City's position at the heart of Southern California, was perfect for recycling scrap tires into reusable rubber, steel and fiber. reRubber considers its carbon footprint in their business model and chose to position themselves as close to both Los Angeles County and San Bernardino County as possible to access the millions of scrap tires going to landfill every year. The environmental and economic impact reRubber makes through responsible green business practices is created by the diversion of approximately 1 million tires annually from landfills. The company's recycled rubber, steel and fiber are then used in products such as athletic surfaces and playground covers, asphalt, sidewalks, recycled steel and fuel, among many others.

"Ontario will be a major green hub in Southern California. The access to customers and workers along with California's environmental leadership, puts us in an enviable position to grow and lead a new generation of sustainable business leaders, right here in Ontario," said JD Wang, CEO and President, reRUBBER.

**Green Career Institute (GCI)**, a "green" education and training company, added an additional office in Ontario to their Bay Area locations specifically because of Ontario's strength as an entrepreneurial environment.

The location also provides a good base from which to retrain and educate workers for a new generation of "green collar" jobs.

"With the specialized skills learned through GCI's programs, graduates have the knowledge, commitment and passion to enter the workforce as a part of a clean energy revolution that is expected to reach 4.2 million jobs in the US by 2038," said Nicholas Carter, PhD, Director, Curriculum, GCI. "The programs we provide are ahead of that curve because we're training a diverse range of students and workers in everything from solar to electric vehicles, from weatherization to wind and geothermal to green building and green business. In Ontario, we're at the center of a rich economic and academic opportunity."

From its Ontario location, Green Career Institute provides hands on and classroom training in solar, green building, sustainability, green business, renewable energy, energy efficiency, electric vehicles, waste management and water/resource management.

According to City officials, the growth of sustainable industries and a supporting educational network in Ontario is important. It represents job growth now and for the long term. To underscore the value of clean energy jobs, a recent **Pew Charitable Trust** reported that jobs in the clean energy economy grew at a national rate of 9.1 percent, while traditional jobs grew by only 3.7 percent between 1998 and 2007. The report also found that this promising sector is poised to expand significantly, especially in California, driven by increasing consumer demand, venture capital infusions, and federal and state policy reforms.

"Our role is to provide the resources, programs and incentives that encourage investment, business development and job creation," said Mayor Paul Leon, City of Ontario. "Clean energy companies are the future. Now more than ever we must foster entrepreneurship and support sustainable business practices so that Ontario continues to be a hub for "green" companies." Leon added that the recycling industry is now one of the nation's leading employers and businesses continue to invest in sustainability.

### **Driving Green Growth**

Ontario has become a major player in the electric vehicle industry as a location of choice for California's growing electric vehicle engine and product design and manufacturing. One of the first clean energy companies to locate in Ontario was **Phoenix Motorcars**. Founded in 2002, Phoenix provides two, best-in-class, all-electric vehicles that are designed and manufactured in the City. **Boshart Engineering** is another firm indicative of Ontario's strong entrepreneurial roots. Boshart Engineering partners with quality companies throughout the world providing innovative solutions for environmentally and economically sustainable technologies for the global mobility industry. Boshart Engineering works with vehicle manufacturers and other companies to bring electric and other clean fuel vehicles and technologies to market. These include plug-in hybrids, new lithium ion batteries, and other emission reduction technologies such as diesel particulate filters.

**Hi Performance Golf Cars** develops and manufactures drive systems designed to achieve maximum distance, power and efficiency for golf cars, industrial/utility carts and neighborhood electric vehicles. Founders Brian and Darren Seymour have been in the electric motor industry for over 30 years. Today, they develop drive systems for golf carts as well as design, build and implement electric motors on a local and international level. One of their clients is Wheego Electric Cars. Hi-Performance helps to manufacture The Whip, Wheego's new plug-in, electric low-speed vehicle.

"We've been in Ontario for about seven years. Our growth has been averaging 30 to 50 percent per year," said Brian Seymour, president, Hi Performance Golf Cars, Inc. "Frankly, Ontario is more business-friendly than most cities. And being here puts us close to customers and suppliers who are already in this market and to a transportation network that helps us access a growing electric vehicle industry."

### **Sustainability Commitment Beyond Green Industries**

**The Citizens Business Bank Arena**, owned by the City of Ontario and operated by AEG, is a leading example of green operations. Committed to becoming a world-class "green" arena, it has implemented the use of waterless urinals, energy conservation programs, waste reduction and recycling, use of green certified cleaning products, as well as food service programs that integrate biodegradable service ware and organic foods. The Arena is also pursuing LEED Certification through the United States Green Building Council, which will make it one of the first City owned facilities utilizing this program.

**Toyota's North American Parts Center California (NAPCC)** located in Ontario has the largest single-roof solar power installation in North America, which includes about 10,400 solar modules. It generates 3.7 million kilowatt hours of electricity annually and provides nearly 60 percent of the total electricity requirements for the 760,000-square foot NAPCC.

Ontario also works with local companies to support sustainable business practices through proactive recycling programs. The City operates a waste disposal facility where companies can dispose of e-waste among other items. The Ontario Municipal Utilities team also conducts assessments to determine ways business can save money through recycling. Efforts have realized **monetary savings of 43 percent for small businesses, 45 percent for mid-size businesses and 29 percent for large businesses.**

"By implementing better recycling practices, we can help many of our local companies realize significant operational savings, which is crucial to their bottom line," noted Mayor Leon.

City officials continue to encourage entrepreneurial business growth, including the development of new industries, innovative practices by existing companies as well as a commitment to its own sustainability, furthering its role as a green hub for the region and Southern California's Next Urban Center.

**About The City of Ontario**

The City of Ontario is Southern California's Next Urban Center. Located just 35 miles from Los Angeles, Ontario is uniquely positioned as the "economic engine" of one of the fastest growing regions in the United States. Ontario is home to the LA/Ontario International Airport, and an incomparable transportation system of three major freeways and two railroads that provide access to the region, the nation and the globe. With a highly skilled local talent base and lower cost space than coastal counties, Ontario, California is the place to do business. For more information, visit [www.ontariocalifornia.us](http://www.ontariocalifornia.us).

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