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National and state incentives available for greener propane-powered mowers

AUSTIN, TX — The <u>Propane Council of Texas</u> (ProCOT) and the <u>Propane Education and Research Council</u> (PERC) are offering national and statewide incentives for commercial mowers that run on greener, domestically-produced <u>propane autogas</u>.

The Propane Education and Research Council (PERC) offers incentives nationwide for propane mower end-users on select mowers that are 36 to 72 inches in deck size. Mower operators can receive \$1,000 per factory-built mower and \$500 per EPA-certified propane conversion. There is a perpetual cap of 25 incentives per end-user. On the state level, the Propane Council of Texas (ProCOT) offers incentives for commercial propane mower users. Statewide incentives include \$1,000 per factory-built propane mower and \$1,000 per EPA-certified conversion, with a perpetual cap of five incentives per entity. Both the national and the state program offer the incentives in exchange for data on the mowers.

"The statewide and national incentive programs are a great way for landscapers and other commercial mower end-users to experience the benefits of propane autogas," said Jackie Mason, Education & Marketing Director for the Propane Council of Texas. "At the same time, we are able to learn more about the performance of the propane units in the marketplace."

Propane autogas is clean, cost-efficient and environmentally friendly. Landscapers that operate <u>propane-powered mowers</u> experience reduced fuel costs, less maintenance, longer engine life and decreased harmful emissions.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates more than 17 million gallons of traditional fuel are spilled each year while refueling mowers. However, with propane's closed loop refueling system, landscapers can experience less spilled fuel and fewer instances of pilferage.

Propane autogas is widely available throughout Texas, with more 700 propane autogas stations across the state. Plus, propane tanks are easy to switch, and there are on-site cylinder exchange programs available. Not only are refueling stations plentiful, but more than 14 major mower manufacturers produce propane-powered commercial units, so there are several options for interested landscapers.

For more information about national mower incentives, please visit www.PoweredByPropane.org; and for additional information about statewide mower incentives, please visit www.FuelingTexas.com.

About the Propane Council of Texas

The Propane Council of Texas (ProCOT) is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 dedicated to educating the public and the propane industry on safety and on the newest clean-burning propane technologies. ProCOT is the state entity that represents the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC), which was authorized by the U.S. Congress with the passage of the Propane Education and Research Act (PERA) of 1996. The program is funded with small fees from the propane industry and goes to fund several safety programs, as well as the commercialization of new propane technology. Visit www.procot.org for more information.

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