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U.S. Army Energy Executive Accepts Prestigious CALSTART Blue Sky Leadership Award

Environmental award recognizes leadership in advancing clean technologies for trucks

BALTIMORE – The U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center's (TARDEC) Paul F. Skalny received the prestigious CALSTART Blue Sky Leadership Award for 2011 today during the 11th Hybrid, Electric and High Efficiency Truck Users Forum (HTUF). Skalny, Acting Executive Director of Product Development and Director of TARDEC's National Automotive Center, was recognized for outstanding marketplace contributions to clean air, energy efficiency and to the clean transportation industry overall by companies, organizations and individuals.

"I am totally honored and humbled to receive this recognition on behalf of everyone at TARDEC," said Skalny. "The HTUF program gives the Army an uncommon return on investment and ultimately is providing benefits for our Nation and our Soldiers as well as the commercial vehicle user and supplier communities."



For an assortment of reasons, the military is enthused about the potential benefits of hybrid-electric, electric and efficient vehicles. Leading that list of benefits is improved military capability through better energy performance including through increased range, endurance and energy efficiency. In addition, reducing fuel demand in military operations can cut the number of fuel convoys targeted by insurgents in combat zones.

"Paul Skalny has been one of the Nation's most innovative and influential leaders in the development of advanced technologies for trucks, in particular hybrid systems," said John Boesel, President and CEO of CALSTART. "He has demonstrated this with work in hybrid trucks; advanced trucks; advanced energy storage; and electrified vehicle and power initiatives he has helped to launch."

CALSTART Blue Sky Leadership Award is presented in recognition of an individual's unique actions to speed marketplace introduction of clean transportation technologies. Also recognized for 2011 was Steve Saltzgeber, Director of Fleet Operations for Coca-Cola Refreshments.

Founded by CALSTART and TARDEC, HTUF is operated by CALSTART under contract to the U.S. Army. Visit htuf2011.org for more information about the conference.

ABOUT TARDEC

Headquartered at the U.S. Army Detroit Arsenal in Warren, MI, TARDEC is the Nation's laboratory for advanced military automotive technology and serves as the Ground Systems Integrator for all Department of Defense (DOD) manned and unmanned ground vehicle systems. With roots dating back to the World War II era, TARDEC is a full life-cycle, systems engineering support provider-of-first-choice for all DOD ground combat and combat support weapons, equipment and vehicle systems. TARDEC develops and integrates the right technology solutions to improve Current Force effectiveness and provides superior capabilities for Future Force integration. TARDEC's technical, scientific and engineering staff lead cutting-edge research and development in Ground Systems Survivability; Power and Mobility; Ground Vehicle Robotics; Force Projection; and Vehicle Electronics and Architecture. TARDEC is a major research, development and engineering center for Research, Development and Engineering Command and an enterprise partner in the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command. www.tardec.army.mil

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