

# Briefing Notice

## **2015 Electric Drive Congress** **Tuesday, February 10, 2015**

### **The Road Ahead for Electric Vehicles – Capitol Hill Briefing**

**10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

**U.S. Capitol Visitor Center Auditorium**

Please RSVP to expedite check-in. Email confirmation to [MWilbur@electricdrive.org](mailto:MWilbur@electricdrive.org).

The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invites you to join us at the **Electric Drive Transportation Association (EDTA)**'s briefing to discuss the road ahead for electric drive vehicles as industry executives, policymakers, and other stakeholders gather to address the outlook for the market and what role policymakers can play in accelerating the electric fleet. Policymakers and industry leaders will provide their expert insights, and a moderated Q&A will follow. Featured speakers for the Capitol Hill briefing include:

- **U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley** (D-OR)
- **U.S. Senator Thomas R. Carper** (D-DE)
- **Reuben Sarkar** - U.S. Department of Energy
- **Genevieve Cullen** - EDTA
- **Arun Banskota** - NRG Energy Electric Vehicle Services
- **Desmond Bell** - PG&E Corporation
- **Wayne Killen** - Audi of America
- **Tracy Woodard** - Nissan

Electric drive vehicles present several key benefits over conventional vehicles. By making it possible to power our vehicles with electricity from a multitude of sources, including renewables, they reinforce America's energy security. Electric drive also helps to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality. And they're good for consumers' wallets: on average, domestic grid electricity can power plug-in cars for the equivalent of \$1 a gallon.

Electric drive vehicles encompass vehicles powered by battery, hybrid, plug-in hybrid, and fuel cell drives. Over half a million such cars were sold in 2014 alone, representing 3.47 percent of the total market. Sales are rising fast, and electric drive vehicles are expected to continue to gain market share despite falling gas prices.

### **Electric Drive Symposium**

**12:00 PM – 5:30 PM**

**Washington Court Hotel & Charlie Palmer Steak**

Register for the Symposium at [www.electricdrivecongress.com/register](http://www.electricdrivecongress.com/register)

In addition to the above Congressional briefing, which is free and open to all, EDTA is also holding an **Electric Drive Symposium** for paid registrants at the Washington Court Hotel. Highlights include a keynote luncheon sponsored by Volkswagen Group of America, federal and state policy forums, and a networking reception. Featured speakers for the symposium include:

- **Patrick Davis**, U. S. Department of Energy
- **Joerg Sommer** - Volkswagen
- **Melissa A. Lavinson** - PG&E Corporation
- **Robert R. Wimmer** - Toyota
- **Joseph Guzzo** - General Motors
- **Colleen Quinn**, ChargePoint
- **Nick Nigro**, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions
- **Greg Dierkers** - National Governors Association
- **Ashley Horvat** - State of Oregon
- **Karen Glitman** - Vermont Energy Investment Corporation
- **Linda Bluestein** - Clean Cities, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Elaine Bueschen O'Grady**, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management

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