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Ethanol Board receives grant from Nebraska Environmental Trust

The Nebraska Ethanol Board announced today that it will receive \$15,000 from the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the "Ethanol Awareness Clean Air Program." The Trust Board announced funding for the project at its meeting on April 7, 2011 in Lincoln. The project is one of the 94 projects receiving \$15,412,788 in grant awards from the Nebraska Environmental Trust this year.

The project aims at improving air quality in Nebraska through the promotion of ethanol as an alternative transportation fuel to gasoline. Increased ethanol use reduces emissions of cancer-causing agents such as benzene, toluene, xylene, and ethyl benzene. Ethanol has also been proven to generate lower lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions than gasoline. The project will promote ethanol use through direct marketing efforts to Flex Fuel Vehicle (FFV) drivers; increased signage on state highways directing drivers to E85 pumps; create a digital database of e-mail contacts for FFV drivers, promote the proliferation of E85 pumps throughout Nebraska by providing reimbursement of infrastructure costs to retailers; development and maintenance of online "E85 locator" tools; promotion of ethanol use through E10 in non-FFVs with a public information campaign. The program will be in collaboration with other national biofuel advocacy groups and has the commitment of matching cash funds and in-kind contributions.

The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 1992. Using revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided over \$172 million in grants to 1,292 projects across the state. Anyone – citizens, organizations, communities, farmers and businesses – can apply for funding to protect habitat, improve water quality and establish recycling programs in Nebraska. The Nebraska Environmental Trust works to preserve, protect and restore our natural resources for future generations.

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Established in 1971, the Ethanol Board assists ethanol producers with programs and strategies for marketing ethanol and related co-products. The Board supports organizations and policies that advocate the increased use of ethanol fuels – and administers public information, education and ethanol research projects. The Board also assists companies and organizations in the development of ethanol production facilities in Nebraska. For more information, please visit www.ne-ethanol.org.