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### **USFCC Announces Testing Participants for Single-Cell Testing Protocol**

Miami (November 6, 2003) – The US Fuel Cell Council’s Materials and Components Working Group announced participants in the testing of its Single-Cell Testing Protocol, and confirmed that Los Alamos National Laboratory, Teledyne Energy Systems, Greenlight Power and ElectroChem would participate in the first round tests. The Working Group has made great strides in the development of a Single-Cell Testing Protocol that will provide a common method of testing cell performance for easier comparisons of suppliers’ products.

Participants in the Working Group’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Single-Cell Testing Protocol Task Force Meeting also developed paths forward for a Test Station Protocol and Longevity Testing Methods, soliciting participants from the Working Group for those Task Forces.

“The work of the Council’s Materials and Components Working Group will have a tremendous impact on the fuel cell industry over time,” said Robert Rose, USFCC executive director. “Standard testing protocols will make objective comparison of new fuel cell material properties easier, and should help reduce redundant parallel testing efforts of fuel cell integrators.”

Since its formation in 2002, the Materials and Components Working Group has been developing testing protocols for fuel cell components as the groundwork for an overarching Single-Cell Testing Protocol. Work on a “Testing Protocol for Through-Plane Electrical Conductivity of Composite Bipolar Plates” is wrapping up, and work is set to begin on a similar Testing Protocol for Metallic Bipolar Plates. Other Task Forces established by the Working Group include: Contaminants, Electrical Conductivity Testing Protocols, and Gas Diffusion Layer Testing.

The USFCC is the trade association for the fuel cell industry, dedicated to fostering the commercialization of fuel cells in the United States. Our membership includes producers of all types of fuel cells, as well as major suppliers, fuel providers, government agencies, universities, OEMs, other trade associations, and customers. For more information, visit [www.usfcc.com](http://www.usfcc.com).

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