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## FEDERAL

- The DOE, Office of Efficiency and Renewable Energy, has issued a Notice of Request for technical input to go/no go decision for hydrolysis of Sodium Borohydride for On-Board Hydrogen Storage. The DOE is determining whether certain technical targets have been met including System Capacity and costs. Position papers and other technical documents will be accepted by April 30, 2007.

## STATES

### CALIFORNIA

- On December 28, 2006, the EPA approved the CARBs 1999-2003 amendments to the California Zero-Emission Vehicle regulations as they affect the 2007-2011 model year vehicles. The approval allows manufacturers to produce fuel cells as an alternative to the battery-powered cars and light trucks previously required by the state.

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## STATES (CONT.)

### MICHIGAN

- Legislation to encourage the research, development and use of alternative energies passed the Michigan Senate. The Michigan Legislature established the NextEnergy Authority Act in 2002 to promote alternative energy technology and economic growth throughout the state. Senate Bill 583 expands the types of technologies, including the addition of biomass, thermoelectric and hydroelectric technologies as alternative energy systems; clarification on the qualifications for hybrid vehicles; and removing the cap on generation capacity for fuel cells, photovoltaic and wind energy systems. The law is designed to promote and increase the research, development and manufacturing of alternative energy technology, as well as promote and increase the testing of the technology. The law also clarifies that "wind energy systems" are personal property clearing up any current confusion in tax law regarding wind turbines.

### OREGON

- Bonneville Power is making \$1 million available through an RFP for research on ocean wave and in-stream tidal generation technologies. Bonneville will fund up to 65% of the costs of a selected proposal but not more than \$500,000 on a single proposal.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

- The General Assembly prefiled a bill that would create a \$15 million fund to draw hydrogen technology companies to the state. The South Carolina Hydrogen Infrastructure Development Fund would be available to private companies that work with the universities of South Carolina, Clemson and South Carolina State, as well as the Savannah River National Laboratory. A grant administrator would work with the universities to encourage private businesses to set up hydrogen technology outfits in the state.

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