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# AFV Educate, Inc. To Play Pivotal Role in Creating Economically Diverse Jobs as Part of ACT Now Coalition Grant

*AFV Educate receives \$346,000 for entrepreneurship support to help communities, small businesses and entrepreneurs prepare for new green jobs.*

**Morgantown, WV** (November 5, 2022) – AFV Educate is poised to play a pivotal role in creating hundreds of economically diverse jobs as a part of the recently announced \$62.8 million award to the Appalachian Climate Technologies Coalition (ACT Now Coalition), led by the Coalfield Development Corporation to boost 21 coal-impacted counties in southern West Virginia.

“As announced by President Biden, this grant is by far one of the largest economic and community development grants in the history of the United States, encompassing 21 states, and AFV Educate is proud to be a part of this important program,” said Micheal Smyth, Director of Education for AFV Educate. “Working with such great partners as West Virginia University, Marshall University, WV Community Development Hub, WV Brownfields, Nature Conservancy, and WV Hive, and with the support of President Biden, WV Senator Joe Manchin, and WV Governor Jim Justice, we look forward to the development of this project, destined to be an economic game changer through new energy economic and community development.”

As a part of this far-reaching project, AFV Educate will develop and present a suite of green energy business training materials to educate and assist businesses of all sizes on the advantages of adopting green energy practices for the betterment of their community and the improvement of their business bottom line.

To quote Senator Manchin, “West Virginia continues to see the benefits of the critical American Rescue Plan investments that drive economic development and create good-paying, long-term jobs, and



today's announcement is great news for our entire state. It is a testament to our hardworking fellow West Virginians and forward-thinking communities that West Virginia was one of just 21 recipients of the EDA's Regional Challenge program. I'm pleased the EDA is investing nearly \$63 million in communities across southern West Virginia to strengthen local economies, support our energy industries and expand job opportunities. This is an incredible opportunity, and I look forward to seeing the positive impacts of this funding for years to come."

**AFV Educate, Inc.**, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit training and curriculum development organization, is a global technology and training group specializing in developing and presenting on-site and virtual alternative fuel, alternative fuel vehicle, and green energy training to pre-and in-service professionals, focusing on businesses, schools, first responders, second responders, automotive technicians, and the general public.