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Tucson joins national event with Tucson Plugs In 2012

TUCSON, Ariz. – Tucson Plugs In 2012, which will be held on Sept. 23 at The Arizona Inn, will put Tucson front and center as the southern Arizona celebration of National Plug In Day.

The 2nd annual electric vehicle (EV) awareness celebration sponsored nationally by Plug In America, the Sierra Club and the Electric Auto Association is joined in sponsorship by the Tucson Electric Vehicle Association 2 (TEVA2), Pima Association of Governments’ Tucson Regional Clean Cities Coalition, The Arizona Inn, Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Sierra Club.

Approximately 60 cities and municipalities across the United States will simultaneously host plug in events this year on Sunday, Sept. 23, with the Tucson event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Arizona Inn, 2200 E. Elm St., with activities located across the street at the corner of North Olsen Avenue and East Lee Street.

The Arizona Inn recently installed eight ECOtality Blink Level 2 EV Charging Stations in conjunction with The EV Project, thus showing a unique local commitment for wider EV adoption.

“The venue provides the public an opportunity to learn about the benefits of electric vehicles, see first-hand how EV infrastructure works and learn what they can do to reduce America’s dependence on foreign oil,” said Colleen Crowninshield, manager of the Tucson Regional Clean Cities Coalition.

Expected at the event is a cross section of local auto dealers that sell electric vehicles and private EV owners, showcasing both factory-made and home-converted electric vehicles. Other participants may include local and regional businesses, and nonprofit and government organizations involved with the EV industry, such as Isabella’s Ice Cream, which sells ice cream from a converted antique electric vehicle that cools its product with solar power.

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