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IUEP Announces Grants for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Projects

Washington, DC (January 20, 2006) – The International Utility Efficiency Partnerships, Inc. (IUEP) is pleased to announce the release of its 2006 Request for Proposals (RFP) for developing and implementing international energy efficiency projects and methane reduction projects that will result in the reduction, avoidance, or sequestration of greenhouse gases (GHG). The RFP will provide funding for approximately 10 to 15 GHG reduction projects with a total value of \$4,000,000 including a 50/50 cost share requirement. The RFP is open from January 20, 2006 thru April 20, 2006. Grant winners are expected to be announced in May, 2006.

The IUEP program is one of the voluntary initiatives created as part of the Power Partners program, a collaborative venture announced on February 12, 2003 between the U.S. Department of Energy and the Edison Electric Institute (EEI.) Under Power Partners, the U.S. investor-owned utility industry committed to reducing GHG intensity by the equivalent of three to five percent in this decade. This is in addition to, and consistent with, the success of, ongoing voluntary GHG reduction efforts by the U.S. electric power industry, which leads all other sectors in taking voluntary actions to address climate change.

The IUEP manages the International Power Partnerships program (IPP), the Power Partners initiative that promotes development of GHG reduction projects in developing countries. IUEP provides support for projects that demonstrate actual measurable GHG reductions, thereby facilitating creation of actual “tons of reductions on the table.” By making grants, IUEP provides financial and managerial support to enable worthy projects to be deployed in the international marketplace. These grant-making activities also encourage the development of strong partnerships between the developing world and U.S. manufacturers, developers, and electricity providers.

Projects awarded under this year’s RFP will be those that demonstrate quantifiable emissions reductions that can be immediately implemented in host countries. RFPs in previous years have placed an emphasis on renewable energy technologies and other high-efficiency, lower-GHG power technologies that reduced, avoided, or sequestered GHG emissions. This year, participants are encouraged to submit proposals for projects that meet the criteria for inclusion in the Asia-Pacific Partnership (APP) and/or the Methane to Markets program M2M).

For more information about this year’s RFP, please visit the IUEP website at www.iuep.org/RFP2006/. The RFP can be directly downloaded from this site. There are also links providing additional information on the Power Partners program, the Asia-Pacific Partnership (APP) and the Methane to Markets initiative (M2M).

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The IUEP has been a leader among the industry groups that have supported voluntary initiatives to address global climate change. The IUEP maintains its leadership by supporting international GHG reduction projects under the auspices of the Power Partners Program, a joint initiative of the U.S. power industry and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). IUEP undertakes its GHG reduction projects by partnering with U.S. and international organizations.