

Electric truck manufacturer EVI moves to California

Strategically positioned in the nation's biggest market for alternative fuel vehicles.

Plant in Stockton, CA, will create more than 100 local jobs.

Deliveries to start next month.

Stockton, CA, August 24, 2009. Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) pioneer Electric Vehicles International (EVI) today announced its upcoming move to the city of Stockton in California's San Joaquin Valley, as EVI's worldwide headquarters and primary US manufacturing facility. Founded in 1989, the company had since been headquartered in Toluca, Mexico, with a sales and marketing office in Austin, TX. To date EVI, a veteran in the alternative fuel vehicle sector, has sold more than 1000 electric vehicles.

EVI provides its customer base with a vertically integrated approach to their needs. Says Hanna: "Our flexible and scalable in-house powertrains are matched to leading industry standard chassis and cabs. EVI, which provides its own motors and controllers, also has a strategic alliance in place with Valence Technology for lithium phosphate batteries. Using industry standard chassis and cabs gives our customers the nationwide support and service that they demand. EVI have made investing in a new technology low risk and desirable by combining state-of-the-art-technology with existing infrastructures."

The President and CEO of the San Joaquin Partnership, Michael Locke, says: "The commitment by EVI to a new facility in Stockton, California, is a major step forward in reaching California's Green initiative. The San Joaquin Partnership is pleased to have been a part of the project team to support EVI's investment in Stockton."

EVI has developed, tested and matured its technology in Mexico for years, as the US truck market prepared for the most recent wave of alternative fuel cars and trucks. "This is the time," says CEO Ricky Hanna, "for us to make the move into the world's single biggest and most important market for electric commercial vehicles. We have the tried and tested technology the USA has been waiting for. Stockton's location, its logistics capabilities and its pro-business environment mean we will have better and faster access to all key markets and more space and freedom in which to grow." By the end of 2010, Hanna envisages the local workforce at EVI to grow to well over 100 people, sourced from local San Joaquin County.

Manufacturing of brand new models is expected to begin in early 2010. More news on EVI can be found on EVI's website at www.evi-usa.com.

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