March 25, 2020

The Electric Drive Transportation Association (EDTA) is committed to the safety of EVS33 participants and we are closely monitoring the situation surrounding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) so that we may provide timely updates and assess the potential impact on the event, scheduled for June 14-17 in Portland, Oregon.

We are following guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as recommendations set forth by the United States government. We are playing close attention to the time-limited guidelines and prohibitions of large events that have been announced. Currently, the EVS33 event falls outside of the mandated restrictions. Specifically, these guidelines include:

- On March 23, Oregon Governor Kate Brown announced an Executive Order requiring barring all non-essential gatherings until “the order is terminated.” There is no official guidance that the duration of the Order will extend to June 2020. The Oregon Convention Center is currently maintaining its schedule from May 2020 forward.

- On March 13, the federal government instituted a 30-day restriction on entrance to the U.S. from parts of Europe, extending to April 11.

- The CDC has recommended that gatherings of 50 or more be suspended through May 18.

We are also tracking industry-specific information from the leading trade show associations, including the International Association of Exhibitions and Events (IAEE), the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry (UFI), and the Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA) regarding best practices.

We are continuing our work to deliver a premier international electric vehicle symposium at EVS33 and are excited to welcome attendees to Portland on June 14. Be assured that EVS33 organizers will provide regular updates as we make informed decisions that follow guidance and recommendations that safeguard the health of participants.

Sincerely,

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