The U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Workplace Charging Challenge mobilizes workplaces across the nation to provide plug-in electric vehicle (PEV) charging stations for its employees and customers.

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) is among the many innovative businesses participating, and installed two level-2 charging stations at their 1010 Main Street office. With the installation of the new charging stations, LRAPA has also leased an electronic FIAT—the very first in Lane County—for the agency’s use.

As part of the EV Everywhere Grand Challenge, DOE launched the Workplace Charging Challenge in January 2013, with the goal of increasing the number of American employers offering workplace charging by tenfold in the next five years.

PEVs can offer consumers significant advantages over gasoline-powered vehicles, including savings on fuel costs, added convenience from home refueling, and reduced maintenance costs. Electricity is cheaper than gasoline to power a vehicle—generally equivalent to about $1 per gallon. The DOE wants to increase corporate leadership, sustainability, and employee incentives through this pledge.

By installing these charging stations, LRAPA contributes to building the PEV charging infrastructure and offers valuable employee benefits, especially to those commuting to work in their EVs. LRAPA has always been a pioneer in green practices, having used hybrid vehicles when they first became available on the market and now using EVs.

As a local government regulatory agency, LRAPA sets an example to reduce emissions and fuel consumption by using electric vehicles. The charging stations are also open and free to people who visit the agency.

For more information please contact Jo Niehaus, Public Affairs Manager at 541-736-1056 x 217 or look up details on the pledge at www.electricvehicles.energy.gov/

**Additional Links:**
- [http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=0ad2b36c81b1d8ac36d2e51a76&id=1e2c603f87](http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=0ad2b36c81b1d8ac36d2e51a76&id=1e2c603f87)

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