



Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion Implementation Now Underway

\$23 million Project Includes State, Municipal, and Private Fleet Conversion Using Various Alternative Fuels

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(Indianapolis)—A massive Alternative Fuel Vehicle conversion project that includes the conversion of some 900 vehicles as well as infrastructure improvements got underway this week. The \$22.8 million project includes a \$10.1 million federal grant announced by Lt. Governor Becky Skillman last year. The project is a joint effort of the Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) and Greater Indiana Clean Cities Coalition (GICCC).

“We’re calling this project, ‘No Silver Bullet, But a Lot of Silver Beebees’”, said Kellie Walsh, Executive Director of GICCC. “The goal is to displace one million gallons of petroleum each year through the use of alternative fuels. This project will also create as many as 200 jobs”

Along with OED and GICC the project has eight partners:

Indiana Department of Transportation

115 propane fueling sites across the state

Retrofit of 200 F250s to AutoGas (propane)

Implementation of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) dump trucks

City of Indianapolis – 10 Propane F150s, Alternative Fuel Vans for Marion County Sheriff’s Department, and 25 hybrid light duty vehicles

Citizens Energy - Upgrade of compressed natural gas fueling station

Lassus Brothers Oil - Three E85 fuel locations around Ft Wayne

City of Ft. Wayne

Use of E85 stations for police fleet fueling

Implementation of light and medium duty hybrid trucks

KAKCO – Upgrade to CNG station

Sysco Distribution – Implementation of 57 hybrid trucks

RUAN Trucking—New CNG station in Clarksville, IN and the purchase of a Class 8 CNG Semi

“It’s great to see not only your state government, but our partners in industry stepping forward to help reduce our use of foreign sources of energy,” said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. “The fact that this could create more jobs for Hoosiers makes it even better.”

The basis of the project is a \$10.2 million federal grant announced by Lt. Governor Skillman last year. The grant is administered by OED, which Lt. Governor Skillman oversees, and managed by GICCC. Along with helping purchase or convert vehicles, the project will also support E85 ethanol retail infrastructure, and create a Compressed Natural Gas Corridor from Gary to Clarksville.

“This is where we put words into action,” said OED Director Brandon Seitz. “This project will show that government can empower the private sector to make a difference, right now, in the amount of foreign oil we buy and consume.”

The city of Indianapolis is one of the major partners in this project bringing ten propane-powered Ford F150 pick up trucks and 25 hybrid light duty trucks on line.

“The Department of Energy’s Clean Cities Grant will diversify the City’s fleet while achieving cleaner air and costs savings for taxpayers,” said Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard. “As a member of the Greater Indiana Clean Cities Coalition, we look forward to working closely with DOE and the State Energy Office on this initiative.”

The project stems from a federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act competitive grant program from the U.S. Department of Energy. Indiana was one of only 25 states to meet last year’s application deadline. The project must be completed by September 30, 2011.

About OED: The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state’s energy policy. As Indiana’s State Energy Office, OED administers grant and other energy related funding that comes to Indiana as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. OED has established partnerships on a state level in order to promote the use of local resources such as clean coal and agricultural products. These local resources are used to create energy in the form of electric generation, synthetic natural gas and alternative transportation fuels. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED works with stakeholders in a variety of industries to maximize jobs and economic vitality by being a hub for energy development.

About GICCC: The Greater Indiana Clean Cities is one of 87 US DOE Clean Cities Coalition’s working at a grass roots level to assist local public and private sector fleets in the implementation of alternative fuels and related technology to reduce our nation’s dependence on foreign oil and improve our environment. We work closely with stakeholder fleets to find the alternative fuel and/or related technologies that fit their fleets operation both technologically and financially. Greater Indiana Clean Cities has secured over \$14 million in federal and state funding opportunities over the last 7 years.

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