

2014 Washington Auto Show
Walter E. Washington Convention Center
January 22 – February 2

Advancing Alternative Fuel Markets

Education and Outreach Events

The Washington Auto Show will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. Incorporated in the Auto Show will be a Fleet Professionals Conference & Show on **January 28, 29, and 30**, starting at 8:30 am. The Auto Show exhibition floors will be *open to fleet professionals only* from 8:30 am to noon on January 28th & 29th.

The Auto Show will provide these professionals with proactive networking and political forums. The events will bring all levels of fleet representatives together with private business to educate, inform, problem-solve, and instruct. Focuses are placed on current fleet management policies, procedures, solutions, and technology. In addition to the training tracks below, the United States General Services Administration (GSA) will be hosting twenty-five (25) separate training programs for Federal Fleet Professionals only.

Fleet Training Resources—January 28 (1 pm)

This seminar is designed to introduce various automotive technician-training resources to fleet managers in an effort to reduce concerns about the availability and costs of technician training for alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure. The panel will consist of professional organizations that provide a variety of course offerings on alternative vehicles in a variety of formats, including on-line, instructor led, webinar and DVD based training regarding Electric, Hydrogen, Biodiesel, Ethanol, CNG, and Propane vehicles and infrastructure.

Panelists will include:

- National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium (NAFTC)/Terry Wolfe
- AC Delco
- General Motors/Nissan
- ROUSH CleanTech
- Ford Automotive Training Group (*awaiting confirmation*)
- Propane Education and Research Council (PERC)
- Community Colleges
- National Biodiesel Board (NBB)
- Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association (FCHEA)

AFV Policy Initiatives—January 28 (1 pm)

The focus of this session will be directed towards strategies and actions that state and local governments can take to address and encourage regional cooperation and planning to improve the adoption and growth of AFVs and infrastructure. Areas of discussion will include cooperative procurement of AFVs and fueling infrastructure, regional cooperation and effective planning strategies. The session will focus on setting a new vision and planning that focus on regional transportation and environmental policies to promote the growth of AFVs and infrastructure development in the DC metro

region. Panelists will provide best practices and strategies that prod the growth of clean transportation initiatives involving electric, hydrogen, propane, CNG, and biodiesel vehicles and infrastructure.

Panelists will include:

- Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition (GWRCCC)
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG)
- Maryland and Virginia Clean Cities
- Maryland Energy Office

Fleet Facilities/CNG–January 29 (1 pm)

This session will focus on retrofitting and up fitting vehicle maintenance facilities for natural gas fleets. Panelists will share their experiences with adopting natural gas vehicles into their fleet. For example, to date Washington Gas has accumulated 147 CNG vehicles and expects to have approximately 240 CNG vehicles by the end of 2016. Discussions will focus on:

- What fleet managers should expect when deciding whether or not to convert a portion of their fleet to natural gas
- Address the required modifications that may be imposed by both state and local code and permitting authorities
- Address both rumors and realities regarding retrofitting cost implications
- The importance of investing in training and safety requirements when working on natural gas fuel systems within an enclosed area

Panelists will include:

- Washington Gas
- Natural Gas America
- Montgomery County

Federal Fleet Fueling Needs–January 29 (Time TBA)

This session is directed to federal fleet management personnel and commercial and retail companies that provide infrastructure to improve both availability and locational strategies of fueling stations that serve the federal fleet footprint in the DC metro area.

Panelists will include:

- Tri-Gas & Oil
- SESI
- Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Properties, LLC