

## Blue Star Gas Presents Alt Fuel Options for Fleets at GoGreen Conference

**SEATTLE – April 26, 2012 –** Blue Star Gas joined more than 50 of the Puget Sound region's top green business leaders at the GoGreen '12 Seattle conference Wednesday to help businesses integrate environmentally friendly practices while improving their bottom line. As the flagship West Coast fuel provider of the national Alliance AutoGas network, Blue Star hosted a panel discussing the most clean, cost-effective alternative vehicle fuel options for fleets, like propane autogas.

"Switching to propane autogas is an affordable way for businesses to green their fleets and start saving on fuel costs right away, but many may not realize propane vehicle fuel is an option," said Darren Engle, marketing director of Blue Star Gas and also chairman of the Propane Education and Research Council's Research and Technology Development Working Group. "With all the advanced transportation technologies on the market today, it's vital that businesses are knowledgeable about the most viable options for their fleets."

The Blue Star Gas panel, "Green Your Fleet: Integrating Alternative Vehicle Strategies into Your Business," provided expert insight on how switching fleets to operating on alternative fuels can help businesses cut back on fuel and maintenance costs while also reducing their carbon footprint. Participants included representatives from the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, Waste Management, and the fleets of Seattle Children's Hospital and Coinstar/Redbox.

"Not only does running on an American-made clean fuel like propane autogas significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and harmful pollutants, it also allows fleets to avoid the gasoline price spikes we have come to expect year after year," says Engle.

Blue Star Gas supplies fleets from California to Washington State with affordable, American-made autogas as part of the national Alliance AutoGas network. The Alliance complete program includes autogas vehicle conversion, installation of a fueling station at the fleet base, data integration for fuel management systems, operational and safety training, and ongoing technical support.

Fleets running on autogas are currently saving more than \$1.25 per gallon compared to gasoline, and autogas is 30 percent cleaner. Propane autogas is the most widely used alternative fuel in the world, powering more than 17 million vehicles globally. With 98 percent of the U.S. autogas supply produced in North America, autogas plays a vital role in enhancing national energy security.

The <u>GoGreen Conference</u> is a unique opportunity for businesses to learn the latest in sustainable practices. GoGreen '12 is designed to educate, motivate and inspire business leaders to take their green programs to the next level by giving them actionable steps to make their organizations more sustainable. The Seattle event was held at the Washington State Convention Center.

## **About Blue Star Gas**

<u>Blue Star Gas</u> is a full-service propane distribution company committed to delivering the highest level of customer care across 60,000 square miles and 13 unique Washington, Oregon and California markets. With 74 years in the propane industry, Blue Star is a family-owned company that brings the advantages of the Alliance AutoGas complete program to the West Coast. Visit www.bluestargas.com for more information.

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