



# News Release

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## **CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION ISSUES RFP FOR ALTERNATIVE FUELING STATION AT O'HARE**

CHICAGO – The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) today for an alternative fueling station near O'Hare International Airport that will encourage and promote the use of alternative fuels by private and commercial vehicle operators.

The CDA notified potential respondents this week through newspaper advertisements, a Web alert to more than 10,000 subscribers and an announcement on the CDA's Web site, Flychicago.com, that they have 45 days to submit responses to the RFP. The listing on the CDA Web site is under Business Information/Contracting Opportunities.

"We are pleased to provide sustainable alternatives for drivers near O'Hare International Airport to complement the electric vehicle charging stations we already have at O'Hare as well as at Midway International Airport," said CDA Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. "This fueling station will promote the use of clean fuels and electricity to power vehicles, which is in line with Mayor Rahm Emanuel's vision for a 'greener' Chicago."

At least 60 percent of the available fuel for purchase at the station will be alternative fuels, including compressed natural gas (CNG) and any combination of biodiesel, liquefied petroleum gas, ethanol, hydrogen, as well as electric vehicle charging. The remaining 40 percent of the pumps may be traditional gasoline and/or diesel fuel for the first five years and alternative fuels.

The proposed fueling station will include CNG, a cleaner alternative to traditional gasoline. CNG has been used successfully over the past four months by nearly 30 taxi cabs on more than 3,100 trips to O'Hare in the City of Chicago Green Taxi Program that was launched in August 2011.

The successful respondent would pay for all capital costs, operate the station, and would pay land lease and concession fees to the CDA.

The station is expected to be built on the northeast side of O'Hare near Mannheim and Higgins roads, conveniently located near the proposed Consolidated Rental Car Facility and taxi staging areas to encourage rental car users and taxi cab drivers to purchase and drive alternatively fueled vehicles.

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After a thorough and extensive vetting process, the recommended proposals will be forwarded to the Chicago City Council's Aviation Committee and ultimately the full City Council for approval. The CDA expects the process to be completed and construction to begin in 2012.

Andolino first announced the fueling station RFP, a to-be-issued RFP for a 60-acre solar panel installation and a new restaurant composting program at Midway at the 2011 Airports Going Green conference on October 31, 2011.

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit [www.flychicago.com](http://www.flychicago.com) to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainability initiatives for airport planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance, and concessions and tenants at O'Hare and Midway International Airports in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM) Version 2.0, released in November 2010. To review case studies, key findings and new technologies, and to learn more about the upcoming Airports Going Green Conference in Chicago October 31 - November 2, 2011, please visit [www.airportsgoinggreen.org](http://www.airportsgoinggreen.org).

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