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# FINAL TECHNICAL REPORT FOR DE-FG36-01ID14036: DEPLOYMENT OF ETHANOL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR FEDERAL FLEETS IN MELBOURNE-TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA

# **Executive Summary**

The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPAct) requires that 75% of a Federal Fleet's covered vehicle acquisitions be Alternatively Fueled Vehicles (AFVs). Executive Order (EO) 13149 required that federal agencies operating 20 or more vehicles reduce their entire fleet's petroleum consumption by 20% by the end of FY 2005 compared with FY 1999 petroleum consumption. Reductions were to be achieved through alternative fuels use and increases in efficiency. EO 13149 further requires that alternative fuels be used in AFVs a majority of the time that the vehicles are in operation.

The Kennedy Space Center (KSC) currently has 511 ethanol-capable AFVs, and this number is expected to rise to 611 by the end of the year. These vehicles are able to use E85 (85% ethanol/15% gasoline) fuel. The Government Services Administration leases

these vehicles to KSC and intends to procure more E85 vehicles annually. Until the deployment of the E85 fueling station which is the subject of this report, these KSC-based vehicles used regular unleaded gasoline as no other source of E85 was available.

In January 2001, the Florida Technological Research and Development Authority (TRDA) received a grant from the U. S. Department of Energy to deploy ethanol-85 infrastructure in the Melbourne-Titusville, Florida area. The grant provided \$90,925 from the Department of Energy. The TRDA was required to provide a dollar for dollar match of either cash or in-kind contributions.

The overall objective of this grant was to support the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Transportation Technologies Federal Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) USER Program through completion of alternative fuel infrastructure projects. This program was created to support the establishment of alternative fuel infrastructures by concentrating large quantities of federal AFVs and substantially increasing the use of alternative fuels in six selected cities. Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) selected for infrastructure development were San Francisco, CA; Denver, CO; Albuquerque, NM; Minneapolis, MN; Salt Lake City, UT; and Melbourne – Titusville, FL.

In addition to developing and deploying new infrastructure projects, awardees were also tasked with ancillary responsibilities such as alternative fuel market promotion and customer education. Although the project was primarily structured to benefit federal fleets, the secondary focus was on state and local government fleets, commercial fleets, and alternative fuel vehicles owned and operated by the public. Despite the fact that the deployed E85 refueling station is located in a secure area, not accessible by the general public, both government and subcontractor employees with KSC identification badges are authorized and encouraged to refuel their personal E85 compatible vehicles at this facility.

This project has clearly aided in the removal of the "infrastructure availability" barrier to alternative fuel use, and further supported the marketability of alternative fuel vehicles. The initiative has improved the overall public good by: 1) increasing the use of ethanol in both fleet and personal vehicles at Kennedy Space Center, 2) reducing emissions from mobile sources, and 3) promoting E85 availability and its use as an alternative fuel.

During the project period, two no-cost extensions to the contract were requested and granted to accommodate delays created by: 1) slower than expected progress in the design and construction phases of the project, and 2) technical challenges encountered as drivers first began to use the fueling station in their GSA-leased vehicles. These delays are described in the body of this report.

# **Project Summary**

In January of 2001, the TRDA entered into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy to manage the project titled *Deployment of Ethanol Fuel Infrastructure for* 

Federal Fleets in Melbourne-Titusville, Florida. The project was funded by grant # DE-FG07-01ID14036, and was later changed to grant # DE-FG36-01ID14036. The initiative was devised as a means to supply fuel (E85) primarily to alternative fuel vehicles in federal fleets, and secondly for state and local government fleets, commercial fleets and alternative fuel vehicles owned and operated by the public. The purpose of the project was to aid in the removal of the "infrastructure availability" barrier to alternative fuel use, thereby supporting the marketability of alternative fuel vehicles.

The Kennedy Space Center in Brevard County, Florida was selected as the infrastructure deployment site due to the presence of a federal fleet initially containing approximately 200 AFVs. Over the project period that number has increased to 511 ethanol-capable AFVs with over 100 expected to arrive by the close of 2006.

As the project commenced a Project Team was appointed consisting of the following organizations:

- The Florida Technological Research and Development Authority (project lead and manager.
- General Services Administration (owner of the Federal Fleet at KSC).
- Space Gateway Support (provided design and planning support).
- Florida Institute of Technology (monitored usage of fuel and provided reporting).
- KSC Energy Office (assisted with planning and deployment).
- KSC Environmental Office (assisted with environmental permitting).
- Harbor Petroleum, Inc. (fuel provider and operator of the alternative fuel site).

After the project team was formed, an existing Citgo fueling station located on the Kennedy Space Center was selected as the deployment site. The fueling station is owned by the KSC Exchange Council and operated by Harbor Petroleum, a local petroleum products service company, under a lease arrangement.

Soon after the project commenced, progress was stalled when Harbor Petroleum declined to sign any agreement to be a provider of E85 unless a certain minimum profit margin could be guaranteed. A delay in schedule was incurred while other potential fuel providers were investigated.

When the question of the fuel provider was eventually settled, a Request for Proposals was issued on June 9, 2002 for the design and construction of a vehicular fueling facility consisting of a 5,000 gallon storage tank, dispenser, piping, pay-at-the-pump card reader, paved apron and signage. Additionally, the permitting process for locating the facility at the Kennedy Space Center was commenced.

In the third quarter of 2002, success was achieved in identifying the operator of the fueling station when the operator of the KSC Citgo station, Harbor Petroleum, agreed to amend its concessionaire contract to include the E85 services. As this process was being concluded, a Space Act Agreement was being drafted between the Kennedy Space Center

and the TRDA to allow for station construction at KSC. The Space Act Agreement was executed on January 21, 2003.

By the third quarter of 2003, station construction was completed by K. C. Petroleum of Jacksonville, Florida, and Ward Oil Company was identified as an available blender of record for E85. However, over the course of the next 15 months, technical problems were encountered that delayed the opening of the station and later, impacted the amount of E85 consumption.

First, it was discovered that a modem and associated equipment were needed to fully activate the card reader and fuel pricing mechanism. The problem was resolved in early 2004 when these items were installed. Second, it was discovered in the first quarter of 2004 that the station had been constructed using sealants and some piping that was not compatible with *The Department of Energy Handbook for Handling, Storing, and Dispensing E85*. Delay was encountered as the contractor made corrections. Third, and perhaps most vexing, was an array of problems encountered as customers attempted to dispense fuel into their GSA-leased vehicles.

Although the station contractor was to ensure the capability for stand-alone operations, the phone line that was installed to facilitate Voyager (credit card) transactions was actually shared with non-E85 customers. Consequently, E85 customers could not complete transactions when a gasoline customer was using a credit card at the nearby island. Also, E85 customers were frequently denied purchase authorization when they attempted to use their Voyager cards. The problem was ultimately traced to the Paymentech system installed as part of the project. Finally, software problems produced confusing prompts at the card reader and incorrect inputs by customers caused the pump to shut down early.

In addition to operational issues caused by the dispenser and card reader, the level of E85 sales was also impacted by a pump shut down caused by a lightning strike in August 2004 (pump inoperable between August 3-12) and two hurricane-related evacuations in September 2004. Although the contractor that constructed the station aggressively worked to remedy problems, NASA officials decided to replace certain system components. In December 2004, the modifications were completed by NASA and E85 usage increased.

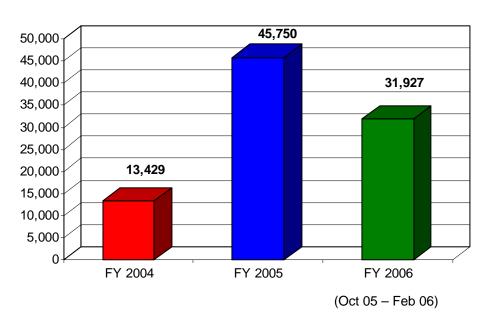
In January 2005, the TRDA requested and received DOE approval for a no-cost extension that extended both the project and budget periods to January 25, 2006. These expenses of approximately \$5,000.00 were for the expansion of the entrance to the E85 station. The original entrance was very narrow, resulting in difficult maneuvering for large vehicles and a blocking of the dispenser island when fuel deliveries took place. For safety reasons the widening of the entrance was necessary. The apron modifications have been made, and now provide a safer entry for customers, better conditions for product delivery, and increased usage of E85.

# **Project Accomplishments**

	<u>Objectives</u>	Result
1.	E85 Infrastructure Deployment	January 2005 (Apron)
2.	Alternative Fuel Dispensing	October 2003
3.	E85 Promotion and Marketing	Ongoing
4.	AFV Driver Awareness Program	Ongoing

Despite the difficulties, E85 sales have steadily grown, resulting in a fiscal year end total of 45,750 gallons sold for 2005 (See chart on page 5.). These results have been bolstered by a strong driver-awareness program led by NASA transportation managers and include informational notices in the *KSC Daily News*, highly-visible vehicle decals, automobile key tags, notifications provided to vehicle coordinators, and even training at the E85 pump.

# E85 Dispensed (Gallons)



End of fiscal year 2005 fuel sales increased by 32,892 gallons over first year operations. KSC transportation managers forecast that  $\sim$ 73,000 gallons will be sold during FY 2006.

With technical and weather "interventions" apparently behind, and widespread driver awareness of E85 availability achieved by NASA, the future holds great promise that the KSC AFV operators will meet or achieve the Energy Policy Act objectives that precipitated the grant.