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WPMA ANNOUNCES NEW PETROLEUM MARKETERS SUPPLY GUIDE

The Western Petroleum Marketers Association (WPMA) is pleased to announce that we have recently partnered with MultiView, Inc., an Irving, TX, publisher of Digital Buyer's Guides and E-News Briefs, to launch the *Petroleum Marketers Supply Guide*.

About the Petroleum Marketers Supply Guide

Our online vendor search is designed specifically for petroleum marketers, refiners, and c-store operators. Easily accessible from a link on the WPMA Web site home page (www.wpma.com) the marketplace enables users to conveniently perform targeted searches for industry-related products and services using either a user-defined keyword search, or an alphabetized category and sub-category directory search.

Unlike traditional search engine results that can generate numerous irrelevant results - and slow down your procurement process - the *Petroleum Marketers Supply Guide* is filled with industry-specific suppliers and service providers.

We feel confident you will find the *Petroleum Marketers Supply Guide* a valuable tool for researching, selecting and purchasing the resources you're looking for. Please click [here](http://petroleummarketerssupplyguide.com/) (<http://petroleummarketerssupplyguide.com/>) to visit the guide to see how it can work for you.

If you are a supplier or service provider, a listing in the *Petroleum Marketers Supply Guide* will ensure that your company's brand and message are easily accessible to the buyers who matter most to you. If you are interested in learning more about how to feature your company in the marketplace, please contact MultiView at 800-816-6710 or by email at wpma@multiview.com.

HOUSE COMMITTEE HOLDS HEARING TO EXPEDITE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

On Wednesday, the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power, Chaired by Congressman Ed Whitfield (R-KY), held another hearing regarding legislation which would approve construction of the Keystone XL pipeline without the President's consent. The legislation known as the "Northern Route Approval Act" (H.R. 3) will also limit litigation aimed to delay the construction process. H.R. 3 already has 99 bipartisan House cosponsors. Approval of the Keystone XL pipeline would greatly enhance America's energy security.

Testifying before the Subcommittee was David Mallino of the Laborers' International Union of North America; Alex Pourbaix, President of Energy and Oil Pipelines at TransCanada; Anthony Swift, Natural Resources Defense Council; Keith Stelter, President Delta Industrial Valves; and Dr. Mark Jaccard Professor and Research Director Simon Fraser University. Mr. Mallino argued that the pipeline will create thousands of jobs for union workers and will be a boom to the economy while Mr. Pourbaix noted that the oil sands will be developed whether the pipeline is approved or not potentially allowing China to be the beneficiary. Additionally, pipeline proponents argue that if the President rejects the pipeline, Canadian oil sands will be shipped via rail anyway which carries a higher CO2 emissions rate. Therefore, the environmentally friendly avenue the President can take is to approve the Keystone XL pipeline. A decision by the Obama Administration is expected sometime this summer. In the meantime, the House Energy and Power Subcommittee will take up H.R. 3 next week. It's expected to receive bipartisan support.

ONSLAUGHT OF RFS REFORM AND REPEAL BILLS

On Wednesday, a bipartisan group of lawmakers introduced legislation known as the "RFS Reform Act." Beginning in 2014, the legislation would reduce the overall renewable fuel standard by more than 40 percent, from 36 billion gallons by 2022 to 21 billion gallons. Additionally, the corn-based ethanol mandate would not be eligible in the standard and ethanol content in gasoline would be capped at 10 percent. The legislation was introduced by Reps. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), Steve Womack (R-AR), Jim Costa (D-CA) and Peter Welch (D-VT). Rep. Goodlatte also reintroduced the "RFS Elimination Act" which would

completely derail the RFS. The bill garnered 18 cosponsors last Congress. Meanwhile, Rep. Michael Burgess, M.D. (R-TX)), reintroduced the "Leave Ethanol Volumes at Existing Levels (LEVEL) Act" (H.R. 1469) which would reduce renewable fuel blend volumes and prohibit the EPA administrator from approving ethanol blends above 10 percent.

PMAA's Executive Committee and Motor Fuels Committee will review all RFS related bills and will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors to consider when they meet next month.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION RELEASES FY 2014 BUDGET

Tobacco Tax Included

This week, the Obama administration released its proposed \$3.77 trillion budget for FY 2014. The proposal unveiled by the President nearly doubles the current federal cigarette tax from \$1.01 per pack to \$1.95 per pack, increases taxes on cigars, roll-your-own tobacco, pipe tobacco and smokeless tobacco and indexes the taxes for inflation after 2014. The proposal would collect \$78 billion over 10 years to extend preschool programs for children.

Areas of interest to petroleum marketers include \$99.2 million for the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) program. \$8 million is proposed for the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve (NEHHOR). Furthermore, the budget would cut the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) program to \$3.02 billion, well short of the \$5.1 billion authorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

EPA's FY 2014 budget of \$8.2 billion represents a 3.5 percent cut below the 2012 enacted level and almost 5 percent less than provided for under the 2013 continuing resolution. Obama's FY 2014 budget also targets the Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program (DERGP) which would be cut from \$20 million to \$6 million. The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERAct) was signed into law in December 2010 which reauthorized for five years funding for a voluntary EPA program established under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which provides grants and low-cost revolving loans to help businesses invest in newer model diesel trucks, such as those that use SCR technology to reduce NOx emissions and other pollutants. The law authorized \$100 million per year from FY 2012 – FY 2016, however, it is important to note that while these funds were authorized, but not appropriated meaning that the funds aren't guaranteed.

The budget would adequately provide \$315 million for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) which is \$7 million more than the Administration's 2013 budget request. This funding level is essential to sufficiently implement the Wall Street Reform Act law (futures market reform Title VII) which is vital for decreasing volatility in the commodities market which directly impacts the price of fuel. PMAA supports the \$315 million request. However, House leadership has expressed their willingness to significantly cut CFTC funding to prevent the Wall Street Reform Act law from being implemented.

OBAMACARE "LARGE EMPLOYER" WEBINAR OFFERED

Large or Potential Large Employer - Do you believe 50 full time employees are in your future? Do you have more than 50 employees now? Are you looking for health care reform answers based on those facts? Join us for a webinar [on Monday, April 29th at 3:30 p.m. Eastern \(2:30 Central, 1:30 Mountain, 12:30 Pacific\)](#). This one-hour webinar will cover the elements of determining the 50-employee threshold for large employer status. It will also cover the interplay between the individual mandates, premium assistance, and your exposure for penalties.

The presenter will be John Satagaj, the President and General Counsel of the Small Business Legislative Council of which PMAA is a member association. Satagaj has been representing small businesses for over 30 years and is well known for his ability to take complex issues such as tax laws and health care reform and communicated about them in a way that makes sense to business people. SBLC is a permanent coalition of more than 50 associations like PMAA that share a common interest in promoting small business public policy.

The registration slots for this session is limited and since there are no fees please do not sign up unless you are certain you can join the webinar. Also, please note the telephone number will not be toll free. Finally, our colleague association in the SBLC, the Promotional Products Association International, is contributing the webinar resources and you will be registering through their site. We thank them.

To Register:

Webinar: Large or Potential Large Employer, Monday, April 29th at 3:30 p.m. Eastern (2:30 Central, 1:30 Mountain, 12:30 Pacific) go to:

<https://ppai.webex.com/ppai/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=297584883>

When you get to the registration page:

Step 1: Click the Register button on the lower right.

Step 2: After Step 1, you will be taken to a page where you will be asked to select between "Member CEU PIN#" or "Non-Member." Select you are a Non-Member and click continue.

Step 3: Fill out the information on the registration form, then select Continue.

Step 4: Select the Continue button. Once you have completed the registration, you will receive a confirmation email from messenger@webex.com with links and information to join the live webinar [on April 29th](#).

System Requirements: To view, you will need to make sure your computer meets the following system requirements:

Microsoft Internet Explorer 8.0 or newer

Disable pop-up blocker

Flash Player Version 9.0

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IRS PUBLISHES NEW SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES FOR FILING 2012 RETROACTIVE BIODIESEL CLAIMS

The biodiesel blender's credit was reinstated by Congress in December 2012. The one-dollar per gallon credit is reinstated to December 31, 2013 and made retroactive back through calendar year 2012 – the year the credit was expired. This means that marketers may now file retroactive credit claims for biodiesel blends created between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012. Also, new credit claims may be made for biodiesel blends created during calendar year 2013. These claims are not subject to the special procedures for retroactive claims. Instead, 2013 claim procedures are the same as required before the blenders credit expired.

The IRS just released a new simplified procedure for claiming 2012 retroactive biodiesel blender's credits. The new procedure outlined in IRS Notice 2013-26 no longer requires filing amended Form 720X for the first three quarters of 2012. Instead, blenders can now file claims for biodiesel blends created in all four quarters of 2012 on IRS Form 8849 Schedule 3. All 2012 retroactive biodiesel mixture claims made on IRS Form 8849 Schedule 3 must be made by July 1, 2013.

After, July 1, 2013, all 2012 retroactive biodiesel claims must be taken on IRS Form 720X amended quarterly return. The credit must first be taken against any federal motor fuel excise tax liability generated for the 2012 quarter in which the biodiesel blend was created. Credits in excess of liability may then be taken as an annual income tax credit on IRS Form 4136.

[Click here](http://pmaa.org/weeklyreview/attachments/IRS2013-26Biodiesel.pdf) (http://pmaa.org/weeklyreview/attachments/IRS2013-26Biodiesel.pdf) for IRS Notice 2013-26.

RESERVE YOUR ROOMS NOW FOR PMAA'S WASHINGTON CONFERENCE AND DAY ON THE HILL

PMAA's annual Washington Conference and Day on the Hill will be held in our Nation's Capitol of Washington, DC from May 15-17. The meeting will begin with an Opening Session / Issues Briefing in the early afternoon of May 15. Our welcome reception including our popular PAC silent auction fundraiser concludes the day! On the morning of May 16, marketers will head to Capitol Hill for visits with their Congressional delegations after a buffet breakfast and an issues briefing if you did not arrive in time to attend the opening session. The PMAA Board of Directors will meet on May 17.

If you plan on attending PMAA's Annual Washington Conference and Day on the Hill, now is the time to make your room reservation through A Room With a View at 1.800.780.4343. In the event that rooms become available at The Washington Court Hotel or The Liaison Capitol Hill due to cancellations, A Room With a View will notify conference attendees and help transfer reservations back those hotels in the order in which they were booked. For those planning to attend this informative conference, please be sure to complete the appropriate Registration Form at your earliest convenience. Information and instructions for these forms along with the Conference Schedule and the latest Hotel Information can be found [here](http://www.pmaa.org/pmaameetings/upcomingmeetings.asp) (http://www.pmaa.org/pmaameetings/upcomingmeetings.asp).

Please make your plans now to attend this important and productive opportunity to meet with your members of Congress to make your voices heard on topics important to the petroleum marketing industry!



2014 WESTERN PETROLEUM MARKETERS CONVENTION & CONVENIENCE STORE EXPO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Start planning now to attend the 2014 WPMA Convention and Convenience Store Expo. It will be held at the Mirage in Las Vegas, Nevada. Mark your calendars for February 18-20, 2014.

Access the WPMA National Convention page by scanning the QR code on the left with your smart device.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2013

May 9-10, 2013 – NPM&CSA Big Dogs' Shootout – Red Rock Hotel & Casino – Las Vegas, Nevada

June 4-6, 2013 - Montana (MPMCSA) Convention - Holiday Inn Grand - Billings, Montana

June 17-20, 2013 - Washington (WOMA) Convention - Suncadia Lodge - Cle Elum, Washington

June 20, 2013 – UPMRA Summer Golf Classic – South Mountain Golf Course – Draper, Utah

July 31-August 2, 2013 - Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention - Sun Valley Resort - Sun Valley, Idaho

August 27-29, 2013 – New Mexico (NMPMA) Convention – Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North , Albuquerque, NM

September 12-13, 2013 - Utah (UPMRA) Convention - Zermatt Resort - Midway, UT

Petro Pete: **“A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. George Bernard Shaw .”**

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