Infrastructure Grants
Pave the Way
...Literally!

The Iowa Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Program provides cost-sharing grants to renewable fuel distributors. Grant incentives include:

- Reimbursement of up to 50 percent of the costs for specific components of a project, with a three-year commitment required to sell biodiesel blends.
- Reimbursement of up to 70 percent for specific equipment or installation costs, with a five-year commitment to store and sell renewable fuels and install certain equipment.
- Up to $100,000 per project for heated biodiesel terminal equipment and/or infrastructure.

For more information, visit IowaBiodiesel.org. The grant program is managed by Harold Hommes, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, PH: (515) 242-6237, harold.hommes@iowaagriculture.gov.

The Iowa Biodiesel Board holds a seat on the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Board.
Most petroleum distribution businesses are already on the road to renewable fuels, in part because of the federal Renewable Fuel Standard. There’s no better time to update your product line to today’s cleaner burning, Iowa-made biodiesel. Iowa is the #1 biodiesel-producing state.

Biodiesel offers many benefits that research shows resonates with your customers:

- Made from Iowa’s renewable resources, such as soybean oil and other agricultural co-products or byproducts
- Displaces foreign oil
- Creates jobs in Iowa
- Boosts farm income of corn, soybean and livestock producers
- Better for the environment, reducing greenhouse gases and other emissions
- High quality fuel in the marketplace

Of the Iowa fuel producers sampled in a 2012 National Renewable Energy Lab study, 100 percent met the ASTM standard parameters measured. Diesel fuel can contain up to 5 percent biodiesel and still meet the diesel specification.

Iowa incentives, combined with federal programs, help make the economics favorable for blending Iowa biodiesel into diesel.

The Biodiesel Blended Fuel Tax Credit is available to dealers for all sales to end-use customers. The Iowa blenders tax credit is 4.5 cents per gallon for 5 percent biodiesel (B5), available through 2017.

“For distributors who have their own storage tanks or bulk plants, it can be quite profitable to buy directly from the biodiesel plant and become the blender of record, thereby qualifying for additional federal and marketing incentives, such as RINs,” said Dawn Carlson, president of the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Stores of Iowa.

There’s no question biodiesel can help petroleum distributors make their businesses more profitable and generate additional sources of revenue. — Dawn Carlson, president of the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Stores of Iowa

It’s easy to apply! Simply visit www.iowa.gov/tax and find form 8864.

Iowa passed Right to Blend legislation in 2013. It protects the ability of distributors and retailers to compete in the renewable fuels market. The law gives them the option of buying biodiesel from different sources, such as from a biodiesel plant, and blending it themselves.