

# 2013 Green Fleet Conference is a Hit with Attendees

Fleet managers from around the country converged on Phoenix to learn about sustainability, network, and test drive alt-fuel vehicles.

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**M**ore than 600 fleet managers and stakeholders invested in fleet sustainability took part in this year's Green Fleet Conference in Phoenix, which was held October 1-2 at the Phoenix Convention Center.

The conference was kicked off by Washington, D.C., Attorney Kipp Coddington with the timely topic of "What Should You Expect in President Obama's Second Term?" The answer, according to Coddington, in a word is "gridlock," a connection made even more relevant due to that morning's shutdown of the federal government.

Concurrent sessions were organized around several learning tracks, including the first-ever heavy-duty truck track, giving attendees an opportunity to drill down into the nuts and bolts of reducing idling, how to implement electric vehicles into a fleet, and getting the lowdown on the new green trucks being introduced on the market.

Also, during the October 2 breakfast, *Green Fleet* magazine recognized its 40 Sustainability All-Stars. The Government Green Fleets and the ROUSH CleanTech Propane Hero were also honored. ■



▲ Keynote Speaker Kipp Coddington gave attendees an overview of what to expect during President Obama's second term.



▲ (L-R) Robin Erickson of Utah Clean Cities, Colleen Crowningshield of Pima Association of Governments, and Laura Palombe of the Clean Energy Coalition discussed how the Clean Cities Program could benefit attendees' fleets.



▲ During the October 2 breakfast session, *Green Fleet* magazine recognized its 40 Sustainability All-Stars. Green Fleet Conference Co-Chair and *Green Fleet* magazine editor Mike Antich (second from left kneeling) poses with some of the All-Stars.

The more than 600 attendees had the opportunity to check out the 65-plus exhibitors in the 70,000-square-foot exhibit hall.



▲ The award-winning University of Michigan Solar Car Team displayed its latest solar-electric vehicle.



▲ Attendees had the opportunity to test their driving skills head-to-head and win prizes during the Ride and Drive's Segway races.



▲ A line formed for a chance to test Landi Renzo USA's Ford F-550 bi-fuel CNG. Conference organizers closed down an entire block in Phoenix to allow for alt-fuel test drives.



▲ Attendees queued up to take a spin in a Zenith Electric Passenger Van during the opening day's Ride and Drive.



▲ Adomani provides all-electric or hybrid conversions to fleets, such as this converted Ford Ranger.



▲ Hyundai gave a glimpse of the alt-fuel future with its ix35 Fuel Cell vehicle.



▲ Hino displayed one of its 195h hybrid-electric cabover chassis, which has a 5L diesel-electric hybrid system and runs on B-20.



▲ This 2014-MY Chevrolet Spark EV joined its larger alt-fuel siblings on the exhibition hall floor.



▲ A Boulder Electric DV500 delivery van used by the City of Galveston, Texas, travels up to 100 miles on one charge and is freeway-capable up to 75 mph.



► Chrysler displayed its Ram 2500 compressed natural gas truck.