

# Creating a Consolidated Fuel Depot

## Fulton County

Prior to 1985 Fulton County purchased gasoline and diesel fuels for county departments only. That year the County purchased a new key operated computerized fuel dispensing system to more accurately track its daily consumption of fuel.

By the mid 1990's HFM BOCES, along with three component school districts, two ambulance services, a city (department of public works, fire and police) and a fire district formally asked the County for permission to purchase fuel from the County. The Board of Supervisors agreed and shortly thereafter authorized the sale of fuel to various outside agencies. As a result of this agreement each agency saved hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars by not having to pay costs associated with the purchase, installation and maintenance of fuel storage tanks and dispensing equipment.

To activate the system, in operation 24/7, the user must insert a system key, enter his/her personal identification number, type of fuel offered to be purchased and current mileage of the vehicle. This information along with the day and time of day the transaction occurred is then recorded for future reference.

Highway Department staff prepares quarterly invoices for all users. Included with the bill is a computer printout identifying the employee who pumped the fuel, fuel type and quantity dispensed, vehicle identification, day and time the transaction occurred, per gallon costs (which fluctuate in accordance with state contract pricing), odometer reading at each transaction, average mpg etc. All agencies also pay a \$0.10/gallon surcharge to pay for repairs to the system.

Throughout 2005, thirty-four (34) various departments will purchase over 300,000 gallons of fuel from Fulton County. This is a successful cooperative service program that will continue to provide fuel to multiple government agencies throughout the County for many years to come.

