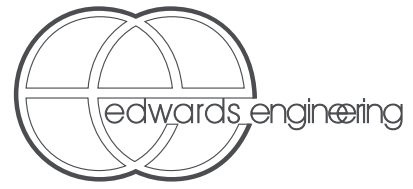


A Chicago-Area Firm Plays **Key** Role in Production of World's Fastest Growing **Alternative** Fuel



Local Firm Plays Key Role in Construction of Illinois **Biodiesel** Refinery

CHICAGOLAND - Biodiesel fuel, the fastest growing alternative fuel in the world, will soon be produced at the site of a former naval shipyard in Seneca, Illinois. Nova Biosource Fuels, Inc., a leading-edge provider of the energy source, will use its proprietary patented process technology to produce approximately 60-million-gallons of renewable fuels a year. Creation of this \$68 million Seneca facility is a boost to the local economy bringing construction and supply contracts to local businesses, as well as approximately 30 local jobs when operating permanently.

One of the premier components of the project is the pre-fabricated pipe that transports the biodiesel fuel within the plant. Nova Biosource chose Edwards Engineering, Inc. of Elk Grove Village, IL to take on this task because of their cutting edge technology and industrial experience. The project was so large that Edwards opened a separate facility specifically for this project, which is added good news for the Illinois economy. Edwards employs approximately 75 workers in their 50,000 square foot pre-fabrication facility in Minooka, IL and as part of an installation team on-site at the Seneca plant.

Currently, the largest market for biodiesel is vehicle fleets of federal, state and local government agencies, as well as fleets operating in urban or environmentally sensitive areas. The plant's end-product is expected to come from locally generated, low-cost feedstocks, including rendered animal fats and oils and recycled vegetable and animal-based greases. It's anticipated that fuel production will begin early 2008.

"It's very exciting to have our company involved with the alternative energy market," stated Jim Jacobsen, Jr., VP Sales and Marketing for Edwards Engineering, Inc. "We went up against some of the biggest and best contractors in the Chicago area on this project, so we're extremely proud to have been awarded this project," he continued. "Working with pipefitters who have the training that Local 597 provides gives us an edge. We have the workers available to us, and they have the expertise to do the job."

With a sophisticated data base that tracks project status in near real-time, a highly trained workforce, and the latest welding technology in the industry, Edwards has been very impressive in its efforts. "This is the best integration of field operations and IT support that we've seen in a construction project of this size," stated Nova Biosource on-site Project Manager, Jeff Jones.



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The Minooka facility was a great fit for this venture. The buildings, already existing but not being utilized, were outfitted by Edwards for the task of pre-fabricating the pipe. And, since the Seneca project site lacked the necessary space and the sites are only 20 miles apart, it works well logistically.

Edwards was successfully awarded the first two phases of the overall project: the process area and the distillation area. Phase one is to be completed in early September with the second phase scheduled to be finished by late October.

An aggressive firm with an impeccable reputation, Edwards is excited about what they're contributing to this project, as well as keeping an eye on the future. “This latest venture gives us a nice platform to look at other opportunities,” added Jacobsen. “It is representative of the kind of large magnitude projects that Edwards is uniquely capable of handling.

Edwards Engineering, Inc. is a full-service contractor providing integrated solutions for industry as well as heating, refrigeration, ventilation and air conditioning systems for commercial and public projects. Edwards Engineering, Inc. has successfully designed, installed and maintained a variety of systems in Fortune 500 companies, major hospitals, and both large and small office buildings and warehouses. More information can be found at www.edwardsengineering.com and www.nwindustrialpipe.com.

Nova Biosource Fuels, Inc. currently has over 230 million gallons of biodiesel in various stages of construction or in operation throughout the U.S. with the most current being the Seneca, Illinois facility.

