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Mansfield representatives visit future Firestone CNG station

Firestone's first compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling site is slated to open by June at the Firestone Convenience 7-11 location at Interstate 25 and Firestone Boulevard. In December of last year, design, construction and operation of the site were awarded to Mansfield Gas Equipment Systems.

Mansfield representatives Mario Pirraglia, vice president of sales & marketing, and Ginger McDaniel, marketing manager, visited the Firestone site on Jan. 20, and discussed plans for the fueling station with Firestone Town Manager Wesley LaVanchy and Trustee Kathryn Bieland.

"I am excited for the Town of Firestone to be an example in the region for providing clean, alternative energy to both citizens and businesses. We encourage area residents and businesses to take advantage of this cheaper, cleaner energy source in their own backyard," LaVanchy said.

Bieland continued, "The Town of Firestone is proud to offer a natural gas fueling station for our residents and commuters. Building the infrastructure to support natural gas vehicles is important for America's transition to clean energy."

Pirraglia said, "Natural gas is the cheapest it has been and it will stay that way for some time to come."

In a press release Mansfield sent upon the contract award, Larry Ozier, president of Mansfield, said, "Infrastructure has been the greatest challenge to overcome in adopting CNG as a transportation fuel. With the construction of our two sites in Weld County, in addition to many other sites across the country, we're helping customers evaluate and implement a CNG solution as a realistic option to meet their fueling needs."

The second Weld County CNG fueling site location is in Greeley, which should open in July.

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Mansfield hopes to break ground in February at the CNG fueling site, which will be located on the north side of the convenience store. The site will offer dual hose fast fill dispensers for light, medium and heavy duty CNG vehicles.

Bieland said there are now 1,000 natural gas fueling stations (LNG and CNG combined) in the United States. To locate those sites, visit www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/locator/stations/.

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