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Repayment of the loan must be based on tax assessments, revenues, fees, or other sources of money sufficient for operation and maintenance, reserves, and debt retirement. Feasibility studies are normally required when loans are for start-up facilities or existing facilities when the project will significantly change the borrower's financial operations. The feasibility study should be prepared by an independent consultant with recognized expertise in the type of facility being financed.

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of interest or principal on the loan. Community Programs can also make direct loans to applicants who are unable to obtain commercial credit.

Please visit http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF_CF.html to learn more about the program or contact Richard B. Hoffpauir, Community Programs Director of Rural Development with the United States Department of Agriculture.

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AGA Touts Market Potential for Natural Gas Vehicles

The American Gas Association (AGA) welcomed the news that Ram Truck will manufacture a factory-built compressed natural gas-powered (CNG) pickup truck and Chevrolet and GMC will build the bi-fuel 2013 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra 2500 HD extended cab pickup trucks.

Dave McCurdy, President & CEO of AGA, said:

"These manufacturers understand the tremendous market potential for natural gas vehicles. The retail price of compressed natural gas averages about half the cost of gasoline and everyone that buy natural gas vehicles is going to see it pay-off at the pump.

"The bi-fuel 2013 Chevrolet Silverado, GMC Sierra 2500 HD extended cab, and Chrysler Ram 2500 HD pickup trucks announced this week will give fleet consumers what they want - clean, reliable, cost-efficient vehicles.

"America's natural gas utilities encouraged these manufacturers to bring bi-fuel vehicles to market and are ready to support them by purchasing these vehicles in our own fleets. We're confident that fleet customers from a wide variety of businesses will see take advantage of the same opportunity and want to purchase these new CNG models."

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LGA Promoted at the Policy Jury Association of Louisiana Annual convention

The Louisiana Gas Association participated as an Exhibitor at the 88th Annual Convention of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana February 23-25, 2012 at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center.

The event drew more than 1,000 attendees to the city of Houma for the three day event to discuss issues that affect individual residents as well as the state.

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Attendees that visited the LGA booth during the event were able to meet with President, Siamak Mokhtarnejad, and Board Member, Michael St. Romain, and learn more about the organization, upcoming events and enter for their chance to win a Saints Fan Pot and Bayou Boiler. The winner took home these exciting prizes.



L-R: LGA Board Member, Michael St. Romain, presents the winner with Saints Fan Pot and Bayou Boiler at the Police Jury Association of Louisiana Annual Convention

The PJAL was the first of many events that LGA will be participating in throughout the state in 2012. Be sure to visit the LGA booth at the Louisiana Damage Prevention Summit and Louisiana Municipal Association Convention later this year.



LGA Educational Seminars Provide Informative Instruction

Louisiana Gas Association is hosting six Educational Seminars throughout the state of Louisiana in 2012. With a variety of topics and dates to choose from, there is bound to be something for everyone.

Already this year, LGA has hosted two of the six seminars attracting almost 100 attendees. The seminars offer a more hands on and personal environment for its attendees and range from 30-50 people per class. Classes remaining this year include: Fire School (Houma), Gas Pressure Regulator Relief Measurement Seminar (Shreveport), Valve Maintenance Gas Pressure Regulator Relief Measurement Seminar (Lafayette), and Line Locating Seminar (Baton Rouge & Alexandria).

The exciting seminars left will continue to be prime opportunities for hands on techniques, dialogue and training. The speakers are carefully selected based on experience and qualifications. Brief biographies are included in the brochure so that you have an opportunity to get to know your speaker before attending the class.

LGA seminars promise to be informative instruction for different areas of the industry. Be sure to review the "Course Overview" and "Who Should Attend" to learn more about the class and the target audience.

[Download the registration form](#) for full program agendas as well as sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities or call the LGA office at (866) 921-0923 for more information.



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191/192 & 195 Pipeline Safety Conference

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Please make plans to attend the 191/192 & 195 Pipeline Safety Conference that will be held July 23-27, 2012 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Tentative Agenda:

- July 23-25, 2012: 191/192 - Gas Transmission & Gas Distribution
- July 25-27, 2012: 195 - Hazardous Liquids
- **Agenda and Speaker Information coming soon in 2012!*

Hotel Accommodations:

Royal Sonesta Hotel
300 Bourbon Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Due to the high demand for hotel rooms, please make your room reservations NOW by calling the hotel directly at (504) 586-0300 or (800) 766-3782. Be sure to mention that you are attending the PIPELINE SAFETY SEMINAR in order to receive the special negotiated rate of \$96.00 for a single/double guest room. The deadline to receive this special rate is Friday, June 29, 2012 (**deadline will not be extended due to the hotels expected occupancy**). Reservations made after this date will be accepted based on hotel availability. ROOMS ARE LIMITED, PLEASE REGISTER EARLY. The special rate of \$96.00 will be honored from July 20, 2012 through August 1, 2012. Room reservations may be made online by clicking [HERE](#) and using the code PIPELINE 2012.

Exhibitor & Sponsorship Opportunities:

Exhibitor & Sponsorship Opportunities are now available! The 2011 conference included more than 500 attendees, our largest turnout yet, and the conference continues to grow each year! Don't miss this opportunity to promote your products and network with individuals in the industry.

Booth space is limited - register NOW, register EARLY! Booths will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis. Click [HERE](#) to download the registration form.



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**Updated exhibitor layouts available to view on the LGA website.*

Updated exhibitor floor layouts will be available online, www.lagas.org, to view which booths have been taken and which are still available.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen O'Regan at the LGA office.

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LGA 2012 Annual Operations Conference

Save-the-Date!

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Please make plans to attend the 2012 Annual Operations Conference that will be held October 29-31, 2012 at the Courtyard Marriott and Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center in Houma, Louisiana.

Tentative Agenda:

- **Monday, October 29, 2012:** Golf Tournament & 5th Annual Michael Hester BBQ Cook-off
- **Tuesday, October 30, 2012:** Small Operator & Management Operations Tracks
- **Wednesday, October 31, 2012:** General Session Speaker(s) & LGA Annual Meeting

Hotel Accommodations:

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 142 Library Drive
 Houma, LA
 (985) 223-8996

The special room rate of \$109 for a Standard King/Double or \$119 for a Balcony Suite will be honored at the Courtyard Marriott. Reservations can be made by phoning the hotel directly at (985) 223-8996, or online at www.marriott.com. The deadline to receive this rate is **October 15, 2012**. Reservations made after this date will be based on available space and rates.

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**List as of
May 11, 2012*

Save the Date LGA Upcoming Events

Fire School

April 10 & 11, 2012
Houma, LA

Louisiana Damage Prevention Summit

April 16-18, 2012
Crowne Plaza
Baton Rouge, LA

LGA Board Meeting

April 19, 2012
Baton Rouge, LA

Gas Pressure, Regulator, Relief, Measurement Seminar

May 2, 2012
Shreveport, LA

Valve Maintenance, Gas Pressure, Regulator, Relief, Measurement Seminar

May 23, 2012
Lafayette, LA

Line Locating Seminar

June 12, 2012
Baton Rouge &
June 13, 2012

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Have an interesting article to include in the LGA E-Newsletter? Send suggested articles to Kathleen O'Regan at the LGA office. Your article could appear in the next quarterly issue!

Articles may include, but are not limited to:

1. LGA Member, Company, and/or Employee Recognitions
2. Industry Updates
3. Member special events
4. Company Announcements
5. Consumer Reports

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191/192 & 195 Pipeline Safety Conference

July 23-27, 2012
Royal Sonesta Hotel
New Orleans, LA

LMA 75th Annual Convention

August 2-4, 2012
Lake Charles, LA

LGA Board Meeting

August 16, 2012
Location TBD

LGA Annual Operations Conference

October 29-31, 2012
Courtyard Marriott & Houma-
Terrebonne Civic Center, Houma,
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LGA Board Meeting

November 29, 2012
Location TBD

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