

## WSU Partners with Qwestar on CNG Station.

The south part of campus may not get many visitors... that is until recently. A big mile-stone for WSU was reached in February 2012; the substantial completion of a compressed natural gas filling station (CNG). The new station lies just to the west of University Village on Old Post Road. WSU Energy manager Jacob Cain says that “natural gas vehicles fill in the gap between gas/diesel and our ultimate long term goal of fully electric.” The shuttle bus fleet currently runs on CNG and new campus vehicle purchases are required to be at least a hybrid of CNG/gas. In addition to filling the shuttles, the station fills another important need, proximal and economical alternative fueling for the public traveling along the I-15 / 89 corridors. The self-serve station is open to the public.

Planning of the project began just over 3 years ago. The station was constructed and is operated by Qwestar Gas, on a site leased to it by WSU. “Quick-Fill” type stations such as this use gas pipelines and compressors instead of large storage tanks found in a typical corner gas station. There are many advantages to CNG over gas or diesel such as significantly cleaner emissions, however at \$1.48/gal - it sells itself!

