

++++ ODOT FUELS TAX GROUP UPDATE +++++

Last March we sent you some information (below) about our efforts to replace the current Fuels Tax Reporting System. We want to keep you informed about the progress we are making and ask for your help.

In June, ODOT released an RFP asking vendors to submit proposals to replace the current system. Those proposals were due by July 31st. FuelQuest was the lone vendor to submit a proposal. ODOT staff graded the proposal and determined that we would move forward, and ask FuelQuest to demonstrate their “Zytax Government” software. Because we wanted to make sure any software solution we consider works for our licensees as well as ODOT, we asked representatives of the fuel industry in Oregon to help evaluate the Zytax software’s filing capabilities and how it may affect licensees. Thanks to John Anderson – Truck n Travel, Helen Wilde – Jerry Brown Co., and Sharon Donaldson – PGE for their help evaluating the ZyTax solution. After viewing the demonstration and interviewing the FuelQuest representatives, we have decided to move forward with the project – preparation of a Statement of Work and contract negotiations. We will continue to keep you informed about the project, including those activities affecting licensees.

If you have any questions, or would like some additional information, please contact us one of us.

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The Oregon Department of Transportation’s Fuels Tax Group has started the process to replace the current Fuels Tax Reporting System. FTG estimates that ODOT is losing revenue each year due to reporting complexity and administrative limitations of the current Fuels Tax System.

A new Fuels Tax System will streamline business processes, realize cost savings and increase revenue for state transportation projects. An improved system will:

- Easily track fuel distribution throughout the state, provide tools to reduce / eliminate uncaptured revenue due to tax evasion by detecting and reducing evasion or for identifying those who fail to file mandatory documents or make required payments.
- Provide electronic filing capability for external users to conduct business with ODOT, including Fuels Tax Applicants, Licensees or Refund Claimants who apply for licenses, request emblems, update licenses, file tax reports, pay taxes or request refunds.
- Enable improved business processes, audit capabilities and increased staff productivity.

- Provide robust reporting functionality to provide analytical reports to ODOT Administration, Department of Energy, Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Cities and Counties and the Oregon Legislature.
- Allow for the new system's processing environment and tools to meet published standards by adhering to the current version of the Federation of Tax Administrators Motor Fuel Tax Section - Uniformity Project, Electronic Combined Reporting Methods Implementation Guide.

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