

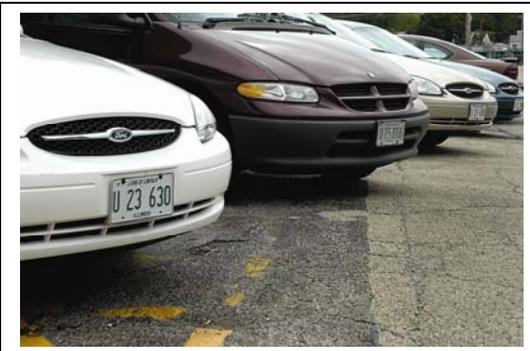
CMS Named to 100 Best (of 38,000) Government Fleets in US

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The State's efforts to run its motor vehicle fleet more efficiently – and to power those cars and trucks with homegrown “green” biofuels – continue to receive national recognition.

In the most recent honor, Illinois has been rated in the top 20 out of the more than 38,000 government fleets in the country.

Every year, *Fleet Equipment Magazine* creates a “100 Best” list of public-sector fleets. The industry-leading magazine conducts a national survey and evaluates nominees based on criteria such as:



- Accountability
- Collaboration
- Creativity
- Quick, Efficient Repair Turnaround
- Competitive Pricing
- Stewardship of Resources (Human, Capital, and Natural)

This year, the Division of Vehicles (part of the CMS Bureau of Strategic Sourcing and Procurement, or BOSSAP) earned the astounding ranking of 16th, out of 38,000-plus fleets nationwide.

The *Fleet Equipment Magazine* honor is the latest in a long line for the CMS Vehicles Division. In 2006 the State ranked 14th in Ford Motor Company's “Top 100 Alternative-Fuel Fleets” among fleets in both the public and private sectors. In 2005, Illinois earned the Honda Environmental Leadership Award from the National Conference of State Fleet Administrators, for the promotion and development of biofuels.

The multiple recognitions reflect the successful efforts of the State's Vehicles team in making the fleet more cost-effective, adding many flexible-fuel vehicles (FFVs) - which can run on gasoline or E-85 ethanol, produced from corn - and in running its cars and trucks on cleaner-burning, renewable biofuels. To date, CMS has added nearly 2,000 FFVS to the 12,200-vehicle fleet, and State drivers have used more than 1 million gallons of E-85 and biodiesel fuels derived from Illinois agricultural products, driving down dependence on foreign fuels.

“This award is a result of the collective hard work and dedication of every CMS Vehicles employee, working together with other agency leaders toward a greener, more efficient fleet,” said Mike Smith, Deputy Director of BOSSAP.



Receiving the “100 Best Fleets” Award from *Fleet Equipment Magazine* representative Tom Johnson (right) are Mike Smith, Deputy Director of BOSSAP, and Barb Bonansinga, Acting Manager of the Division of Vehicles. Also on hand were other CMS Vehicles personnel, representatives from many government fleets and State agency vehicle coordinators.