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## **Schwan's Home Service awarded \$500,000 grant to convert engines to propane**

**MARSHALL, MINN., (Oct. 14, 2009)** — Schwan's Home Service, Inc., a subsidiary of The Schwan Food Company, recently was awarded a \$500,000 Department of Energy grant to convert food-delivery truck engines to run on propane. The grant money will cover some of the cost for purchasing the kits required to convert gasoline engines to propane.

The conversion kits will be used on newly acquired trucks based in Texas. The grant, which can be used between October 2009 and December 2012, is part of the Texas Clean Cities FY09 Petroleum Reduction Technologies Project for the transportation sector.

Schwan's Home Service, a business that delivers frozen foods to millions of customers throughout the United States, has a long history of using propane as a motor fuel in its fleet of trucks. Since the late 1970s, Schwan's Home Service trucks have logged more than two-billion miles using propane as a motor fuel to deliver frozen food products right to the customer's door.

Schwan Home Service operates more than 4,900 propane alternative fueled vehicles in 48 U.S. states. About 94 percent of the business unit's fleet runs on propane.

***SCHWAN'S HOME SERVICE, INC.**, a business unit of The Schwan Food Company, markets and distributes approximately 400 fine frozen foods under the Schwan's® brand through home-delivery and mail-order services. Featured product lines include the company's signature ice cream, pizza, choice meats, seafood, ethnic specialties, breakfast items and desserts. Schwan's Home Service, headquartered in Marshall, Minn., has nearly 500 local sales and distribution centers located across the 48 contiguous United States. For more information, visit [www.schwans.com](http://www.schwans.com) or call 1-888-SCHWANS.*

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