



RKA Petroleum gets fuel deal

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RKA Petroleum secured a contract with the **National Football League** to supply fuel for **Super Bowl XL**.

The contract, worth an estimated \$250,000 to \$300,000, is for providing at least 100,000 gallons of fuel for power generators and equipment, as well as temporary tanks, pumps and other storage in **Ford Field** during the game.

The Romulus-based fuel distributor also will provide fuel for several other Super Bowl-related events, including the **Motown Winter Blast**, said Keith Albertie, RKA's executive vice president.

The NFL designated RKA as an Emerging Business, making it part of a program that provides minority- and woman-owned businesses a chance to secure business contracts for the Super Bowl. RKA's major shareholder is Kay Albertie, Keith Albertie's mother. RKA had estimated sales of \$196.5 million in 2005.

RKA supplied fuel for the 2004 PGA **Ryder Cup** golf tournament in Bloomfield Hills. RKA also supplied petroleum for last summer's **Major League Baseball All-Star Game** at **Comerica Park**.

For the Super Bowl, five RKA truck drivers will be required to have official NFL credentials. Four trucks will be plastered with the NFL decals and detailed background checks will be done on the drivers, Albertie said. The process is similar to what RKA does when delivering fuel to **Detroit Metropolitan Airport**, he said.

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