



## NOC at a Glance

Exclusive Interview with Chris Earhart, Chairman of NPGA and President of Dixie Gas & Oil Corp  
Chairman of the NOC for the 31<sup>st</sup> World LPG Forum



**1. Could you tell us about your role as the Chairman of the National Organizing Committee?**

It was certainly an honor to be asked to serve in this capacity. When WLPGA chose Houston as the venue for the 31st World Forum, we made a commitment to do our part to encourage all NPGA members to support this worthwhile event. NPGA has 2,616 members nationwide and 160 members in the State of Texas alone. I encourage all of them to attend and learn about the industry from a global perspective.

**2. What are your thoughts on the key opportunities for LPG/propane in the U.S. and the region?**

I have been in the industry for 4 decades. I cannot think of a time when we have had better opportunities. We have an abundant supply of product, new technology is coming on line all the time, and there is a growing social preference for cleaner energy sources. I tell our members that even with these advantages, it is up to retail marketers to be proactive in promoting our product and committed to building demand one appliance at a time.

**3. Why should delegates attend this year's forum?**

First of all, the content is outstanding. Many of my predecessors have attested to that. Second, Houston is a great place. Not only is it the 4th largest city in America, it's also at the epicenter of the energy revolution that is taking place in the U.S. Finally, as I noted earlier, LPG is definitely a global commodity and the international flow of fuels changes rapidly. The World Forum is a good place to learn how global trends affect domestic markets.

**4. What are you most looking forward to during the Forum in Houston?**

The U. S. industry has a reputation for being quite collegial. Many of our colleagues have known each other for decades. Industry events are always a good way to rekindle old acquaintances. Now that several international companies have entered the U.S. market, the Forum will be a good opportunity to expand our networks and explore new ways to promote growth.