

# 2025 Cenex® Retail Marketing & Operations Guide





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#### **CENEX® HUB**

Cenex Hub is an all-in-one website that makes it easy to access everything you need to build your business and the Cenex brand.

Cenex Hub connects you to branded tools and resources, including:

- Access to marketing, brand and product support
- Information about the LIFT initiative, which brings a modern and bright look to stores through the Halo image update
- RED Site Assessment program guidelines and updates
- Retail and Product Ad Share Program information
- · Access to employee and product training
- Preferred vendor resources to support your retail business
- Outdoor and radio advertising materials
- And much more!

If you have questions about Cenex Hub or branded products and programs, please reach out to your Cenex Representative, use the **Contact Us** feature at the Cenex Hub, or email us at **cenexhub@chsinc.com**.

#### **ACCESSING THE HUB**

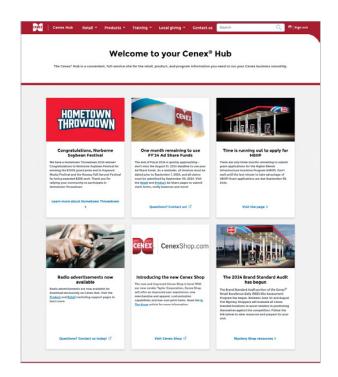
Current MyCHS users can use existing credentials to log in to the Cenex Hub. There is no need to register for a new account. Users without a MyCHS account can register on **cenexhub.com**.

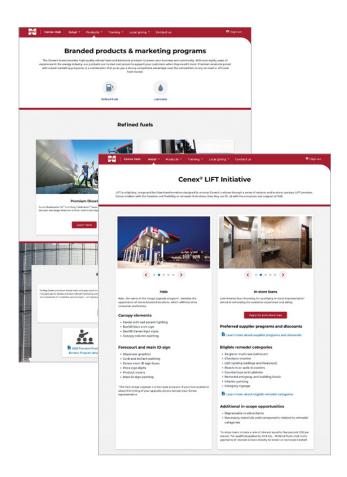
#### **NOT REGISTERED?**

If you don't have **chsportal.com** credentials, visit **cenexhub.com** to register. Click **Register for an Account**, enter some quick information, and you'll receive an email with further registration instructions, giving you access to the password-protected information on the site.



Scan with your smartphone to register for Cenex Hub.





#### POWERED LOCALLY® CAMPAIGN

Cenex® is powered by the local communities we call home. We've built our success in these communities through sincerity and trustworthiness. The Cenex Powered Locally brand campaign focuses on our neighbors and the communities we serve. This campaign celebrates the uniqueness of your business and capitalizes on the strength of the Cenex brand.

The Cenex Powered Locally campaign is promoted throughout the country via TV, radio and online advertising. As a Cenex retailer, we look to you to promote the Powered Locally campaign in your store and in your community. Together, we can increase customer awareness of the Cenex brand and strengthen our ties to the people that make up our communities.

To bring this campaign to life in your community, you can find a full assortment of customizable materials that fit your business at **cenexshop.com**.





#### HOMETOWN THROWDOWN

The Cenex® brand has always made it a priority to celebrate the local communities where our customers live and work.

Hometown Throwdown continues this legacy by highlighting one of the unique events every community has a connection to – local festivals. With Hometown Throwdown, consumers can nominate local festivals for the chance to win the \$100,000 grand prize.

#### LOCAL STORE MARKETING GUIDE

Local store marketing boosts store traffic, increases sales and improves customer loyalty, all while capitalizing on the power of the Cenex brand.

The Local Store Marketing guide is available on **cenexhub.com**. This guide helps you get in tune with your customers and community by:

- Building brand awareness to strengthen your store's image within the community
- Teaching you how to increase existing customer lovalty
- Helping draw new customers to your store

Visit **cenexhub.com** to read more about how you can use local store marketing to strengthen your store.



#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

#### PROMOTE RESPONSIBLY

Social media platforms allow us to connect with prospects, engage with current customers and share our company culture with the broader community. We celebrate that our locally-owned stores are active participants in these online spaces and we understand the immense potential that lies within these digital interactions. Therefore, if you are posting content on a social media site, please remember:

- Respect the CHS Social Media Guidelines found on the Retail Marketing and Brand support page on cenexhub.com — they are designed to protect the integrity of the CHS and Cenex brand
- Follow Cenex logo usage guidelines
- Develop your own social media policy for your staff

Remember, social media is open to the public; content is designed to be fresh, relevant and show the Cenex brand in a positive light for the consumer audience.

#### LEVERAGE THE POWER OF THE CENEX® BRAND

As a Cenex® branded marketer, you have a diverse selection of social media platforms to help you build store traffic, recruit and retain talent, strengthen community support and reward your most loyal customers. Running your own social media pages can be time-consuming and difficult, which is why Cenex can now be found on all major social media platforms! Follow us for content inspiration and re-post to your co-op and local Cenex social media accounts. Our content will include fuel tips, convenience store hacks, giveaways and more to help give you a leg up in the social media space.









#### THRIVR DIGITAL PRESENCE PROGRAM

The increasingly complex and digitally-driven retail landscape can be difficult to manage. THRIVR is specifically designed to help c-store operators connect with customers by meeting them where they are – digital platforms. That's why Cenex has partnered with THRIVR to create consistent and accurate business listings and allow you to take control of your online presence through management of listings, social media, and reputation management – all in one place.

#### **HOW CAN RETAILERS GET INVOVLED?**

With the all-new THRIVR program, Google listings have been created for the forecourt of all Cenex-branded locations. Retailers that would like to actively maintain the digital presence of their sites within the THRIVR platform can request access by completing the form on **cenexhub.com**. Only parent companies can request initial access.

For more information, visit **cenexhub.com** or contact your Cenex Representative.



#### **RETAIL AD SHARE**

The Cenex Ad Share Program helps you increase profits. The program provides reimbursement for approved local advertising and marketing efforts. The Ad Share Program also covers certain site image and maintenance items. Funds not used during the current year will not be carried over for use in the next fiscal year.

#### **C-STORE ELIGIBILITY**

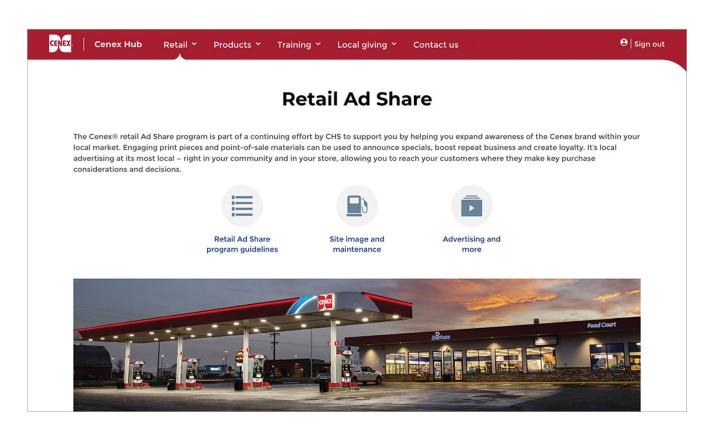
All Cenex-branded marketers with a current Branded Petroleum Marketer Agreement (BPMA) and who meet retail image standards are eligible for the Ad Share Program. Retail image standards will be assessed once a year during Retail Excellence Daily (RED) evaluations. Cenex locations that do not consistently meet retail image standards may be denied Ad Share funding until the necessary image corrections are made.

#### **AD SHARE BALANCES**

Current Cenex Ad Share funds can be found on the Retail and/or Product Ad Share pages on cenexhub.com. Customers without access to this information on cenexhub.com should contact their Cenex Representative or cenexadshare@chsinc.com.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- In cases where customized pieces outside of our pre-approved templates are required, the Cenex logo must be in the prominent position and Cenex brand standards must be followed. All proofs need to be approved by the Retail Marketing team prior to production. Email cenexadshare@chsinc.com for approvals.
- Qualifying maintenance expenses on all imagerelated items must be compliant with current Cenex Retail Image Standards and be purchased through an approved vendor.
- Professional labor and installation of eligible materials qualifies for Ad Share funding.
- Specific items detailed in alternate CHS image-related programs and/or rebates may not qualify for Ad Share reimbursement.
- CHS Refined Fuels Marketing reserves the right to deny Ad Share reimbursement based on each individual claim.
- If you have questions about the Ad Share Program, contact your Cenex Representative or email cenexadshare@chsinc.com.



#### **AD SHARE: HOW IT WORKS**

#### 1. ACCRUE FUNDS THROUGH FUEL PURCHASES.

Funds are allocated for each gallon of Cenex gasoline or Premium Diesel fuel purchased from CHS during the previous fiscal year (from September 1 to August 31), up to the maximum committed amount listed in Exhibit A-1/A-2 of your Branded Petroleum Marketer Agreement (BPMA). Gas volumes determine Retail Ad Share fund allocations, while Premium Diesel volumes determine allocations for Premium Diesel Ad Share funds. You earn \$0.001 in Ad Share for every gallon you purchase during the fiscal year and can use the money toward approved Cenex-branded advertising.

#### 2. PURCHASE YOUR MARKETING MATERIALS.

See pages 9-11 for a full list of eligible and ineligible items. Remember: Any marketing template pulled from Cenex Shop automatically qualifies for Ad Share reimbursement. If you're not sure what qualifies, seek approval before investing in your marketing program. Questions and requests for approval may be sent to **cenexadshare@chsinc.com**.

#### 3. RECEIVE A REIMBURSEMENT.

To receive a reimbursement for eligible Ad Share marketing, fill out the Ad Share Claim Form on cenexhub.com. Claims can be submitted at any time throughout the year, but invoices must be dated by August 31, and submitted by September 30 to qualify for current FY reimbursement. Once a claim is approved, Ad Share funds will be dispersed in the form of a credit to the parent account.\* Please note funds cannot be reimbursed at the store level.

 ${}^{*}\mathsf{Subject}$  to the availability of annual funds.

#### **SITE IMAGE & MAINTENANCE**

#### MAIN ID (MID)

ELIGIBLE ITEM	REIMBURSED
Cenex sign face panels/branded product panels (i.e. Cenex Roadmaster XL)	100%
LED signage upgrade	50%
New electronic message center	50%
New main ID sign/high-rise sign	50%
Painting of sign poles	100%
Product panels	50%
Re-lamp and re-ballast Cenex logo signs and price cabinets	100%
Repairing or replacement of digits	100%
Repairing and replacing of sign poles	50%



#### **PARKING LOT**

ELIGIBLE ITEM	REIMBURSED
Asphalt/concrete repairs	50%
Cigarette disposal containers	50%
Curb repair (labor and paint)	50%
Parking bollards (paint, covers, stainless steel)	50%
Power-wash service	50%
Restriping	50%



#### **FUELING ISLAND / FORECOURT**

ELIGIBLE ITEM	REIMBURSED
CAF outdoor cleaning program	50%
CHS approved trash cans/recycling containers	50%
Concrete repairs/curb repair or replacement (i.e. Rugid Guard, Hunter Pump Islands, stainless steel)	50%
Curb repair (labor and paint)	100%
Fueling island bollards (repair/replace or bollard covers)	50%
Paint touch-up kit	100%
Painting of fueling island bollards	100%
Power-wash service	50%
Windshield service centers	50%



#### **Ineligible Items**

- Damages covered through insurance
- Hometown Radio Network fueling island advertising
- Landscape plant materials
- Panels on non-Cenex branded signs

- Perimeter lighting
- Proprietary c-store or non-fuel related panels on the Cenex MID
- Trash/recycling services
- Windshield wash solution, paper towel, squeegees

#### **SITE IMAGE & MAINTENANCE**

#### **CANOPY**

ELIGIBLE ITEM	REIMBURSED
Canopy column painting	100%
Canopy fascia and LED channel (complete replacement)	100%
Canopy flag sign numbers	100%
Cenex LED logo, blue arch and red channel lighting	100%
Clearance and product decals	50%
Replacement lens covers, bulbs and ballasts	50%
Underdeck LED lighting	50%
Underdecking maintenance (paint and power-wash service)	50%



#### Ineligible Items

- Gutters
- Items covered underneath an insurance claim
- Items covered underneath warranty
- New canopy structure(s)

#### **DISPENSERS**

ELIGIBLE ITEM	REIMBURSED
Decals (PID, pump numbers, regulatory)	100%
Dispenser door skin replacement	100%
Dispenser cleaning and power-wash service	50%
Dispenser refacing	50%
Dispenser riser panels	50%
Dispenser security locks	100%
Nozzle covers and splash guards	50%
Pump toppers and frames	75%
Security stickers	100%
Valance replacement	100%



#### Ineligible Items

- · Call button system
- CRIND hardware
- Dispenser nozzles and hoses, etc.
- Filters, card cleaner kits and replacement display glass
- Items covered underneath an insurance claim
- Items covered underneath Technology Rebates
- New fuel dispenser(s)
- Out of order bags
- Storage tanks and associated concrete work (underground or above ground)

#### **ADVERTISING**

#### **PRINT & MEDIA\***

ELIGIBLE ITEM	REIMBURSED
Banners, wind flags	75%
Direct mail	75%
Print ads and sales flyers	75%
Pump toppers	75%
Radio advertising	75%
Social media paid advertisements <sup>1</sup>	75%

#### **MERCHANDISE\***

ELIGIBLE ITEM	REIMBURSED
Cenex-branded merchandise and	75%
non-uniform apparel <sup>2</sup>	up to \$1,000 <sup>3</sup>
Cenex-branded uniforms	75%
Gift card and credit card displays	75%
Pump topper and hose talker frames	75%

#### **BILLBOARDS & HIGHWAY LOGO SIGNS**

ELIGIBLE ITEM	REIMBURSED
Billboard and highway sign production <sup>4</sup>	100% up to \$1,000 <sup>5</sup>
Billboard and highway sign lease fees <sup>4</sup>	75%

#### **OTHER**

ELIGIBLE ITEM	REIMBURSED
C-store operations online training packages available on: <b>cenexhub.com</b>	50%
Cenex cups and bags from approved vendors <sup>6</sup>	50%

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

All items reimbursed underneath Ad Share must be approved per brand standards. If items are not approved, they may not qualify for Ad Share reimbursement.

Specific items in alternate CHS image related programs and/or rebates may not qualify for Ad Share reimbursement.

#### Ineligible Items

- Advertising for Cenex lubricants, propane or bulk fuels
- Advertising for competitive brands
- Advertising where a station name or logo has replaced the Cenex brand
- Coupon value
- Donations
- Individual store newsletters, brochures, websites, magazines, etc.
- Items covered underneath an insurance claim
- Non-Cenex merchandise, caps and apparel
- Non-Cenex produced advertising
- Office supplies (business cards, envelopes, order forms, etc.)
- Postage
- Promotional supplies or gifts (such as prizes, lotteries, gift cards)
- · Uniform rental or cleaning

<sup>\*</sup>Eligible print, media and merchandise items can be found at cenexshop.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the CHS Social Media guidelines on Cenex Hub for details regarding approved advertisements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All customized materials must be ordered through **cenexshop.com**. The Cenex logo must be prominent and all Cenex brand standards must be followed in order to receive reimbursement. For requests to use the cooperative logo, please contact **refinedfuelsmarketing@chsinc.com**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> \$1,000 maximum per fiscal year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Must be dated within the current fiscal year to receive reimbursement. Cannot be split over fiscal years or pre-paid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> \$1,000 maximum per billboard.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Approved Cenex cups and bags vendors are Morrison Cup Solutions, Henry's Foods, AMCON Distributing, and Chambers & Owen.

#### **CENEX SHOP**

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Visit **cenexshop.com** for current Cenex assets to keep your advertising, store and products enticing and relevant.

Cenex Shop allows you to create professional marketing materials on your own without hiring a graphic designer or advertising agency. Cenex Shop gives you the power to create, co-brand, and order the materials you need.

Create everything from in-store signage and pump toppers to advertising materials such as print ads and billboards. With Cenex Shop, the hard part has already been done for you.

Cenex brands, trademarks, logos and ads should not be re-created or altered. Contact us at refinedfuelsmarketing@chsinc.com for questions or assistance.

#### **PRODUCT CATEGORIES**

Cenex Shop products are organized into main categories of specific marketing materials, including:

- Apparel
- Merchandise
- Print
- Outdoor Advertising



### CenexShop.com



#### **AVAILABLE ADVERTISING TEMPLATES**

- Billboards
- Customer conversion materials
- Direct mail
- Event banners
- In-store signs

- Print ads
- Promotion materials
- Pump toppers
- · Sales flyers
- Statement stuffers

#### **CENEX PRODUCTS**

- Apparel
- · Merchandise and giveaways
- Sales tools
- Uniforms
- Bass Pro Shops® and Cabela's® CLUB Mastercard Loyalty Program
- Cenex® Voyager® Fleet credit card
- · Gift cards
- Premium diesel fuels
- Cenex® TOP TIER™ Detergent Gasoline

#### **GETTING STARTED**

- 1. Visit cenexshop.com.
- 2. Log in to Cenex Shop. You will need to log in or create an account to access Cenex Shop. If you don't have an account, creating one is easy and only takes a few minutes. Don't forget to record your username and password for future reference.
- 3. Shop for your advertising and promotional needs and check out.
- **4. Have questions?** View the support section located at the top of **cenexshop.com**, or contact your Cenex Representative.

#### **BILLBOARDS**

Billboards provide 24/7 exposure, making them effective advertising investments for convenience store marketers. The right billboard can reach a large audience on a repeat basis. This increases your opportunity to gain new customers.

C-store marketers who post a new Cenex billboard can receive a billboard rebate equal to 100% of your production and installation cost (up to \$1,000 per billboard). This applies whether you own or lease your board.

As an extra incentive, CHS offers rebate programs of up to 75% through the Ad Share Program to help supplement the ongoing costs and rental fees.

#### **BILLBOARD BENEFITS**

- Reaches customers at the time of buying decisions
- Low cost per impression
- 24/7 exposure
- Directs customers to your c-store
- Reaches a large, varied audience

#### **TIPS & CONSIDERATIONS**

- Location. High traffic areas or those near the exit to your store are ideal. The best locations may be more expensive, but they pay off by reaching a larger audience.
- **Illumination.** Your signs will be visible day and night.
- Visibility. If possible, personally inspect the billboard on-site before signing a contract. Even billboards in great locations can be obscured by branches or other barriers.



#### **GETTING STARTED**

- 1. Verify the size of the billboard you will need artwork for.
- **2. Log on to cenexshop.com** and click on "Outdoor Advertising".
- **3. Scroll down to the Billboard Sign listing** and click "Click for Cenex Billboards".
- 4. Fill out the Cenex Billboards form.
- 5. Click "Submit Billboard". A proof of your billboard will be sent to you within two weeks. Once your proof has been approved, you can either send the billboard artwork to your billboard vendor, or elect to have us send it on your behalf.

#### HALF BILLBOARDS

Cenex half billboards provide a flexible option for your outdoor advertising. The billboard must follow the design template provided on Cenex Shop, in the Outdoor Advertising section. Half Billboard Ad Share claims and credits will be prorated to reflect the portion that displays the Cenex logo.

### **GETTING STARTED**

- **1. Log on to cenexhub.com** and navigate to the Retail marketing and brand support page.
- 2. Download the half billboard artwork file.
- 3. Send half billboard artwork to the company designing your billboard. Please note, in order to qualify for Ad Share reimbursement there cannot be any modifications made to the Cenex half of the billboard.
- 4. Submit an Ad Share Billboard Rebate Form.
  When you receive an invoice for the production and installation of your billboard, submit a Billboard Rebate Form via cenexhub.com or download the form from cenexhub.com and email the completed form to cenexadshare@chsinc.com. Include copies of paid invoices and photos of your posted billboard.



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#### **HIGHWAY SIGNS**

Each state offers highway signs as a trusted source for travelers looking for food, fuel, hotels and more. These signs are cost effective, and they're a great way to boost store traffic and brand awareness.



#### **REBATE PROGRAM FOR HIGHWAY** SIGNS

CHS offers excellent incentives on highway logo sign advertising. As with billboards, the Outdoor Advertising program offers a rebate equal to 100% of your production and installation cost for each completed highway logo sign\*, as well as up to 75% reimbursement of qualified lease fees.

\*Refer to the 2025 Highway Logo Sign Rebate Form available on cenexhub.com

#### **GETTING STARTED**

- 1. Contact your state highway department or interstate logo division. Review the Contact Information & Links section (see right-hand side of page) or go to interstatelogos.com (be sure to know the highway and exit #).
- 2. Complete an application for your logo sign with the state or your state's required logo sign company.
- 3. Upon approval, provide the Cenex logo to the state or sign company. You can download the Cenex highway logo sign artwork on the Retail marketing and brand support page on cenexhub.com.
- 4. Submit your Highway Logo Sign Rebate Form, on cenexhub.com or download the form from cenexhub.com and email the completed form to cenexadshare@chsinc.com. Include a photo of the installed highway logo sign and a copy of your invoice to CHS.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION & LINKS**

Website: interstatelogos.com **State Highway Departments:** 

Colorado Oklahoma 888-634-5646 800-888-7446

Idaho Oregon 208-334-8000 503-373-0086

Iowa South Dakota 515-239-1700 SE Region iowaroadsigns.com 605-995-8129

NE Region Kansas 605-626-2244 800-449-4420 Central Region Michigan 605-773-3464 888-645-6467 Western Region

Texas

605-394-2244 Minnesota 800-769-3197

800-940-4067 Missouri lonestarlogos.com 800-666-3514

Washington Montana 360-705-7282 855-443-5646

Wisconsin Nebraska 844-496-9163 800-333-6467

Wyoming North Dakota 307-777-4169 701-328-2500

#### PRINT ADVERTISING

Print is an essential component of your overall marketing. Customize professional-quality print designs on **cenexshop.com**. Once customized, you can preview your piece online to ensure it's accurate. The print-ready materials will be shipped to you. All Cenex Shop print templates qualify for up to 75% Ad Share reimbursement as outlined on page 11 of this guide.

Other print materials are available on **cenexshop.com** to improve the look of your fueling islands and store, promote incremental sales, announce specials and boost your repeat business. It's local and reaches your customers where they make their purchases.

Click on the **Print** link on **cenexshop.com** to explore the possibilities including:

- Posters
- Pump toppers
- Coupons

Many of these items are available in both customizable and ready-to-use formats — so you can get the materials you need to make your store look great. Use available Ad Share funds, detailed on page 11, to help offset the cost.

#### **CENEX® GIFT CARDS**

Cenex Gift Cards can be redeemed for gas, snacks, beverages and more at all Cenex retail locations. These cards are a thoughtful, convenient gift for any occasion.

Selling and promoting Cenex Gift Cards provides an opportunity for increased sales and profits. Gift cards reach new customers, encourage greater customer spending, foster stronger brand loyalty and increase the likelihood of repeat store visits. Replenish your gift card plastic and jackets, and find other materials to help you promote gift cards on **cenexshop.com**.

Employee training is provided through the Online Employee Training Modules, which can be found on **cenexhub.com**. Find more information about online training on page 38.

#### RADIO ADVERTISING

Local radio advertising is a great way to reach people in their cars and encourage them to stop into your store. Radio scripts and professional, pre-recorded ads are available on the Retail marketing and brand support page on **cenexhub.com**. You can customize the ads by adding your own store location, sales, hours and special promotions. You could also run a radio tag, which mentions your store or sponsorship such as, "Today's weather is brought to you by Fred's Cenex."

#### AD SHARE COVERAGE FOR RADIO

Radio ads provided on Cenex Hub qualify for the Ad Share Program. Ads developed by outside parties may qualify but need approval prior to production. Learn more in the Ad Share section on page 11.

#### DIRECT MAIL

Find pre-made direct mail pieces on **cenexshop.com**. CHS has created direct mail pieces, designed to generate sales. You can also use direct mail to advertise a store event, special or promotion. Templates are found on Cenex Shop, and qualify for up to a 75% rebate through the Ad Share Program outlined on page 11.

In addition, many options are included to have mailings assembled and shipped in different ways:

- Mail them yourself
- Purchase a list by dealer address and have them mailed for you



#### **CENEX® UNIFORMS**

The retail industry is highly competitive, and a great image can set your business apart.

Cenex Shop offers an approved uniform and name badges to outfit your employees, which are eligible for Ad Share funding.

To see which apparel items qualify for reimbursement, please visit the Uniforms page on **cenexshop.com**.



#### **EVENT MATERIALS**

In-store events such as a Grand Opening, Grand Re-Opening, Anniversary or Customer Appreciation generate energy, excitement and brand loyalty and give people an added reason to shop in your store.

Cenex Shop has materials to help you plan an engaging store event! Regardless of the details of your event, be sure to schedule this event on days that are typically less busy for your store. This helps boost your sales and minimizes disruption.

#### **BENEFITS OF HOSTING A STORE EVENT:**

- Shows appreciation for your customers
- Provides a chance to gain additional traffic in your store during the event
- Increases opportunities for return visits when using bounce-back coupons or loyalty punch cards

Reimbursement through Ad Share is available for some event-related merchandise through Cenex Shop, preapproved on a case-by-case basis. See a list of eligible and ineligible items on page 11.





#### **CENEX® TOP TIER™ DETERGENT GASOLINE**

Maintaining vehicles takes a lot of time and effort, but Cenex TOP TIER™ Detergent Gasoline makes it a little bit easier for your customers. With two and a half times the cleaning power of regular fuel, Cenex TOP TIER Detergent Gasoline helps to:

- Control buildup
- Protect against deposits
- Maximize engine performance
- Optimize fuel efficiency

Our TOP TIER fuel exceeds industry standards of quality, is endorsed by the seven leading automotive manufacturers and is available at every Cenex location. Customers trust the Cenex brand because Cenexbranded retail locations, like yours, combine big-name quality with small-town sensibility.



#### **CENEX® PREMIUM DIESEL FUELS**

Cenex® leads the industry in premium diesel fuel with a proprietary additive package that maximizes performance and fuel efficiency, reduces downtime and maintenance costs, extends injector and injector pump life, and provides quicker, smoother starts.

Carrying Cenex Roadmaster XL® Premium Highway Diesel Fuel at your retail location will set you apart from your competitors! Cenex Roadmaster XL is designed to optimize performance, no matter what kind of diesel engine your customers are operating. It consistently outperforms #2 diesel fuel and sets the standard that all other "premiums" try to measure up to. Cenex Roadmaster XL:

- Restores fuel economy by as much as 5%
- Boosts fuel lubricity by 10-15%
- Restores power by up to 4.5%

Don't carry Cenex Roadmaster XL today? Talk with your Cenex Representative to learn about the benefits of offering Cenex Roadmaster XL at your retail location(s).



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# PAYMENT RESOURCES

#### **CHS PAYMENT SOLUTIONS**

#### **CARDS**

- CENEX® VOYAGER® FLEET CARD
- BASS PRO SHOPS®
   AND CABELA'S® CLUB
   MASTERCARD
- CENEX GIFT CARDS

#### **BUSINESS/FINANCIAL SERVICES**

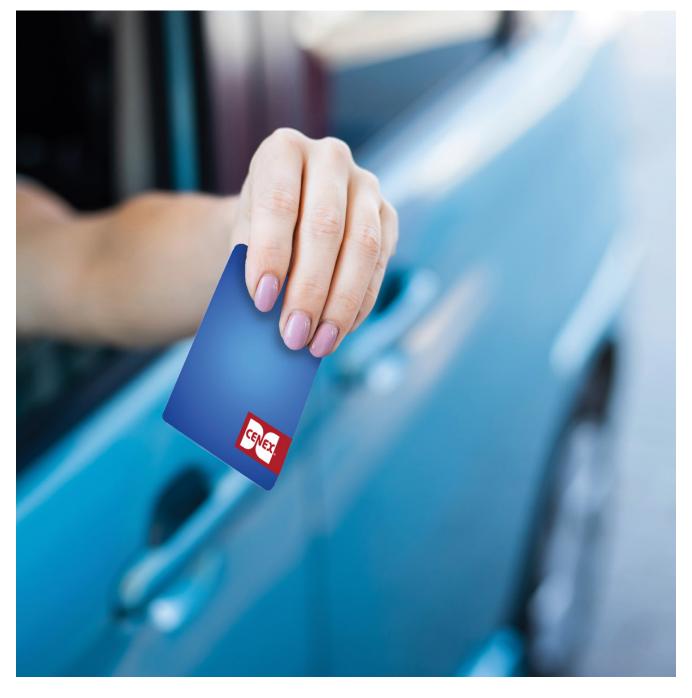
- DTN CREDIT CARD SETTLEMENT DATA
- MERCHANT SERVICES ONLINE ACCESS (MSOA)



#### **CHS PAYMENT SOLUTIONS**

CHS Payment Solutions knows not all credit card processors work the same. With over 50 years of experience in the business, we work to share important business insights with our merchants in a clear and simplified way. Through a wide variety of product offerings, value-added programs, and continuous support, CHS Payment Solutions helps our merchants operate efficient and profitable businesses.

CHS Payment Solutions merchants have a full in-house customer support team at their fingertips. For more information on our programs and services, or if you have any Payment Solutions related questions, call 800-852-5301 or email **pssupport@chsinc.com**.



#### CENEX® VOYAGER® FLEET CARD

The Cenex Voyager Fleet Card is issued to all business types, from small businesses to large fleets. The Cenex Voyager Fleet Card provides businesses with detailed monthly reporting that tracks vehicle performance and driver purchases. It offers drivers the ability to carry a single card for all vehicle-related purchases. The Fleet Card also meets the needs of tax-exempt organizations.

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Scan with your smartphone to learn more about the Cenex Voyager Fleet Card.

#### MONEY-SAVING BENEFITS FOR CARDHOLDERS

- Convenience of using their card at more than 320,000 locations nationwide.
- Optional 24-hour roadside assistance.
- Eligible to earn rebates on gasoline and diesel fuel purchased at Cenex locations. Rebates vary by
- Expanded monthly reporting, with all vehicle-related purchases on one statement.
- Offers integration with telematics companies
- Enhanced online capabilities, such as:
  - Adding and canceling driver IDs (PIN)
  - Adding and canceling cards
  - Making payments
  - Downloading transactions
  - Viewing statement history and unusual activity reports
  - Tracking cards by department

#### **CENEX FLEET DISCOUNT PROGRAM**

The Cenex Fleet Discount program is an opportunity for you, as merchants, to contract with local Cenex Voyager Fleet cardholders to offer additional discounts when purchasing fuel directly from your location(s). These discounts are in addition to the CHS-funded unlimited volume discounts they already receive and are a great way to generate repeat business. The discounts can be offered from your location(s) as fixed prices or cents-off-per-gallon.

This program is completely free to set up. All you have to do is complete a contract setup form and send it to **pssupport@chsinc.com**. We'll manage the contract from there. You can view your active contracts at anytime within your MSOA account.

#### How the program works:

- 1. You will work in conjunction with your fleet contact to create the fixed price or cents-off-per-gallon discount (for any length of time or gallon limit).
- 2. The fleet driver pays the posted price for the fuel purchase.
- 3. The fleet manager will see the actual discounts applied to their monthly statements as rebates.
- 4. You will see the funds taken out in one lump sum as part of your monthly processing fees.

For more information on the Cenex Fleet Discount Program or to acquire a contract setup form, contact CHS Payment Solutions at **pssupport@chsinc.com** or 800-852-5301.

#### MONEY-SAVING BENEFITS FOR YOUR STORE

Cenex Voyager Fleet Cardholders earn rebates on purchases at Cenex locations, which means they will be visiting your store more frequently to save on fuel and purchase in-store items, too!

#### **FLEET VOLUME REBATES**

The account receives a tiered rebate, per gallon, based on their monthly Cenex fuel purchases.

MONTHLY PURCHASES	REBATE PER GALLON
10,000+ gallons	5¢
5,000-9,999	4¢
1,000-4,999	3¢
1-999	2¢

#### BASS PRO SHOPS® AND CABELA'S® CLUB MASTERCARD



#### **CLUB MASTERCARD**

The CHS partnership with Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's offers an exclusive benefit not available from any other petroleum brand. CLUB Mastercard cardholders earn 2% back in CLUB points on all Cenex retail purchases — including fuel, snacks, beverages, and more. The CLUB Mastercard provides Cenex retailers exclusive access to more than two million cardholders.

As a result of this partnership, Cenex retailers have experienced increased sales, higher ticket values, and a large (and growing) customer base. CHS will continue to support this relationship with national and local marketing tactics to drive in-store sales and boost new customer acquisition. To learn more, visit cenex.com/cards.



#### **CLUB BUSINESS MASTERCARD**

Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's also have a credit card exclusively for businesses. With the CLUB Business Mastercard, retailers will receive access to an even larger and growing customer base.

The CLUB Business card provides cardholders with 2.5% back in CLUB points on all Cenex purchases. To learn more, visit **cenex.com/cards**.





#### PROMOTE LOCALLY

The more you can leverage the CLUB Mastercard campaigns in your community, the greater the results you can experience, including:

- Increased sales and transactions
- Higher ticket values
- Attract new customers
- Processing savings

To sucessfully promote Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's CLUB Mastercard in your store:

- Install CLUB Mastercard campaign materials in your store and/or implement a local ad campaign. Visit cenexshop.com for templates.
- Train your front-line employees on the campaign and how to support it via the credit card training module available on cenexhub.com. Find more information about online training on page 38.

#### **CENEX® GIFT CARDS**

Cenex Gift Cards can be redeemed for gas, snacks, beverages and more at all Cenex retail locations. These cards are a thoughtful, convenient gift for any occasion. Gift cards and gift card marketing materials can be ordered on cenexshop.com. For more information on Cenex Gift Cards, visit page 16.

#### **BULK GIFT CARD LOAD PROGRAM**

Bulk gift card orders are a great way to increase in-store sales and promote your Cenex location, however, activating each card individually can be time consuming.

With the CHS Payment Solutions Bulk Gift Card Load Program, merchants can enjoy the perks of loading a high volume of gift cards without the headache of activating them by hand. Contact CHS Payment Solutions at 800-852-5301 for more information.





#### DTN CREDIT CARD SETTLEMENT DATA

DTN is a data solution that will streamline your back-office credit card settlement process. DTN receives merchant data and converts all information into a standardized format. It then allows all information to be imported directly into most back-office accounting software. Any format changes are completed by DTN, eliminating maintenance for merchants.

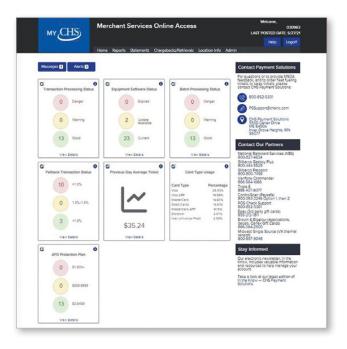
CHS Payment Solutions does not charge for this service, and it has been tested with current merchants. For more information about this program and to complete account set up, please contact DTN at 800-660-2675.

#### MERCHANT SERVICES ONLINE ACCESS

Merchant Services Online Access (MSOA) is a secure, online tool that allows different levels of access to your financial information for each of your store locations. It provides 18 months of online transaction history, deposit totals, store batches by post date, card types by batch, online statements and many other services and information to help you manage your money. Reports can be saved to Excel, Word, or a PDF.

MSOA now offers what is called the ASC Portal. This is a view of MSOA that you can easily grant your Authorized Service Contractor access to. This view can aid your Authorized Service Contractor in troubleshooting or proactively seeing issues within your merchant locations.

Over the years, our customers have helped us develop this online product with their valuable feedback. Today it assists our merchants in operating efficient and profitable businesses. Merchant owner or merchant locations can register at **chsinc.com** under MyCHS and complete an MSOA Access Form to gain access.



# **Steps**to gain access and start using MSOA today

- Contact CHS Payment Solutions at 1-800-852-5301 to obtain the MSOA registration form.
- 2 Complete the form and return it to CHS Payment Solutions via email or mail.
- Once the form is returned, user setup will be completed within 2 business days.



#### MANAGING THE COMPLEX PAYMENTS ENVIRONMENT

With more than four decades of experience, CHS Payment Solutions is the answer for transparent, proactive, and personal credit card processing. Always striving to be one step ahead, our company pioneered the automated fueling pump for customers to pay at the pump many years ago. Today, merchants rely on our services for timely transaction processing, simplified accounting, dependable cash flow and superior customer service. From our initial pay-at-the-pump breakthrough to today's innovations, we remain committed to helping merchants build business success through credit card processing.

CHS Payment Solutions empowers our merchants by expertly managing the intricate payments landscape. As mandates from banks and credit card brands continuously evolve, our merchants can have peace of mind knowing that our Payment Solutions team collaborates closely with our POS vendors to maintain compliance and advocate for valuable features and capabilities to improve customer experience.

#### **BENEFITS FOR OUR MERCHANTS**

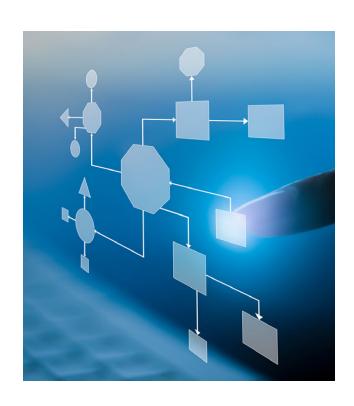
- 1. **Rigorous Software Testing:** Every version of POS software is meticulously tested in our lab from a payment perspective, ensuring minimal defects in the field.
- 2. **Proactive Industry Compliance:** Leveraging our strong relationships with POS vendors, we ensure timely updates to software in response to new credit card industry mandates, preventing unnecessary processing rate increases or fines.
- Timely Industry Updates: We keep our merchants informed about upcoming industry changes, helping them understand potential operational or financial impacts.
- Thorough Approval Process: We test and approve not only security updates but also versions with minor bug fixes or new features provided by our POS vendors.
- 5. **Issue Escalation:** We leverage our POS Vendor relationships to help escalate issues that arise in the field to ensure thorough and prompt resolution.

#### SEE WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING:

"CHS Payment Solutions knocks it out of the park with personable customer service and online tools."

"We have acquired many businesses that use other Merchant Services, and realize the value we receive from CHS Payment Solutions. Their ability to grow and adapt allows us to communicate effectively with every transaction."

"CHS Payment Solutions provides us with dedicated and timely responses on whatever situations arise."



#### **POINT-OF-SALE SYSTEMS**

CHS supports a wide range of point-of-sale (POS) solutions, giving you the power to choose what option works best for your location. From smaller standalone terminals to a robust system that controls your store and pumps, CHS has what you need.

APPROVED System	DESCRIPTION	SERVICE AGREEMENT ADMINISTERED THROUGH CHS
Passport <sup>®</sup> Point of Sale	With the Passport® point of sale system, you can future-proof your business for the PCI requirements of today and beyond. Passport is certified for all major point of sale networks and interfaces with more third-party partners than any other convenience store POS system in the industry. The easy user interface allows new employees to train in 20 minutes or less, and with our industry-leading 24/7 help desk, businesses powered with Passport are never alone.	<b>√</b> ¹
Pinnacle Palm POS Commander EF	Pinnacle Palm has a touch-screen interface and offers varying levels of functionality based on your needs. It features local card acceptance, cash patronage tracking, received on account (at the register), memo field, a local card look-up system, and an option for contracts.	<b>√</b> <sup>2</sup>
Triple E Commander EF	The Triple E POS system offers intuitive touch-screen control for your retail and fueling needs and meets industry requirements for stability and security. With an easy-to-use interface, you'll reduce clerk training time and user errors.	<b>√</b> ²
Gasboy Islander PRIME	Gasboy Islander PRIME fleet fuel management combines the functionality of an island fleet card reader system in a single package. It integrates with other system components such as unattended, remote and automated fueling systems.	
Verifone® Commander C18	Verifone offers a wide range of solutions to address your individual business needs. Their POS systems are built for real-world conditions, with all touch or keyboard/touch options for use with the durable and comprehensive Commander Site Controller. The C18 can act as a regular POS or as a customer self-checkout as needed.	<b>√</b> <sup>2</sup>
Comdata SmartDESQ	Comdata's SmartDESQ provides enhanced processing and pump control for diesel fuel transactions, allowing you to combine payment transactions for the fuel desk and other profit centers into a single system. This system accepts multiple payments types, offers in-store pump control and pay-at-the-pump capability, and simplifies end-of-shift reporting.	
NCR RPOS	NCR-Voyix is helping redefine the POS system for petroleum and convenience store retailers. NCR Radiant allows you to launch promotions, specials and customer programs across all sites in a matter of minutes. Most importantly, this advanced POS solution supports every store profit center – from fuel to foodservice – so you can manage the growing complexity of your petroleum and convenience retail operations.	
Handheld Payment Terminal	This compact, countertop unit offers retailers fast performance, highend functionality, and ease-of-use all in one simple countertop machine allowing you to accept credit and debit where you need it. The VX520 offers convenience and reliability for unique applications such as offices, hardware and grocery stores, restaurants and fresh food service.	Device supplied and maintained by CHS Payment Solutions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Gilbarco Passport Service Offering (PSO) is a required program with Passport and provides Gilbarco marketers with Point of Sale support. For more information, see page 28 or contact CHS Payment Solutions at 800-852-5301 or pssupport@chsinc.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This solution requires a Verifone service agreement in addition to the base POS software maintenance program. CHS Payment Solutions offers a reduced Verifone service agreement fee available to Verifone POS customers as well as customers utilizing Pinnacle Palm and Triple E POS with Commander EF. For more information, see page 28. To transfer your existing service contract, or for questions, call CHS Payment Solutions at 800-852-5301.

#### SERVICE AGREEMENTS

#### **VERIFONE**

CHS Payment Solutions negotiated a reduced Verifone service agreement fee. This reduced rate is offered exclusively through CHS Payment Solutions. To simplify the payment process, instead of a once-yearly charge, you will receive a monthly charge on your merchant statement. This not only helps your overall cash flow, but also means you'll always be covered under the Annual Software Maintenance Program.

To sign up for the program, all that is required is to sign the CHS Payment Solutions Verifone Service Agreement and return it to our customer service group.

#### Help Desk

- 24x7x365 support around the clock, including the ability to control your system remotely in order to help secure fixes.
- Help Desk agents will support Verifone partner integrations/configuration including loyalty and mobile payment.
- Help Desk agents can install software patches and software maintenance packs to your Verifone system using remote control.

#### Software Maintenance

- Provides a continued license to new versions of Verifone software, eligible for a new version of software directly from Verifone with each new software release.
- Ensures access to all bug fixes, patches and maintenance packs to fix issues a site is having or to support brand initiatives.

#### Verifone C-Site (coming in 2025)

- C-Site Management simplifies convenience store management from every angle.
- Maintain site ID, site name(s) and store addresses on a centralized platform.
- Easily customize dashboards to drill down on the reports and metrics that matter most to your business to make informed strategies fast.
- Update and configure data for their POS system remotely through the web, individually or all at once, through a unified and comprehensive interface for maximum business flexibility.

#### **GILBARCO**

CHS Payment Solutions negotiated a reduced Gilbarco PSO service agreement fee. This reduced rate is offered exclusively through CHS Payment Solutions. The PSO Program will be billed directly on your monthly statement and appear alongside processing fees.

PSO Basic is Gilbarco's primary PSO offering. The CHS Payment Solutions Gilbarco PSO program includes a PLUS level subscription for all merchants. PLUS subscriptions include:

#### Help Desk

- 24x7x365 support around the clock, including the ability to control your system remotely in order to help secure fixes.
- Help Desk agents will support Passport partner integrations/configuration including loyalty and mobile payment.
- Help Desk agents can install software patches and software maintenance packs to your Passport system using remote control.

#### **Software Maintenance**

- Provides a continued license to new versions of Passport software, eligible for a new version of software directly from Gilbarco with each new software release.
- Ensures access to all bug fixes, patches and maintenance packs to fix issues a site is having or to support brand initiatives.

#### Insite360

- The Insite 360 dashboard is a web portal that allows you to access and control site services.
- Maintenance packs, service packs and full version updates can be remotely deployed, with online access to software release notes and health check reports.

#### **TECHNOLOGY REBATES**

Rebates are available for all Cenex® branded marketers. In order to qualify for 2025 technology rebates, the qualifying equipment must be purchased by August 31, 2025, and installed by December 31, 2025.

Equipment must be purchased through, and installed by, an authorized equipment distributor or service company. Rebates are applicable for upgraded equipment only. Replacement of damaged or failed equipment does not qualify for rebates.

Equipment invoices, including final installation invoice are required at time of rebate submission. Only one rebate per dispenser applies unless otherwise noted. An invoice with a detailed description of purchased equipment and final installation invoice are required with rebate submission.



	TECHNOLOGY OPTION	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT	AVAILABLE REBATE	
FORECOURT	New Cenex imaged dispenser(s)	Must replace non-EMV dispenser(s) or be an additional dispenser where one previously did not exist. Replacements of existing EMV capable dispensers are not eligible.	\$3,000 per dispenser \$18,000 max per site	
	EMV hardware upgrade to existing dispenser(s)	Must be installed in non-EMV dispenser(s).  Replacement of existing EMV hardware is not eligible.	\$1,500 per dispenser \$9,000 max per site	
	Contactless (NFC) reader(s)*	Must be installed in dispensers not previously equipped with contactless readers.	\$2,500 per dispenser \$15,000 max per site	
	Dispenser connectivity hardware to enable outdoor EMV communications	Must be installed in non-EMV dispenser(s). Replacement of existing dispenser connectivity hardware module is not eligible.	\$500 per dispenser \$3,000 max per site	
	In-store/back room connectivity hardware used in conjunction with dispenser connectivity hardware to enable outdoor EMV communications*	Must be installed in conjunction with dispenser connectivity hardware. Replacement of existing in-store connectivity hardware is not eligible.	\$500 max per site	
Only one rebate option may be used per dispenser unless otherwise noted. *May be combined with other 2025 dispenser rebate categories.				
POINT-OF-SALE	Point-Of-Sale System	New CHS supported Point-Of-Sale. Replacement parts are not eligible.	\$2,500 – limit 1	
	Self-Checkout	Must be a CHS supported Point-Of-Sale System. Replacement parts are not eligible.	Up to \$5,000 each – limit 2	
	In-store PIN pads	EMV capable PIN pad(s) for use with CHS supported POS or Self-Checkout. Replacement PIN pads (same model) are not eligible.	\$750 per PIN pad \$3,000 max per site	

#### **OUTDOOR EMV BUILDING BLOCKS**

#### 1. DISPENSER HARDWARE

To mitigate risk of EMV liability, upgraded dispenser hardware must be installed for EMV transactions to process. Dispensers include two pieces of hardware that must be updated to protect your location. EMV Hybrid Card Reader and EPP.

The EMV Hybrid Card Reader is a secure card reader that can detect and read an EMV chip card. EPP is used in conjunction with a card reader for secure entry of a cardholder's PIN.

If you are unsure if your dispensers are EMV-capable, contact your Authorized Service Contractor (ASC).

#### 2. SITE CONNECTIVITY

In addition to EMV-capable hardware and software, devices must also have the correct connection to process an EMV transaction. Depending on your site infrastructure, new wiring or additional hardware components may be required to ensure EMV transactions can be transmitted between the dispenser and your store. If you are unsure of your current connectivity configuration, contact your ASC.

#### 3. POS SOFTWARE

While an EMV-capable dispenser has the electronics within the dispenser and may also have the required hardware, a software update will be required to fully enable EMV transactions. Once available, EMV software must be installed and maintained in order to remain compliant. All CHS Payment Solutions approved software versions support EMV payment. If you are unsure of your current software version, visit MSOA or contact CHS Payment Solutions at 800-852-5301.

#### DISPENSER TECHNOLOGY

CHS has relationships with the two major dispenser manufacturers, Gilbarco and Wayne. Whichever brand you prefer, CHS can help.

#### **NEW DISPENSERS**

GILBARCO	WAYNE
Encore 700S Dispensers with FlexPay offer a variety of modular and all-in-one payment terminal options. EMV certified card readers and Encrypted Pin Pads come standard in all Encore models which can dispense up to 6-grades. For additional information, please visit the Encore 700 EMV Fuel Dispenser page on gilbarco.com.	New Wayne dispensers come standard with encrypting PIN pad and EMV hybrid chip card reader.

# RETROFIT KITS FOR EXISTING DISPENSERS (AVAILABLE FOR MOST DISPENSERS)

GILBARCO / Invenco by GVR	WAYNE			
FlexPay Retrofit Kits are available for a variety of dispenser models, bringing your dispenser	The Wayne iX Pay upgrade kits include encrypting PIN pad and EMV hybrid chip card reader.			
to the latest in EMV and PCI compliance. To see our full kit lineup, please visit the FlexPay Payment Terminals page on invenco.com.	Older Vista models (1988-2002) 1V/2V and DL series are not recommended for upgrade kits and should be replaced.			
INVENCO				
Invenco by GVR provides affordable retrofit EMV compliant payment solutions and contactless payment options for Gilbarco or Wayne dispensers.				

#### POS PROTECT +

Security is one of the most important considerations for a store that processes credit cards. To combat potential fraud or security breaches, CHS Payment Solutions offers merchants the POS Protect + program with PDI or Acumera. Whether you choose PDI or Acumera, the program provides tools and resources to assist in managing Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS) and keeps location information and data secure.





#### **COMMON PROGRAM FEATURES**

#### POS PROTECT +



#### Paysafe UTM (PDI) or MG Edge Security Device (Acumera)

These managed firewalls defend your POS system against malicious cyber threats. They provide threat detection and prevention, detect and block malicious software and supply POS with cellular backup in the instance of network connectivity issues.



#### **PCI SAQ Online Portal**

A compliance solution that provides the leading tools and support necessary to analyze, remediate and validate PCI compliance. The portal offers assistance in completing your PCI SAQ, vulnerability scans of your networks, custom security policy templates and on-demand security training.



#### Remote Access (POS RA) VPN

A persistent VPN between the POS vendor and your location that will perform PCI Compliant monitoring of remote POS support, allow access for virtual software distribution and provide real-time vendor threat scanning to keep hackers out.



Cellular backup to keep credit card processing going when the internet goes out.

#### **PROGRAM DIFFERENCES**

POS PROTECT + WITH PDI	POS PROTECT + WITH ACUMERA	
Leased hardware included in monthly fee.	Upfront hardware purchase plus monthly service fee.  Must purchase hardware from an authorized Acumera reseller – find a reseller near you by visiting the approved service partners page on acumera.com.	



# RETAIL IMAGE & MAINTENANCE

#### **SUPPORT**

• IMAGE SALES

#### **PRICE SIGNS & CANOPIES**

- PRICE SIGNS
- CANOPIES
- LIGHTING OUTAGES

#### **COMPLIANCE**

• RETAIL EXCELLENCE DAILY (RED) SITE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM



#### **IMAGE SALES**

Contact the CHS Retail Image and Equipment team at **cenex.projects@chsinc.com** or 800-852-8186 opt. 4 for all your imaging needs.

- A Price signs and high-rise signs
  - Product panels
  - LED Digits
  - Electronic Message Centers
  - Paint
- B Canopy lighting
- C Canopy fascia and Halo lighting
- Canopy signage
- **E** Fueling island image items
  - Flag signs
  - Paint
  - Bollard covers

- F Dispenser graphics
  - Valances
  - Door skins
  - Decals
- G Island amenities
  - · Windshield service units
  - Trash containers



#### **PRICE SIGNS**





#### **DIGITAL PRICING**

- Easily and safely changes prices with fob or POS control
- · Bright and eye-catching from the street
- Long-life LED
- Low power usage

#### **ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTERS**

An electronic message center delivers exceptional outreach in your community. The Venus Control Suite software for qualifying Daktronics displays provides the ability to create and display digital content from any internet-connected device.

- Boost Sales advertise specific items
- Promote specialty items carwash, service bay, ATM, beer cave, etc.
- Support community events and your local teams
- Communicate hours of operation and seasonal greetings
- NEW Cenex branded content Available to all locations using Venus Control Suite software with a sign size of 32 pixels and larger. Contact us for more information. Examples:













#### LED UPGRADE FOR EXISTING SIGNS

Upgrading your existing sign from fluorescent to LED illumination is a cost effective way to improve the appearance of your sign. Consumers will notice the bright new appearance, and you'll appreciate the cost savings of decreased maintenance and energy savings.

#### **CANOPIES**



Contact us for replacement of any of the following items for your canopy:

- Fascia (ACM)
- Red ACM channel over Halo light bar
- · Halo light bar
- Cenex logo signs
- Blue arch signs
- LED Deck lighting upgrades

#### LIGHTING OUTAGES

If you notice lighting outages on your canopy or elsewhere on site, please visit the Retail image page on **cenexhub.com** to review the Lighting Outage process map for next steps.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Many image items qualify for Cenex Retail Ad Share reimbursement. See pages 9-11 for details.

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#### RETAIL EXCELLENCE DAILY (RED) SITE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

To ensure brand integrity and great customer experience, CHS administers two annual audits, the **Lighting Audit** and the **Brand Standard Audit**, at every Cenex retail location as part of the RED Site Assessment Program. The first audit evaluates external lighting and second evaluates brand standards and conditions. The Brand Standard Audit cannot be passed until the Lighting Audit is passed.

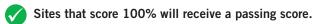
#### **HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS**

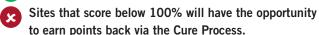
CHS contracts a third-party vendor to deploy Mystery Shoppers into the field to evaluate stores at no cost to you. Shoppers review the exterior and interior of each location, take photos and evaluate employee performance. After the shop, a comprehensive report detailing strengths and opportunities for improvement is provided.

You will be given notice of the evaluation timeframes, but exact dates will not be given. All Cenex-branded retail sites must comply with current Cenex retail image standards. Your Cenex Representative can assist you with any branding-related inquiries.

#### **PASSING THRESHOLD**

#### **Lighting Audit**





#### **Brand Standard Audit**



Sites that score 90% or higher will receive a passing score.



Sites that score below 90% will have the opportunity to earn points back via the Cure Process. Any site with a score below 90% after the Cure Submission window closes will receive a fee.

Consecutive Brand Standard Audit scores below 90% will result in enforcement of contractual rights to ensure compliance with Cenex Retail Image Brand Standards

Enforcement may include, but is not limited to:

- \$250.00 fee for the first failure.
- \$500.00 fee for two or more failures.
- Termination of the Branded Petroleum Marketers Agreement (BPMA).

#### **RED Site Assessment Program**





#### **EARNING POINTS BACK**

There is an opportunity to earn points back for incorrect elements that have been corrected through the Cure Process. Visit **cenexhub.com** for more details.

#### **CENEX STAR STORES**

Any site that scores a perfect 100% will receive the honor of becoming a Cenex STAR Store\*. STAR Stores will receive a gift which includes marketing materials and recognition to promote their status as a STAR Store.

\*Please note, STAR Stores are reserved for locations that receive 100% without Cure point adjustments.

#### **GETTING READY**

Visit the Retail Image section on **cenexhub.com** for RED related resources. To prepare for your RED evaluation, use our provided resources:

- Lighting Audit Questionnaire
- Brand Standard Audit Evaluation Guide
- Cure Submission Instructions

You can also train your team on the RED Site Assessment Program via the Training tab on **cenexhub.com**.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

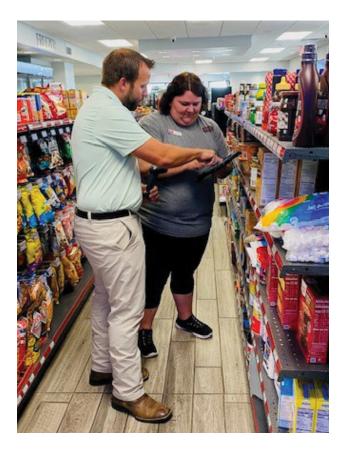
Cenex Ad Share covers certain site image and maintenance items to refresh the exterior of your store. Keeping a clean, bright image helps drive consumer preference and foot traffic. Visit pages 9-11 for details on Cenex Ad Share.



#### **ABOUT CHS RETAIL SOLUTIONS**

CHS Retail Solutions works with you to put together the pieces of a successful business. Services include: retail operations consulting, training services, employee development opportunities, site and market evaluations, and more. Best of all, each program can be tailored to best fit the needs of your business.

For more information on how the CHS Retail Business Specialist Program can help you succeed in today's competitive environment, visit the Retail support page of **cenexhub.com**, or find a CHS Retail Business Specialist in your area at **cenexhub.com/contact-us**.



#### CHS RETAIL BUSINESS SPECIALISTS

#### **DELIVERING SMART SOLUTIONS & POSITIVE RESULTS**

Whether you have a specific product to tackle, or are seeking ongoing consultation to meet your goals for improvement, using the services of a CHS Retail Business Specialist can mean the difference between profit and loss in the competitive c-store business. Retail Business Specialists are trained to bring expert advice to your store. They are equipped with ideas for business development, store operations, revenue generation and expense controls to maximize your store's performance.

The CHS Retail Business Specialists have many years of industry practice as well as the benefit of ongoing experience working with other retailers who face similar challenges and opportunities. They'll bring you creative ideas, plus the most up-to-date information and progressive strategies to improve your store in ways you may not have the know-how or time to do.

"The Cenex Retail Business Specialist program brings tremendous value to our business. Not only does it allow you to see your stores through another set of eyes, but we truly consider our consultant a partner and team member who helps to better our business. We have subscribed to the program since its inception, and with the help of our consultant, we've been able to adapt and continue to grow our presence. Our new store was built with a lot of help and input from our consultant to think about the best use of every square foot of building before the concrete was even poured. I'd call the service invaluable."

- Brad Box, General Manager of Northern Star Coop

#### **INTERESTED?**

Visit **cenexhub.com/contact-us** to find information about CHS Retail Business Specialists in your area.

#### OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Through the Cenex C-store Operational Assessment, retail experts can provide a fresh perspective and offer invaluable insight to help manage and grow your business. As a convenience store operator, you know the importance of running an efficient and profitable operation.

Retail Business Specialists can provide valuable insight on what your store needs to be healthy and successful. Through this assessment, they take an in-depth look at key areas of a successful operation including:

- Overall facility appearance
- Merchandising
- Customer service
- Competitor analysis
- Profit and loss comparison to industry benchmarks

#### 5-STAR FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Cenex® 5-Star Feasibility Study offers you a comprehensive analysis to determine the financial strength of an existing or potential retail operation. The unbiased analysis can project gasoline volume and in-store revenue or profit potential, providing you leverage in your negotiations and investment decisions. The 5-STAR feasibility study can assist in determining whether to:

- Remodel your existing facility
- Implement a foodservice concept
- Construct a new convenience store
- Purchase a new store
- Determine profit potential of your operation

To schedule your C-store Operational Assessment or to learn more about the 5-Star Feasibility Study, visit the Retail support page of **cenexhub.com** or find a CHS Retail Business Specialist in your area at **cenexhub.com/contact-us**.

"I like to use the 5-Star Feasibility Study to identify sites to develop and keep from making mistakes. It helps to identify the strengths and weaknesses of a site that you may not have realized on your own."

- Larry Ehrman, V.P. Energy of Cooperative Producers Inc.

#### C-STORE OPERATIONS ONLINE TRAINING

Cenex is proud to provide comprehensive, affordable, online employee training packages. Our training packages cover a wide variety of topics to ensure employees of all levels are set up for success. These trainings aim to:

- Improve customer satisfaction
- · Reduce compliance issues
- Increase employee retention

The training information is presented in an easy-to-use format and helps streamline your site's administrative training tasks by offering:

- Cloud-based access
- Consistent messaging
- · Real-time reporting
- · Quizzes and exams

Visit the training page on **cenexhub.com** to learn more about this service available to you through a collaboration with NACS and Ready Training Online (RTO). Information on additional employee trainings related to key Cenex programs can also be found on the training page.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Training packages available on **cenexhub.com** are eligible for 50% Ad Share Reimbursement.

#### FOOD SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAMS

#### SERVSAFE® CERTIFICATION & RE-CERTIFICATION

Certified by the National Restaurant Association, this industry-recognized program provides food safety training and addresses the most urgent food safety challenges. ServSafe is the most widely accepted food safety training among local, state and federal health departments. Our experienced trainers are ServSafe Certified Instructors so you can feel confident you'll receive the highest standard of food safety training.

To schedule a custom ServSafe class, visit **cenexhub.com/contact-us** to find contact information for a CHS Retail Business Specialist in your area.

#### **CENEXPO**

## AN EXCLUSIVE EVENT FOR CENEX®-BRANDED OPERATORS

CENEXPO is a free, two-day educational and networking event focused on helping you grow your business within the Cenex® network. This annual event offers the ability to gather product information, learn about new technology, build stronger working relationships, and participate in educational seminars. CENEXPO can improve your stores profitability, build your sales culture and ensure you become a leader in the industry.

#### AT CENEXPO YOU WILL:

- Hear from high-impact speakers and panels on topics relevant to your business
- Connect with vendors to learn about the latest consumer trends
- Visit with CHS experts to learn more about Cenexbranded programs
- Connect with fellow Cenex retailers to gain industry insights

"CENEXPO 2024 was a great team builder for our Cooperative. This opportunity gave us the chance to re-connect with our team members and inform our onsite Convenience Store Managers, Retail Manager and myself on industry trends and consumer demands. It's beneficial to step away from day-to-day operations to encourage new ideas and ways to think out of the box. I encourage everyone to take advantage of events like CENEXPO and attended together with your local team."

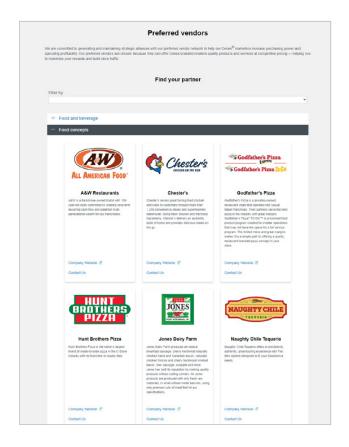
— Jason Cullen, CEO/General Manager of New Horizons Supply Cooperative



#### PREFERRED VENDOR PROGRAM

Preferred vendor partners are chosen because of their willingness and ability to provide Cenex-branded locations with quality products and services that will assist the location by increasing buying power, reducing operating expenses and increasing sales.

A detailed list of current preferred vendors can be found in the Retail support page of **cenexhub.com**.







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#### **CENEX HUB**



**Cenexhub.com** is your one-stop destination to find all the resources to maintain your business.

Bookmark the site on your web browser to access all Cenex-branded product and program information for your business, including:

- Marketing and brand support
- Retail initiatives
- Training resources
- Ad Share support
- RED Inspection guidelines
- Preferred Vendor information

Current MyCHS users can use their existing credentials to easily log in to the Cenex Hub. There is no need to register for a new account. New users can easily register for an account on **cenexhub.com**.

If you have questions about Cenex Hub or our branded products and programs, please reach out to your Cenex Representative, use the **Contact Us** feature on Cenex Hub, or email us at **cenexhub@chsinc.com**.

#### **IN THE KNOW E-NEWSLETTER**



Stay connected to the latest news and information from Cenex with weekly email updates from the FREE *In The Know* E-Newsletter. Four editions are available monthly, with a different focus each week:

Week 1: Retail Marketing & Operations

Week 2: Payment Solutions

Week 3: Premium Diesel Fuels & Cenex Lubricants

Week 4: Energy Equipment

Subscribe to any or all *In The Know* E-Newsletters online at **retail.chsintheknow.com/subscribe**.

#### **FAQS**

#### WHERE CAN I REVIEW MY AD SHARE BALANCE?

Customers can view their current Cenex® Ad Share funds by visiting the **Ad Share** section under the Retail or Product section on **cenexhub.com**.

Current MyCHS users can use their existing credentials to easily log in to the Cenex Hub. There is no need to register for a new account.

New users can select the "Register for an Account" link on **cenexhub.com** and follow the instructions for setting up an account.

If you have questions about **Cenex Hub** or how to view your Ad Share balances, please reach out to your Cenex Representative, use the **Contact Us** feature on Cenex Hub, or email us at **cenexhub@chsinc.com**.

#### **HOW DO I SUBMIT AN AD SHARE CLAIM?**

Claims can be submitted electronically at cenexhub.com.

## HOW DO I ORDER MORE PUMP TOPPERS & SIGNS FOR MY STORE?

Visit **cenexshop.com** for a variety of pump toppers and store signs — customizable with your own store information.

#### WHERE CAN I ORDER MORE GIFT CARDS?

Gift cards, including both jackets and plastics, are FREE and may be ordered online at **cenexshop.com**.

# WHERE CAN I ORDER MORE CREDIT CARD APPLICATIONS?

Credit card applications and acrylic application displays may be ordered online at **cenexshop.com**.

# WHO DO I CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING STORE & EVENT MARKETING, CURRENT PROMOTIONS, AD SHARE FUNDS & OUTDOOR ADVERTISING REBATES?

Contact your Cenex Representative or the Cenex Refined Fuels Marketing team at refinedfuelsmarketing@chsinc.com.

#### **QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE**

#### **Refined Fuels Marketing**

- Cenex Hub: cenexhub.com
- Cenex Shop: cenexshop.com 800-446-7046
- Cenex Ad Share Questions:
   Email cenexadshare@chsinc.com
- General Marketing Questions:
   Contact your Cenex Representative or email refinedfuelsmarketing@chsinc.com
- Highway Sign Information: interstatelogos.com
- In the Know E-Newsletter:
   Subscribe at retail.chsintheknow.com/subscribe

#### Retail Image & Equipment

 Retail Image & Equipment Questions & Orders: 800-852-8186, option 4 or email cenex.projects@chsinc.com

#### Retail Solutions

Retail Solutions Questions:
 Visit cenexhub.com/contact-us

#### **CHS Payment Solutions**

- Payment Solutions Questions:
   800-852-5301 or email pssupport@chsinc.com
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