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SUBJECT: National Clean Diesel Program FY2008

Dear Colleague:

On March 17, 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regions 1 and 2 through the Northeast Diesel Collaborative (NEDC) announced the availability of approximately \$5.4 million in clean diesel funds as part of the 2008 National Clean Diesel Program. This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals for diesel emissions reduction projects from eligible entities in EPA Regions 1 and 2.

Who can apply?

Under this solicitation, the following entities are eligible to apply for assistance, in accordance with Section 791(3) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005:

- Regional, State and local governments, federally recognized tribes, port authorities with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality.
- nonprofit organizations or institutions that: 1) represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets; or 2) have, as its principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality.
- Transit operators, school districts, municipalities, metropolitan planning organizations, cities and counties are all eligible entities under this assistance agreement program within the extent that they fall within the definition above

What types of projects can I propose?

- Idling and Retrofit Technologies and Engine Upgrades –will fund 100% of the cost of idling or retrofit technologies.
- Cleaner Fuel Use –will fund the cost differential between the cleaner fuel and conventional diesel fuel.
- Engine Repower –will fund up to 50% of the cost of an engine repower.
- Vehicle/Equipment Replacement – will fund up to 25% of the cost of a new vehicle or piece of equipment (except for school buses; see below).
- School Bus Replacement

Is There A Funding Match Requirement?

- There is no requirement for a matching contribution from applicants. However, EPA encourages the use of leveraged funds to enhance and expand the project. Proposals that leverage resources beyond EPA's funding may receive additional points during the evaluation process.

EPA Regions 1 and 2 anticipate awarding approximately 6-12 assistance agreements from this announcement, subject to availability of funds and the quality of proposals received. EPA Regions 1 and 2 will accept proposals between \$50,000 and \$750,000; however, most awards will range from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

A pre-proposal "letter of intent", while not required, is encouraged. Eligible entities seeking funding should submit a letter of intent to apply by April 25, 2008, via email: hatic.halida@epa.gov.

The deadline for submitting proposals is June 12, 2008, 6PM EST.

EPA Regions 1 and 2 will host two Question and Answer sessions via teleconference on the following dates:

April 10, 2008 from 10:00 am to 12 noon,
call-in number: 866-299-3188. Enter Conference
Code: 2126373745#.
May 7, 2008 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm,
call-in number: 866-299-3188. Enter Conference
Code: 2126373745#.

For more information on eligibility and to download the 2008 NEDC Request for Proposals, please visit: www.northeastdiesel.org/funding.htm

Please speak with your program representative if you have any questions about this guidance.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Doyle
Regional Administrator