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National Clean Diesel Campaign

State Clean Diesel Grant Program Notice of Intent to Apply

TO: EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality, cleandiesel@epa.gov

FROM: Douglas P. Scott, Director, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

RE: Notice of Intent to Apply for FY08 State Clean Diesel Grant Program

DATE: April 7, 2008

GENERAL INFORMATION

The State of Illinois

submits this notice of intent to apply that is due on or before April 24, 2008 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time. This notice outlines plans for submitting an application for the State Clean Diesel Grant Program through EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign.

This notice also identifies Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

as the responsible State Agency submitting an application for the State Clean Diesel Grant Program.

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FUNDING ALLOCATION AND MATCH

We understand that based on the allocation formula outlined in the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Subtitle G, Section 793, award amounts can range from ~\$200,000 to over \$1,000,000. We understand that there is no match required, but that there is an incentive to match Federal funds at a 1:1 ratio. States agreeing to match their entire allocation provided to the State dollar for dollar shall be provided with an additional 50 percent of the base allocation to the State.

The State of Illinois tentatively ☒ Does ☐ Does not
plan to match the base funding awarded in its entirety dollar for dollar.

We understand that matching funds can be generated from State or private resources and can be either cash or in-kind funds but that Federal funds can not be used as match.

APPLICATION AND WORKPLAN

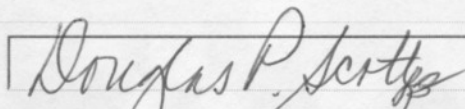
The State of Illinois

understands that work plans should be developed with EPA Regional Office assistance and final application packages must be submitted on or before June 23, 2008 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time to the regional contacts listed in the *Federal Register Notice* or funding may not be approved. Application forms can be obtained from EPA's website at www.epa.gov/cleandiesel under the State Program section. We understand that this is a non-competitive grant program but that work plans must be approved in order for States to receive funding.

We anticipate that the work plan developed for the State Clean Diesel Grant Program may include the following activities:

The Illinois EPA is partnering with several organizations, including the American Lung Association, Respiratory Health Association, IL Dept. of Transportation, Chicago Area Clean Cities, Partners for Clean Air, City of Chicago, Caterpillar, Cummins, Navistar-International, and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, to operate a grant program for diesel retrofits and similar clean diesel projects. These organizations are combining efforts to help market and reach out to potential applicants in assembling projects for the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative and the National Clean Diesel Campaign. While the greater focus in Illinois for project implementation will be the Chicago area, other projects will be coordinated throughout the state where reductions in diesel emissions will be of significant benefit. The types of vehicle applications will include school buses, diesel vehicles operated by local governments, trucking operations, off-road equipment, and boats. The clean diesel projects will incorporate diesel oxidation catalysts, particulate filters, closed crankcase ventilation systems, and possibly engine upgrades and repower. In addition, equipment to reduce or eliminate idling, such as auxiliary power units and heaters, will be accepted in applications that demonstrate a significant need in providing emissions benefits. The Illinois EPA will also promote the use of biodiesel fuel (e.g., B20) in these projects for suitable vehicle applications, but will not need federal monetary assistance since the State has its own funding program in the Illinois Alternate Fuels Rebate Program. The Illinois EPA and its partners have much experience with diesel retrofit projects throughout the State with the Illinois Clean School Bus Program, U.S. EPA grants, CMAQ funding, SEPs, and other funding sources. Funding through the National Clean Diesel Campaign will enable us to continue our efforts in reducing emissions from various on-road and off-road diesel emissions sources in the Chicago area and other regions of the state.

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