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MCDI Leadership Recognition Program

The Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative Leadership Awards raise awareness and recognize organizations that have made significant improvements in air quality through the development and/or implementation of clean diesel actions (i.e. retrofits, replacements, cleaner fuels, education, leveraged funding, policy development, etc.). A simple application can be filled out to nominate an organization/individual or self-nominate your organization. These applications are due September 1, 2007, with the recognition awards given in the fall.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel/leadershipgroup/lgawards.html>

If there are questions, please contact Steve Marquardt at 312-353-3214 or marquardt.steve@epa.gov

Funding Announcement #1:

Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative Announces 2007 MCDI Request for Proposals

On Wednesday, July 18, 2007, U.S. EPA Region 5 and the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative announced the availability of up to \$300,000 in Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative funds for 2007. These funds are available for States, local governments, territories, Indian Tribes, possessions of the U.S. (like Puerto Rico, etc.), international organizations, public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, and other public and private nonprofit institutions. EPA Region 5 envisions funding approximately 1-3 cooperative agreements under this announcement ranging from \$75,000 to \$300,000.

You can download the RFP from www.grants.gov (under the title "Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative"), or at the MCDI web site. We've included helpful information along with the RFP on our web site. You will find a link to EPA's Diesel Emission Quantifier, which will help you measure reductions from your project. You'll also find tips on how to prepare your proposal.

For more information, visit:

www.grants.gov

www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel/grants/mcdirfp07.html

Funding Announcement #2:

Ohio Announces \$20 Million Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program

The Ohio EPA announced the Diesel Emission Reduction and Transit Capital Grant Programs. Look for further information as details become available. Below is the legislative language:

Substitute HB 119 (HB 245)

- Each fiscal year or as soon as possible, the Ohio Director of Budget and Management will (1) transfer \$9,817,105 in cash in fiscal year 2008 and \$10,057,814 in cash in fiscal year 2009 from the Highway Operating Fund to the Diesel Emissions Grant Fund and, (2) transfer \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year from the Highway Operating Fund to the Transit Capital Fund. The amounts transferred will be appropriated.
- The transfer to the Diesel Emissions Grant Fund should be used for the administration and oversight of the Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program within the Department of Development. In addition, Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program funds also may be used to fund projects involving the purchase or use of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles that are allowed under guidance developed by the Federal Highway Administration for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program. The Director of Development, in consultation with the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, should develop guidance for distribution of the funds from the Diesel Emissions Grant Fund. The guidance should include a method for prioritization of projects, acceptable technologies, and procedures for awarding grants and loans.
- The transfer to the Transit Capital Fund should be used to supplement the capital portion of the Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program within the Department of Transportation.
- These cash transfers represent CMAQ program moneys within the Department of Transportation for use by the Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program by the Department of Development and for use by the Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program by the Ohio Department of Transportation. These allocations should not reduce the amount of such moneys designated for metropolitan planning organizations.

Funding Announcement #3:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Announces \$1.2 Million in State Funds for Diesel

MPCA has issued a request for proposals for the \$1.2M in state diesel funds. There is currently no closing date on the RFP, but applicants are reminded to check the MPCA web site for updates. The RFP information can be found at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/grants/index.html#program>

While the MPCA request for proposals is out, there is no direct link to get information about the process, the funds or the application. To get such information, one needs to go to the link above and contact the MPCA as described in the "Program Development and Implementation Technical Assistance Grants" section. After you request the information, the MPCA will send you a copy of the RFP.

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and Implementation Technical Assistance Grants are intended to assist the MPCA in the development and/or implementation of its programs. The goal of the program is to provide the opportunity for the community to partner with the MPCA on projects that help aid the MPCA in meeting its Strategic Plan objectives.

To obtain a copy of the RFP, contact Martina Cameron at contracts@pca.state.mn.us (put "Technical Assistance Grants, CR 986" in the subject line of the email). In order for MPCA to provide you with any RFP Addendums or updates, please provide your name, e-mail address and/or mailing address, and phone number.

For further information, contact Martina Cameron at (651) 296-7755

U.S. EPA and Greg Langford Are Guests on XM Satellite Radio Show

Last month, Greg Langford, Langford Incorporated, and Mitch Greenberg, U.S. EPA, were both guests on the Dave Nemo Show on the ATRI On the Air channel on XM satellite radio. The show, which is listened to by truckers across the nation, highlighted U.S. EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership and Greg's latest efforts to educate truckers and reduce diesel emissions. Greg and Mitch are scheduled to appear on the Midnight Truck Show w/ Eric Hartley (Sirius satellite radio channel 147) on August 24. More details can be found at www.midnighttrucking.com. If you have Sirius satellite radio, be sure to tune in on the 24th!

EPA Publishes Transportation Conformity SmartWay SIP Guidance

Late last month, U.S. EPA announced the publication of SIP guidance that describes how to quantify and use reductions in nitrogen oxides (NOx) that result when trucks are outfitted with two specific SmartWay fuel-efficient technologies: trailer aerodynamic kits, and low-rolling resistance tires. U.S. EPA wants to encourage the adoption of SmartWay projects as a cost-effective way to achieve NOx reductions needed for state air quality plans and transportation conformity determinations. NOx reductions calculated using this guidance are then able to be counted toward meeting ozone or particulate matter air quality standards.

As air quality standards tighten, areas will need to look to more varied ways of reducing emissions to achieve or remain in attainment. Getting local shippers and carriers involved in the SmartWay Transport Partnership is a great way to get these reductions.

For more information about this guidance document, visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/policy/420f07045.htm>

Visit U.S. EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership on the web:

<http://www.epa.gov/smartway>



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