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State Clean Diesel Grant Program Notice of Intent to Apply

National Clean Diesel Campaign

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

FROM: Jim Sygo, Deputy Director, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

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

DATE: April 24, 2008

GENERAL INFORMATION

The State of Michigan

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 Department of Environmental Quality

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 Michigan 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 Michigan

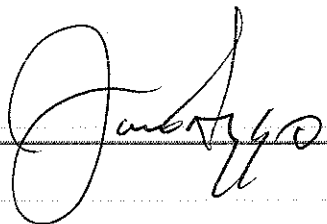
understands that work plans should be developed with EPA Regional Office assistance and final application packages must be submitted on or before June 23, 2008 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time to the regional contacts listed in the *Federal Register Notice* or funding may not be approved. Application forms 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 State of Michigan intends to retrofit public and private school buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, diesel particulate matter filters, closed crankcase ventilation systems, or any other verified technology. Municipal fleets may also be affected. The buses affected will be located in school districts in Southeast Michigan adjacent to, or nearby air quality monitors that exceed or are in violation of the particulate matter national ambient air quality standards. The retrofits will be done on a voluntary basis, with participating school districts identifying the specific buses desired to be retrofit by age, engine model, level of use and any other information deemed necessary. School districts may also have an option to receive grant money towards the replacement of qualifying buses. Information will also be provided to school districts regarding reduced idling and the use of cleaner fuels.

A vendor or vendors will be chosen through a competitive bid process. The selected vendor(s) will be required to install the retrofit equipment, or provide equipment to a qualifying school district, and have all installations inspected by a qualified individual(s). The installations shall be completed by August 2010 or sooner. Upon completion, a completeness report shall be provided to the State agency responsible for the program.

Signature: _____

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