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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: Kevin Kessler, Air Management Bureau Director

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

DATE: April 9, 2008

GENERAL INFORMATION

The State of Wisconsin

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 the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 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 Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin

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:

With input from the Wisconsin Clean Diesel Coalition, we intend to develop a grant program containing the following elements: awarding grants to all types of public and private diesel fleets headquartered in Wisconsin for the purchase/implementation of fuel-efficient measures, such as idle reduction equipment, engine upgrades and repowers, and possibly for retrofit devices as well. Participating fleets will be required to contribute a cash match, specifically on those measures that have a cost savings. We will determine a reasonable level of match with feedback from the WI Clean Diesel Coalition. We will explore program design elements that will allow greater and fair access to all types of fleets, such as: capping the maximum award amount for individual fleets; capping the maximum amount for each project type (idle reduction device, retrofit device, repower); selecting vehicles to award via a lottery; putting small and public fleets into a separate lottery; excluding applications from fleets who have received funding for the same type of project in other current grant programs.

We will continue working closely with the Wisconsin Clean Diesel Coalition in developing a work plan for this grant program. The Coalition represents diesel stakeholders in Wisconsin who are dedicated to creating educational and financial opportunities to fleets to reduce diesel emissions. The Department of Commerce, who participates on the Coalition, has run a successful grant program for idling reduction on long-haul trucks and will assist our Department in implementing this grant program based on their experience. Our Department also has a strong relationship with EPA Region 5 staff through the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative and will continue to seek assistance and share information with EPA staff.

Signature: 

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