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Subject: Funds Available for Diesel Reduction Projects

Dear Interested Parties:

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has received \$360,000.00 to reduce diesel emissions in the state. In tough economic times, these funds provide a great opportunity to support green technologies while addressing the public health and environmental concerns posed by diesel emissions in Connecticut.

These funds must be used for projects that reduce diesel emissions from on-road vehicles operating in heavy traffic through environmental justice communities. Projects must be completed as soon as possible, but no later than December of 2013. DEEP seeks grant proposals from municipalities, organizations, and individuals for diesel reduction projects that are environmentally and economically beneficial, can be initiated promptly, and will be completed quickly.

Clean Diesel Projects Eligible for Funding

This opportunity is for replacing on-road, heavy-duty diesel trucks with new, low-emission trucks. Replacements are not limited to new diesel-powered trucks, but they must meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's latest standards for emissions of nitrogen oxides and particulate matter. Funding will be limited to 25% of the cost of the new truck, before tax. The old, replaced trucks must be scrapped, that is, rendered inoperable; they may be sold for scrap, but cannot be sold as working vehicles. Grant recipients must agree to keep the new truck in use for at least three years.

Connecticut procurement rules require that vehicle vendors be selected through an open and competitive process that ensures cost effectiveness. The organization or equipment owner who receives the funding is obligated to comply with state procurement rules for contractual services and replacement vehicles. Award recipients also must enter into a contract with the State of Connecticut, and must comply with state and federal contracting requirements.

Proposed projects will be evaluated based on the extent of reductions in diesel emissions and fuel consumption, cost effectiveness, economic benefits to Connecticut, and the potential for completion by December of 2013. Funding of municipal projects is also a priority of this grant program. In addition, projects will be prioritized based on the degree to which they meet the following three criteria:

- Operation in an environmental justice community;
- Operation in a heavy traffic transportation corridor or hub in Connecticut; and
- Operation in areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution from on-road diesel fleets, including ports, rail yards, terminals, resource recovery facilities, and distribution centers.

These criteria are based on the location in which the vehicle operates, which may not be the same as the applicant's business address.

Clean Diesel Stakeholders

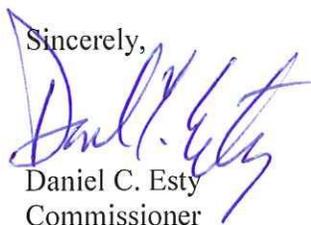
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Although this is not a requirement to receive funding, additional prioritization points will be awarded if the applicant includes documentation that the replacement is ahead of the applicant's normal vehicle retirement schedule and/or if the applicant proposes to purchase a truck with innovative technology, such as hydraulic hybrid or regenerative braking. The age of the replaced vehicles will also be taken into account in project selection. Vehicles with engine model years (MYs) of 2006 and older are preferred. Within this pre-2007 timeframe, DEEP prefers replacing newer vehicles because this provides greater long term reductions in air pollution.

All interested parties must submit their proposal on the enclosed form, which can also be found at: http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=322100&depNav_GID=1619 . Completed forms and inquiries should be directed to Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov, and proposals must be submitted no later than December 14, 2012.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner