



Connecticut Department of

**ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

August 22, 2011

Subject: Funds Available for Diesel Reduction Projects

Dear Interested Parties,

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) anticipates the receipt of approximately \$200,000 in federal funds for the reduction of diesel emissions in the state. These funds are authorized under the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) and are administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). 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.

DERA and EPA require that DEEP use these funds to provide grants for projects that reduce diesel emissions. Therefore, DEEP is looking for grant proposals from municipalities, organizations, and individuals for diesel reduction projects that are environmentally and economically beneficial, and can be initiated promptly and completed quickly.

Clean Diesel Projects Eligible for State Funding

Information regarding this funding opportunity may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/prgstate.htm>. Clean diesel projects eligible for state funding must fit one of the categories listed below:

- Early replacement or repowering of vehicles with EPA-certified engine configurations (EPA guidelines limit reimbursements to 25% for vehicle replacement and 75% for engine replacement);
- Idle reduction technologies that are verified by EPA;
- Retrofit technologies that are verified or certified by EPA or the California Air Resources Board; and
- Technologies from EPA's Emerging Technologies List (the current list of six eligible technologies can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/verification/emerg-list.htm>).

Applicants should be aware that DERA rules require that DEEP grant these funds directly to the owners of either the equipment being retrofitted/replaced or the property on which an infrastructure project is being installed. The equipment owner who receives the grant is obligated, under these funding rules, to conduct a competitive procurement process for contractual services and/or technologies used on the project. Award recipients also must enter into a contract with the State of Connecticut, and must comply with state and federal contracting requirements. Applicants should verify that there are no prohibitions or restrictions on the use of federal funds for the proposed project.

Proposed projects will be evaluated based on the extent of diesel emission reductions, cost effectiveness (including the applicant's ability to provide matching funds), and potential for expedient completion. Projects

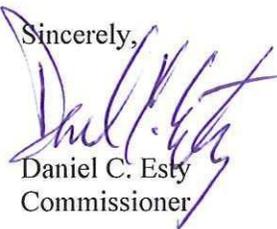
also will be prioritized based on the degree to which they meet the following five criteria:

- Location in an EPA-designated non-attainment area for particulate matter
- Location in an environmental justice community
- Proximity to transportation hubs or corridors
- Location in an urban area
- Includes anti-idling education and outreach

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

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=2688&q=438552&depNav_GID=1511. Completed forms and inquiries should be directed to Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov, and proposals must be submitted no later than September 28, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel C. Esty", is written over the typed name and title.

Daniel C. Esty
Commissioner