



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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Subject: Funds Available for Diesel Reduction Projects

Dear Interested Parties,

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has received approximately \$1.45 million in federal funding to reduce diesel emissions in the state. These funds are authorized under the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA), with some funds allocated through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), 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 and assisting with economic development in the state.

DEP is looking for proposals from municipalities, organizations and individuals for diesel reduction projects that are environmentally and economically beneficial, while having the ability to be initiated promptly and completed quickly. To be consistent with DERA and ARRA requirements, these funds must be used to provide grants for projects that:

- expedite economic recovery;
- facilitate the creation and preservation of jobs; and
- reduce diesel emissions.

## **Clean Diesel Projects Eligible for State Funding**

Information regarding State DERA funding opportunities may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/prgstate.htm#funding>. Due to the stringent project eligibility requirements, including the federal priorities of job creation and economic stimulus, the timeline from proposal to project completion is condensed, with an unextendable completion deadline of September 1, 2011. Projects that can be expedited and completed quickly will be prioritized for funding. Parties who submitted proposals in response to the March 2009 solicitation are welcome to apply again. All interested parties must submit their proposal on the enclosed form to DEP by July 8, 2010. This form can also be found on DEP's DERA Program page at: [http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2688&q=438552&depNav\\_GID=1511](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](mailto:Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov).

Clean diesel projects eligible for state funding must fit one of the categories listed below:

- Early replacement or repower with certified engine configurations (varying incremental costs);
- Idle reduction technologies that are verified by EPA;

- Retrofit technologies that are verified by EPA or the California Air Resources Board; and
- Technologies from EPA's Emerging Technologies List.

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked according to the extent of diesel emission reductions, cost effectiveness (including the applicant's ability to provide matching funds), job creation and the project's potential for expedient completion. The inclusion of an anti-idling education and outreach program as part of the project will enhance the application. Communities, organizations or individuals applying for this program will be given prioritization points based on the following criteria:

- Creates Connecticut jobs (**1 Point**);
- Inclusion of anti-idling education and outreach (**1 Point**);
- In an EPA-designated non-attainment area for particulate matter (Fairfield or New Haven Counties) (**1 Point**);
- In an environmental justice community (**1 Point**);
- Near transportation hubs or corridors (**1 Point**); and
- In an urban area (**1 Point**).

The more details you can provide in addressing the ranking criteria, the better DEP will be able to evaluate your proposal. Awards require entering into a contract with the State of Connecticut and compliance with state and federal contracting requirements.

Even if the DEP does not use your idea for the state funding, we encourage you to apply for DERA funds available through a national competition that is scheduled to be announced in October of 2010 with awards sometime in 2011. Details, when they become available, will be posted on EPA's website at: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/prgnational.htm>.

If you wish to propose a project or if you have additional questions regarding the availability of funds for diesel reduction projects, please contact please contact Patrice Kelly at [Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov](mailto:Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov). In order for Connecticut to make the best use of these funds, proposals must be submitted for DEP's consideration no later than July 8, 2010.

Yours truly,



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## Proposals for Use of Federal Stimulus Money for Diesel Reduction Projects

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete all sections of this form. All proposals must be received by Thursday, July 8, 2010 to be considered. Proposals should be submitted to the attention of Patrice Kelly at the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) via e-mail at [Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov](mailto:Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov), via fax at (860) 424-4063, or she can be contacted at (860) 424-3410.

### *Eligible Use of Funding*

The funding allocated to the state may be used to fund grant programs for clean diesel projects. Please identify which of the following categories your project would qualify for:

### Categories Potentially Available for Funding: Please check those that apply

Early replacement or repower with certified engine configurations ( <i>varying incremental costs</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>
Idle reduction technologies that are EPA verified	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retrofit technologies that are EPA or CARB-certified or verified	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technologies from EPA's Emerging Technologies List	<input type="checkbox"/>

### *Evaluation Criteria*

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked according to the extent of diesel emission reductions, cost effectiveness, job creation and the project's potential for expedient completion. Project ideas will be evaluated according to the following criteria developed to be consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) priorities for this grant program. The more details you can provide in addressing these criteria, the better DEP will be able to evaluate your proposal.

### Evaluation Criteria: Please check those that apply

Creates Connecticut jobs ( <i>1 point</i> );	<input type="checkbox"/>
In an EPA-designated non-attainment area for particulate matter (Fairfield or New Haven Counties) ( <i>1 point</i> );	<input type="checkbox"/>
In an environmental justice community ( <i>1 point</i> );	<input type="checkbox"/>
Near transportation hubs or corridors ( <i>1 point</i> );	<input type="checkbox"/>
In an urban area ( <i>1 point</i> );	<input type="checkbox"/>
Includes anti-idling education and outreach ( <i>1 point</i> ).	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total Criteria Points Met:</b>	





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**Estimate of Jobs Created in Connecticut:**

Please provide an estimate of the jobs to be created in Connecticut by the proposed project. The Federal Office of Management and Budget has provided guidance for the calculation of job creation, which begins on page 10 of the document at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda\\_2010/m10-08.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda_2010/m10-08.pdf).

<b>Total hours to complete project:</b>	
<b>Number of full time jobs created in Connecticut:</b>	
<b>Number of part time jobs created in Connecticut:</b>	

**Proposed Project Budget:**

Please provide a list of the expenses for the proposed project. You may add line items as needed. In addition, please provide a brief narrative explaining each line item expense being requested for the proposed project.

<b><u>Line Item:</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	

