

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (i.e. the Stimulus Bill)**

**Title: Reduction Technologies Projects for the Transportation Sector**

**Funding Opportunity Number: DE-PS26-09NT01236-00**

**Application Due Date:**

**Program Area of Interest 1-03:** March 31, 2009, 11:59:59 p.m. EST (8:59:59 p.m. Arizona)

**Program Area of Interest 4-Round 1:** May 29, 2009, 11:59:59 p.m. EST (8:59:59 p.m. Arizona)

**Program Area of Interest 4-Round 2:** September 30, 2009, 11:59:59 p.m. EST (8:59:59 p.m. Arizona)

**Notes**

- Per Modification 4: application submission must be made through the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at <http://e-center.doe.gov> only due to problems encountered with Grants.gov. However, application packages still are to be obtained from Grants.gov
- \$300,000,000 is available through the new Area of Interest #4 (Alternative Fuel and Advanced Technology Vehicle Pilot Program), which incorporates the requirements of Sec 721 of EPACT 2005. As required by Sec 721, we will make up to 30 awards, with a 50/50 cost share. The min/max DOE funding amount per project will be \$5M to \$15M.
- The due dates for the current Areas of Interest 1, 2, and 3 remains March 31, 2009. However, the minimum funding level for AOI #1 has been reduced from \$200,000 to \$150,000.

You can access the IIPS posting directly via this weblink:

<https://e-center2.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/3b3cff0a4a1f243485256ec100490e1a/b18fa5aa78629a2e86257563006f4ba6?OpenDocument>

**U.S. EPA West Coast Collaborative (WCC) Clean Diesel Funding 2009**  
**Released by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

**NOTE: This funding announcement has not yet been released. To be announced in late March 2009.**

- EPA has received \$300M nationally for clean diesel grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
- Allowable activities can be found in Subtitle G: "Diesel Emissions Reduction Program," Section 793, *State Grant and Loan Program* of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and other provisions of Subtitle G (DERA).
- DERA outlines the following funding distribution:
  - o 70% would be provided for national competitive grants
  - o 30% would be allocated to States electing to participate in the program
- EPA expects a 40-day application period for all competitive announcements to be submitted to EPA.
- You may find it useful to review the archived funding materials from fiscal year 2008's National Clean Diesel announcement which is posted on EPA's Clean Diesel web site. Many of the programmatic priorities, eligible entities and projects, and application instructions will be very similar as the 2008 Requests for Proposals. However, be aware that the ARRA funding Requests for Applications will contain new priorities, funding criteria and restrictions, and application requirements specific to the

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ARRA authority. In addition to the proposal work plan and budget narrative detail, the application must contain the following forms: Standard Form 424, Standard Form 424A, Standard Form 424B, Standard Form LLL, EPA Form 4700-4, and EPA Form 5700-54, which are posted on the National Clean Diesel Campaign web site.

**To Prepare for Grant Announcement**

Prospective grant applicants should begin preparations now for the upcoming competitions by completing the following steps prior to the competition announcements:

- Assess diesel fleets and identify eligible vehicles
- Establish eligible partnerships
- Prepare fleet and proposal descriptions
- Evaluate public health benefits, costs effectiveness, and emission reductions of the proposed project by using the Diesel Emissions Quantifier on EPA's website listed below

**Diesel Emissions Quantifier (DEQ) Webinar** <http://epa.gov/otaq/diesel/webinar.htm#deq>

**Diesel Emissions Quantifier (DEQ)** <http://cfpub.epa.gov/quantifier/view/index.cfm>

**Forms and Information** <http://epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/prognational.htm>

**FY 2009 National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program Appropriation**

Funding for the National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program is authorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005) and is the regular yearly funding.

Note: these available funds are separate from the ARRA funding described above and should be available later this year.

The National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program authorization enables EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign to offer grant awards to eligible organizations and entities on a competitive basis. This funding is used to create clean diesel programs that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions that improve air quality and protect public health.

This program provides funding through its two components:

**1. National Clean Diesel Program (70% of total funding available)**

- **West Coast Collaborative National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program** contains the majority of the funding dedicated to deployment of EPA-verified and certified technologies. This component will be administered by the West Coast Collaborative for partners located in EPA's Region 9 and 10 offices.
- **National Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Program** fosters the deployment of innovative technologies through a national grant competition. To qualify as an emerging technology, a manufacturer must have an EPA approved application and test plan for verification.
- **SmartWay Clean Diesel Finance Program** allows EPA to issue competitive grants to establish national low-cost revolving loans or other financing programs that will provide funding to fleets to reduce diesel emissions.

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2. **State Clean Diesel Grant Program** (30% of funding) makes funds directly available to States interested in establishing new diesel emission reduction programs.

Visit EPA's West Coast Collaborative to sign up for regular email updates for all clean diesel funding opportunities: <http://westcoastcollaborative.org>.

**U.S. DOE Clean Cities/Biomass Program, MARCH 31**

**Title: FY09 Petroleum Reduction Technologies Projects for the Transportation Sector**

**Funding Opportunity Number: DE-PS26-09NT01236**

**Proposals due: on March 31, 2009**

To access the solicitation:

1. [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/find\\_grant\\_opportunities.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/find_grant_opportunities.jsp)
2. Search by Funding Opportunity Numbers:
  - a. DE-PS26-09NT01236-01 (Infrastructure)
  - b. DE-PS26-09NT01236-02 (Incremental Cost of Vehicles)
  - c. DE-PS26-09NT01236-03 (Education & Outreach Workshops)
3. Once you click onto one of the three "Opportunity Titles" (i.e. the above numbers), you can scroll down to "Link to Full Announcement" and [Click here to view the Opportunity](#) to see the entire solicitation.  
<https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/D8576DD519F4CD6485257527005CC028?OpenDocument>

If you have solicitation-specific questions, they must be submitted via IIPS.

**USDA Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) 2009**

USDA Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) 2009 provides for renewable energy funding through the 2009 Farm Bill. The program will cut energy waste, help farmers and businesses produce their own renewable energy and improve the bottom line of farm and rural business operations.

This year, based on likely REAP funding, we expect that up to \$2.4 million will be available nationwide under this REAP program. The maximum grant per applicant is \$100,000, and the deadline to apply for grants is June 10, 2009. Summary of the new program [http://farmenergy.org/newsitem.php?item\\_id=508](http://farmenergy.org/newsitem.php?item_id=508)

Currently, announcements are not available on funding deadlines. However, this grant application provides funding for technical assistance needed to complete the grant application.

- USDA is accepting funding applications from eligible entities for grants to conduct energy audits under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).
- The audits are intended to help agriculture producers and rural small businesses identify ways to reduce energy consumption.

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- Audits are required for energy efficiency projects funded by REAP costing over \$50,000. Parties seeking audits must pay 25 percent of audit costs.
- State, tribal or local government, land-grant colleges and universities, or other institutions of higher education, rural electric cooperatives, and public power entities are eligible to receive funds. This energy technical assistance program is for government and rural electric cooperative/private power entities. Although the REAP statute suggests that other similar entities, such as non-profit trade associations, could be eligible to apply, this year USDA chose not to allow such entities to apply for program grants.
- **Applications for grants must be submitted on paper or electronically no later than June 9.** Application materials may be obtained through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or by contacting one of Rural Development's Rural Energy Coordinators.

For more information regarding application procedures, eligibility rules, and a list of Rural Development Rural Energy Coordinators, see the Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) in the Federal Register <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-5154.pdf>

REAP offers grants and loan guarantees to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to install renewable energy systems or energy efficiency improvements.

For a full summary of 2009 Farm Bill Energy Title funding, visit our Appropriations page:  
<http://www.farmenergy.org/policy/appropriations.php>

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Frequently Asked Questions  
<http://www.farmenergy.org/incentives/9006faq.php>