



Missouri Department of Natural Resources

## School Bus Emission Reduction Workshop

### Upcoming Funding Opportunities Overview

#### National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program

**School Districts are eligible to apply directly for this funding.**

- Request for applications are available at [epa.gov/air/grants/2009\\_10\\_6\\_final-dera.pdf](http://epa.gov/air/grants/2009_10_6_final-dera.pdf).
- Deadline to submit application to EPA is Dec. 8, 2009.
- Awards are expected to be made in March 2010.
- There will be two years to complete the project.
- Funding ranges for applications are \$200,000 to \$1.5 million.
- School districts are encouraged to partner with the Department of Natural Resources on an application. If interested, please provide the following information by November 20:
  - Applicant Fleet Description Sheet
  - Budget amount, if early school bus replacements are included
  - Letter of commitment indicating the district's commitment to partnering with the department and providing any required or voluntary match and performing installations, if applicable.

#### State Allocated Diesel Emission Reduction Act, or DERA, funding for 2009:

- Two funding pools are available:
  - Cost Share Funding:
    - Open to both public and private fleets.
    - 40 percent reimbursement for eligible projects.
    - Eligible projects include emission control, idle reduction and aerodynamic retrofits as well as low rolling resistance tires.
  - Public Fleet Funding:
    - Open only to public fleets (school districts are eligible).
    - Up to 100 percent reimbursement for eligible projects, reimbursement percentages depend on the type of project.
    - Eligible projects include emission control, idle reduction and aerodynamic retrofits as well as low rolling resistance tires; all funded at 100 percent.
    - Engine repowers are funded at 75 percent.
    - Early vehicle replacements are funded at 25 percent.
    - Early school bus replacements are funded at 50 percent if the new bus meets EPA's 2010 emission standards.
- Interested applicants must submit an application in response to a Request for Proposals, or RFP, that is expected to be released in spring 2010.



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