

U.S. EPA, Region 3 Mid Atlantic Diesel Collaborative - Port Sector Demonstration Project Request for Proposals (RFP) FY 2007

AGENCY NAME: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3, Air Protection Division

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NAME: Mid Atlantic Diesel Collaborative Port Sector
Demonstration Project

RFP NO: EPA-R3APD-07-04

CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) NO: 66.034 – Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Demonstrations and Special Purpose Activities Relating to the Clean Air Act Section 103.

DATES

Proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service, hand-delivered, include official delivery service documentation indicating EPA acceptance from a delivery service, or submitted via <http://www.grants.gov/> on or before **December 7, 2007, 6:00 pm, Eastern Daylight Time.**

I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

A. Project Summary

Reducing emissions from diesel engines is one of the most important air quality challenges facing the country. Even with more stringent heavy-duty highway and nonroad engine standards set to take effect over the next decade, millions of diesel engines already in use will continue to emit large amounts of nitrogen oxides, particulate matter and air toxics, which contribute to serious public health problems. These problems cause thousands of premature deaths, hundreds of thousands of asthma attacks, millions of lost work days, and have numerous other health impacts every year.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting proposals to fund marine port demonstration projects within the District of Columbia and the states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia that will focus on one or more of the following:

- data evaluation and emissions inventory refinement;
- demonstrate efforts to reduce emissions by effective control technologies and strategies;
- promote innovative finance mechanisms to foster drayage truck emissions reductions;
- foster the development and use of Environmental Management Systems and/or other sustainability commitments;
- promote international sister port relationships through the exchange of emission reduction technologies and strategies.

The Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative is a collaboration of Federal, state and local agencies, along with communities, non-profit organizations and private companies working together to reduce emissions from diesel engines in the District of Columbia and the states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

EPA has set stringent standards for *new* diesel engines and their fuels, including heavy-duty trucks and buses, and nonroad equipment such as construction and cargo handling equipment. Cleaner truck standards will take effect for model year 2007 engines, and standards for *new* nonroad equipment will follow, starting in 2010. When fully implemented in 2030, particulate matter (PM) will be reduced by a quarter million tons per year and nitrogen oxides by about 4 million tons per year, yielding \$150 billion in health benefits. However, diesel engines last a long time, and we estimate over 11 million engines nationally can be affected through emission reduction projects. Many scientific studies have linked diesel pollution, which contributes to PM, ozone and air toxics, with a number of serious respiratory and cardiac health effects.

Funds will be awarded pursuant to Section 103 of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C §7403. Funding will be in the form of cooperative agreements or grants for projects that promote innovative methods or approaches to reduce diesel emissions and protect human health and the environment.

Projects should:

- leverage resources and/or funds from a variety of sources;
- include a diverse group of partners;
- include evaluative and outreach components; and
- demonstrate measurable reductions and results.

Projects may address, but are not limited to, a variety of emissions reductions solutions such as: add-on technology, engine replacement or rebuilds, and idle reduction technologies or strategies; data gathering to provide a refined baseline from which to create and implement emission reduction strategies and track progress over time; international sustainable ports and carrier partnerships to research, demonstrate and test new and innovative technologies for port environmental management as well as create an ongoing dialogue to share best practices.

Under this announcement, EPA seeks proposals that demonstrate the environmental and economic effectiveness of innovative approaches to assess and reduce emissions from intermodal transportation including cargo handling equipment, ships, tugs, ferries, locomotives (especially short-haul and switchers), barges, cranes, stationary sources of diesel pollution, and special-purpose trucks servicing marine ports.

With respect to technology demonstration, the Agency seeks proposals that demonstrate how the applicant will encourage and implement projects that will demonstrate the effectiveness of on-road verified control technologies in innovative off-road applications that have the potential to reduce emissions from a wide variety of diesel equipment used at marine ports and terminals. Special emphasis should be applied to exploring the potential effectiveness of emerging

technologies and control strategies on the multitude of cargo handling equipment, tugs, barges, ferries, and support equipment utilized at modern marine ports.

B. Statutory Authority

The statutory authority for this action is Section 103(b)(3) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C §7403(b)(3).

Section 103(b)(3) serves as the tool used to support short-term projects aimed at conducting and promoting research, investigations, experiments, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects (including health and welfare effects), extent, prevention, and control of air pollution. Demonstrations must involve new or experimental technologies, methods, or approaches, where the results of the project will be disseminated so that others can benefit from the knowledge gained in the demonstration project. A project that is accomplished through the performance of routine, traditional, or established practices, or a project that is simply intended to carry out a task rather than transfer information or advance the state of knowledge, however worthwhile the project might be, is not considered a demonstration project. Implementation projects are not eligible for funding under this announcement.

C. Alignment with EPA's Strategic Plan

All proposals must support Goal 1 of EPA's 2006-2011 Strategic Plan (<http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/plan/plan.htm>), Clean Air and Global Climate Change; Objective 1.1: Healthier Outdoor Air, which states, "Through 2010...[EPA will]...protect human health and the environment by attaining and maintaining health-based air-quality standards and reducing the risk from toxic air pollutants" (www.epa.gov/ocfo/plan/2003sp.pdf)

D. Measuring Environmental Results

Measuring Environmental Results: Outputs and Outcomes

Pursuant to EPA Order 5700.7, "*Environmental Results under EPA Assistance Agreements*," EPA requires that all grant recipients adequately address environmental outputs and outcomes. Outputs and outcomes differ both in their nature and in how they are measured. Applicants must discuss environmental outputs and outcomes in their proposed workplan.

- 1. Outputs:** The term "output" means an environmental activity, effort, and/or associated work products related to an environmental goal and objective, that will be produced or provided over a period of time or by a specified date. Outputs may be quantitative or qualitative but must be measurable during an assistance agreement funding period.

Expected **outputs** from the projects funded under this solicitation may include but are not limited to the following: numbers of retrofitted engines/vehicles/equipment, annual pounds or tons of PM_{2.5}, NO_x, CO, VOCs, SO_x and/or CO₂ reduced, cost effectiveness

of project (in \$/ton or \$/lb). In addition, emission reductions from the demonstration project should be quantified and compared to emission reductions that would have been achieved through the use of proven existing control technologies.

To estimate *some* of the anticipated **outputs** of your proposal, EPA highly encourages you to use one or more of the models described below where possible. Other methodology used must be described in detail in your application.

- To quantify estimated emissions reductions, please use the Diesel Emissions Quantifier (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/quantifier/>).
- To quantify estimated emissions reductions for trucking projects that utilize add-on controls or alternative fuels (except for biodiesel), please use the Smartway FLEET Performance Model (http://www.epa.gov/smartway/smartway_fleets_software.htm). For technical assistance regarding this tool, please contact Annie Kee at kee.annie@epa.gov or 202-343-9218.
- To quantify emissions reductions for biodiesel projects, please use EPA's biodiesel calculator (<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/retrofit/techlist-biodiesel.htm>). For technical assistance with this tool, please contact John Brock at brock.john@epa.gov or 415-972-3999.

In addition, the following guidance documents may be helpful:

- Exhaust and Crankcase Emission Factors for Nonroad Engine Modeling - Compression-Ignition
(<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/models/nonrdmdl/nonrdmdl2004/420p04009.pdf>)
- Median Life, Annual Activity, and Load Factor Values for Nonroad Engine Emissions Modeling
(<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/models/nonrdmdl/nonrdmdl2004/420p04005.pdf>)

If you are unable to use any of the above mentioned calculators, please describe your methodology in detail. The Carl Moyer Program Guidelines (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/guidelines/revisions05.htm>) Appendix B and Appendix C provide potential emissions factors and calculation methodology, respectively.

For general questions about these tools and guidance documents, please contact Perry Pandya at pandya.perry@epa.gov or 215-814-2167.

- 2. Outcomes:** The term “outcome” means the result, effect or consequence that will occur from carrying out an environmental program or activity that is related to an environmental or programmatic goal or objective. Outcomes may be environmental, behavioral, health-related or programmatic in nature, but must be quantitative. They may not necessarily be achievable within an assistance agreement funding period.

Examples of environmental outcomes from the projects to be funded under this announcement may include but are not limited to the following: increased understanding

of the environmental or economic effectiveness of the demonstrated technology, acceptance of new technology by users and manufacturers, improved ambient air quality, and health benefits achieved (i.e., numbers of illnesses, health care costs, or missed work/school days avoided, etc...).

II. AWARD INFORMATION

A. Amount of Funding Available

Total estimated funding expected to be available under this announcement is approximately \$750,000. EPA will award no less than one and no more than seven grants. No award will be less than \$100,000 and more than \$750,000.

B. Funding Type

The funding for selected projects will be in the form of a grant or cooperative agreement awarded under the Clean Air Act Section 103(b)(3). A cooperative agreement is an assistance agreement that is used when there is substantial federal involvement with the recipient during the performance of an activity or project. EPA will award cooperative agreements for those projects in which it expects to have substantial technical interaction with the recipient throughout the performance of the project. For such projects, EPA may review and approve project phases, review, collaborate with the recipient on the scope of work and mode of operation of the project, closely monitor the recipient's performance, approve any proposed changes to work plan and/or budget, approve qualifications of key personnel, and review and comment on reports prepared under the assistance agreement.

C. Start Date/Project Duration

All projects should have an anticipated start date of February 1, 2008. Proposed project periods may be up to two years.

D. Miscellaneous

Funding for these projects is not guaranteed and is subject to the availability of funds.

In appropriate circumstances, EPA reserves the right to partially fund proposals by funding discrete portions or phases of proposed projects. If EPA decides to partially fund a proposal, it will do so in a manner that does not prejudice any applicants or affect the basis upon which the proposal, or portion thereof, was evaluated and selected for award, and therefore maintains the integrity of the competition and selection process. Award of funding through this year's competition is not a guarantee of future funding.

The EPA reserves the right to make additional awards under this announcement, consistent with Agency policy and guidance, if additional funding becomes available after the original selections are made. Any additional selections for awards will be made no later than six months after the original selection decisions.

EPA reserves the right to reject all proposals and make no awards under this announcement.

III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A. Who May Apply?

Assistance under this announcement is available to States, local governments, territories, Indian Tribes, and possessions of the U.S., including the District of Columbia, international organizations, public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, other public or private nonprofit institutions, which submit applications proposing projects with significant technical merit and relevance to EPA's Office of Air and Radiation's mission. For certain competitive funding opportunities under this CFDA description, the Agency may limit eligibility to compete to a number or subset of eligible applicants consistent with the Agency's Assistance Agreement Competition Policy.

An applicant may submit more than one proposal under this announcement if the proposals are for different projects. Applicants who received one of these grants in the past may submit a new proposal for a different project.

B. Cost Sharing or Matching

There is no statutory or regulatory match requirement under the Clean Air Act Section 103(b)(3). However, please note that leveraging with added resources or funding will be considered as an evaluation criterion during the selection process (See Section V of this announcement).

EPA grant or cooperative agreement funds, including match, may only be used for the purposes set forth in the assistance agreement, and must be consistent with the statutory authority for the award. Applicants may use their own funds or other resources for a voluntary match or cost share if the standards at 40 CFR 30.23 or 40 CFR 31.24, as applicable, are met. Only eligible and allowable costs may be used for matches or cost shares. Other Federal grants may not be used as matches or cost shares for any assistance agreement awarded under this announcement. Grant or cooperative agreement funds may not be used for lobbying, for intervention in Federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings, or to sue the Federal government or any other government entity.

C. Eligibility Screening Requirements: Threshold Criteria

To be eligible for funding consideration under this announcement, proposals must meet the following threshold criteria. Failure to meet any of the following criteria in the proposal will result in the automatic disqualification of the proposal for funding consideration. Applicants deemed ineligible for funding consideration as a result of the threshold eligibility review will be notified within 15 calendar days of the ineligibility determination.

1. All projects must benefit one or more of the following geographic areas of EPA Region 3: the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and/or West Virginia
2. Proposals must support Goal 1 of EPA's Strategic Plan listed in Section I of this announcement by reducing diesel emissions.

3. Proposals must not be used for the purposes of routine program implementation, implementation of routine environmental protection or restoration measures, meeting any legal mandate (such as federal, state or local regulations or settlement agreements), land acquisition, purchase of vehicles, or completion of work which was to have been completed under a prior grant or cooperative agreement.
4. **Proposals must substantially comply with the proposal submission instructions and requirements set forth in Section IV of this announcement or else they will be rejected. However, where a page limit is expressed in Section IV with respect to the proposal, pages in excess of the page limitation will not be reviewed.**

In addition, proposals must be received by the EPA or received through www.grants.gov, as specified in Section IV of this announcement, on or before the proposal submission deadline published in Section IV of this announcement. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their proposal reaches the designated person/office specified in Section IV of the announcement by the submission deadline. Proposals received after the submission deadline will be considered late and returned to the sender without further consideration unless the applicant can clearly demonstrate that it was late due to EPA mishandling. For hard copy submissions, where Section IV requires proposal receipt by a specific person/office by the submission deadline, receipt by an agency mailroom is not sufficient. Applicants should confirm receipt of their proposal with Bill Jones as soon as possible after the submission deadline—failure to do so may result in your proposal not being reviewed.

5. As applicable, proposals must state that Retrofit technologies or engine replacements will be either verified or recognized under EPA's Retrofit Program, certified by another EPA program, verified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), or involve the application of a verified technology in an unverified application. Idle reduction technologies, which are not verified under EPA's programs, are exempt from having to meet the verification requirement.

Technologies that EPA has verified are listed on EPA's Verified Technologies List (<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/retrofit/retroverifiedlist.htm>). CARB listed technologies may be found at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/verdev/verdev.htm>.

In cases where an applicant would like to use EPA verified technologies in applications that have not yet been verified, applicants must discuss or explain the reasoning used to determine that the technology will function properly in this application and their rationale for any estimated emissions reductions.

IV. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

A. Address to Request Application Package

Forms required for proposal packages are described in Section IV.B. below. If applicants would like copies of the required forms, they may contact the person listed in Section VII of this announcement.

B. Content and Form of Proposal Submission

Proposal workplans, as described below, must be limited to ten single spaced pages including the cover page. All proposals must be formatted for 8 ½" x 11" paper using no smaller than 11 point Times New Roman font with 1" margins as one Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat file.

Please do not zip the file-it will not be considered.

Proposal Materials

The following forms and documents are required to be submitted by applicants under this announcement:

I. Application for Federal Assistance, (SF-424)

Complete the form. There are no attachments. Please be sure to include organization fax number and email address in Block 5 of the Standard Form SF 424.

Please note that the organizational Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number must be included on the SF-424. Organizations may obtain a DUNS number at no cost by calling the toll-free DUNS number request line at 1-866-705-5711.

II. Standard Form SF 424A – Budget Information:

Complete the form. There are no attachments.

The total amount of federal funding requested for the project period should be shown on line 5(e) and on line 6(k) of SF-424A. If indirect costs are included, the amount of indirect costs should be entered on line 6(j). The indirect cost rate (i.e., a percentage), the base (e.g., personnel costs and fringe benefits), and the amount should also be indicated on line 22.

III. Proposal Workplan

Proposal Workplan Contents (limited to 10 single spaced pages)

Each proposal workplan must include the following components:

1. **Cover Page:** Include the following information:
 - a. **Project Title:**
 - b. **Project Manager:** Identify who will serve as the principal party responsible for accomplishing the activities outlined in the work plan, including phone number and email address.

- c. **Total Project Cost:** Specify total amount requested from EPA, as well as any resources or funding from any other source that may be contributing support.
 - d. **Project Period:** Provide anticipated beginning and ending dates. Projects are anticipated to begin March 1, 2008 and end no later than December 1, 2009, respectively.
 - e. **Summary Statement:** One to two sentence summary of the proposal describing the types of equipment affected by the project and technology to be implemented.
2. **Narrative Workplan:** The narrative work plan must explicitly describe how the proposed project meets the guidelines established in Sections I-III, including the eligibility requirements in Section III, Part C, and address each of the evaluation criteria disclosed in Section V, Part A. (Evaluation Criteria).
- a. **Project Description:** Provide a brief project description including:
 - (i) a well-supported statement or needs assessment of how your project will reduce diesel emissions from vessels and/or cargo handling equipment at marine ports ; (ii) specify the problem to be addressed which demonstrates the reason your proposal should receive funding support, including local conditions such as non-attainment status, sensitive populations or environmental justice areas and geographical areas of impact; (iii) estimated time-line or schedule of expected target dates and milestones to achieve specific tasks and accomplishments during the budget and project period; and (iv) necessary tasks and activities that will be conducted to accomplish the objectives. Describe why you have chosen these activities to obtain the desired environmental results. The tasks and activities should be realistic and achievable within the budget and project period of the grant.
 - b. **Specific Environmental Outputs:** Identify the specific outputs in terms of number of engines impacted anticipated emissions (PM2.5, NOx, CO and/or VOCs) reduced (in tons or lbs/year), and the cost effectiveness (in \$/lb or \$/ton), and describe your plan for assessing your progress in achieving the outputs. Outputs may be quantitative or qualitative but must be measurable during an assistance agreement funding period.
 - c. **Desired Environmental Outcomes:** Specify the quantitative and qualitative outcomes of the project, including how you will assess your progress in achieving the outcomes, and how you will measure and evaluate the results of your project. Examples of outcomes may include, but are not limited to, the following: increased understanding of the environmental or economic effectiveness of the demonstrated technology, acceptance of new technology by users and manufacturers, improved ambient air quality, and health benefits achieved (i.e., numbers of illnesses, health care costs, or missed work/school days avoided, etc...).

d. **Collaborations or Partnerships:** Identify all proposed partnerships and stakeholder groups that will be involved in the project and what each of the groups' roles will be in project staffing, funding, design and implementation.

e. **Environmental Results Past Performance:** Submit a list of federally funded assistance agreements (**assistance agreements include Federal grants and cooperative agreements but not Federal contracts**) that **your organization** performed within the last three years (no more than 5, and preferably EPA agreements), and describe how you documented and/or reported on whether you were making progress towards achieving the expected results (e.g., outputs and outcomes) under those agreements. If you were not making progress, please indicate whether, and how, you documented why not. In evaluating applicants under this factor in Section V, EPA will consider the information provided by the applicant and may also consider relevant information from other sources, including information from EPA files and from current and prior Federal agency grantors (e.g., to verify and/or supplement the information provided by the applicant). If you do not have any relevant or available environmental results past performance information, please indicate this in the proposal and you will receive a neutral score for this factor under Section V.

f. Programmatic Capability: Submit a list of federally funded assistance agreements (**assistance agreements include Federal grants and cooperative agreements but not Federal contracts**) similar in size, scope and relevance to the proposed project that your organization performed within the last three years (no more than 5, and preferably EPA agreements) and describe (i) whether, and how, you were able to successfully complete and manage those agreements and (ii) your history of meeting the reporting requirements under those agreements including submitting acceptable final technical reports. In evaluating applicants under these factors in Section V, EPA will consider the information provided by the applicant and may also consider relevant information from other sources, including information from EPA files and from current and prior Federal agency grantors (e.g., to verify and/or supplement the information provided by the applicant). If you do not have any relevant or available past performance or reporting information, please indicate this in the proposal and you will receive a neutral score for these factors under Section V.

In addition, provide information on your organizational experience and plan for timely and successfully achieving the objectives of the proposed project, and your staff expertise/qualifications, staff knowledge, and resources or the ability to obtain them, to successfully achieve the goals of the proposed project.

3. **Attachments to Proposal Workplan:** As applicable and relevant, the following two sections should be included as attachments to the workplan and will not count as part of the ten page limit. There is no page limit to these two attachments.

a. **Equipment/Vehicle Information:** Provide the following information for each vehicle in the fleet: vehicle make, vehicle model, vehicle model year, engine manufacturer, engine model number, engine year, engine horsepower, annual

mileage and/or annual hours of operation, fuel type currently used, annual fuel usage, and existing aftermarket treatment devices. Include the type of retrofit, anti-idling device, vehicle replacement, or engine replacement that is proposed.

For locomotives, list the information above and whether the engine is two- or four-stroke.

For any vehicle type, if anti-idling devices are proposed, list the annual hours of idling and estimate how much these hours will be reduced as a result of installing the anti-idling technology.

If the project is not directly affecting engines within a fleet, the applicant must provide estimates to the amount and type of engines that will be indirectly affected by the project.

b. Budget: Provide a detailed itemized budget proposal using the example below, justifying the expenses for each of the following categories being performed within the grant/project period. Indicate what portion of the cost will be paid by EPA, and what portion will be paid by the applicant or other partners. Break out budget by year one and two of funding. Funding beyond the \$252,143 in year one is contingent on availability.

1. Personnel:

Indicate salaries and wages, by job title of all individuals who will be supplemented with these funds. For example:

	EPA	Applicant
* Fleet Manager @ \$600/wk x 12 weeks =	\$7,200	\$0
(or)		
* Fleet Manager @ \$15/hr x 40 hrs/wk x 12/wks =	\$0	\$7,200
Total =	<u>\$7,200</u>	<u>\$7,200</u>

2. Fringe Benefits:

Indicate all mandated and voluntary benefits to be supplemented with these funds. For example:

	EPA	Applicant
* Health Insurance-		
1 FTE @ \$35/month x 12/months =	\$420	\$0
* Dental –		
1 FTE @ \$40/mo x 12/months =	\$480	\$0
Total =	<u>\$900</u>	<u>\$0</u>

3. Travel:

Indicate number of individuals traveling, destination, number of trips, and reason for travel. For example:

EPA	Applicant
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* Site Visit to Regional Transportation Warehouse		
Local Travel Mileage - 1000 miles x \$0.36 =	\$0	\$360
*Strategic Meeting with Co-applicants		
Air Fare for 1 person to Chicago, IL =	\$250	\$0
Per diem for 2 days @ \$40/day for 1 person =	\$80	\$0
Hotel for 1 night for 1 person =	\$75	\$0
Total =	<u>\$405</u>	<u>\$360</u>

4. Equipment:

Identify items to be purchased such as air quality related instruments used in support of work plan objectives. Provide an estimated cost for each item. Make sure you can support your cost estimate. EPA policy defines equipment as items costing \$5,000 or greater. Indicate if your organization's definition differs. For example:

	EPA	Applicant
* 5 Diesel Particulate Filters @ \$7,000/each	\$35,000	\$0
Total =	<u>\$35,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

5. Supplies:

Indicate any items to be purchased that will be used in support of air project workplan objectives.

For example:

	EPA	Applicant
* 50 DOC and anti-idling pamphlets for community members @ \$2 each	\$0	\$100
*Copying and postage costs	\$0	\$100
Total =	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$200</u>

6. Contractual:

Indicate any proposed contractual items that are reasonable and necessary to carry out the workplan objectives. Please note that contracts must be competed in accordance with 40 CFR 30.44 or 31.36, as applicable. Examples of contractual items include training from equipment manufacturer, installation of retrofit equipment by 3rd party, etc. For example:

	EPA	Applicant
* Fleet mechanic training on retrofitting, anti-idling workshop 50 mechanics @ \$100/each	\$5000	\$0
* Installation of DOCs		
20 units @ \$75/each	\$0	\$1,500
[\$15.00 per sample = 15 x 52 = \$780]		
Total =	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>

7. Other:

Indicate general (miscellaneous) expenses necessary to carry out the objectives stated in the workplan. For example:

	EPA	Applicant
* Office needs (postage, phone, fax, etc.) =	\$150	\$150
* Office space		

(utilized for project-related activities such as installation, etc.)

\$120/mo x 2/mo =	\$240	\$0
Total	=	<u>\$390</u>
		<u>\$150</u>

8. Total Direct Charges:

Summary of all costs associated with each object-class category.

	EPA	Applicant
* Total =	<u>\$29,895</u>	<u>\$9,410</u>

9. Total Indirect Costs:

Organization must provide documentation of a federally approved indirect cost rate (percentage) reflective of proposed project/grant period. If the organization has no approved rate, the applicant should indicate if organization is in negotiations with their cognizant federal agency to obtain a new rate.

	EPA	Applicant
* IDC Rate is 10% of total direct charges =	<u>\$3,895</u>	<u>\$0</u>

10. Total Cost:

Indicate overall figure of all direct and indirect costs. For example:

	EPA	Applicant
* Total Budget =	<u>\$52,790</u>	<u>\$9,410</u>

Management Fees: When formulating budgets for proposals, applicants must not include management fees or similar charges in excess of the direct costs and indirect costs at the rate approved by the applicants cognizant audit agency, or at the rate provided for by the terms of the agreement negotiated with EPA. The term "management fees or similar charges" refers to expenses added to the direct costs in order to accumulate and reserve funds for ongoing business expenses, unforeseen liabilities, or for other similar costs that are not allowable under EPA assistance agreements. Management fees or similar charges may not be used to improve or expand the project funded under this agreement, except to the extent authorized as a direct cost of carrying out the scope of work.

C. Submission Dates and Times

Proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service, hand-delivered, include official delivery service documentation indicating EPA acceptance from a delivery service, or submitted via <http://www.grants.gov/> on or before **December 7, 2007, 6:00 pm, Eastern Daylight Time.**

D. Other Submission Requirements

Please note that you may choose to apply under this announcement in *one of two ways*. If you wish to apply with a hard copy submission, please follow the instructions under “Hard Copy Submission” below. If you wish to apply electronically via Grants.gov, please follow the appropriate instructions under “Electronic Submission” below. EPA encourages applicants to submit their proposal materials electronically through <http://www.grants.gov>.

Electronic Submission

The electronic submission of your proposal package must be made by an official representative of your institution who is registered with Grants.gov and is authorized to sign applications for Federal assistance. For more information, go to <http://www.grants.gov> and click on “Get Registered” on the left side of the page. *Note that the registration process may take a week or longer to complete.* If your organization is not currently registered with Grants.gov, please encourage your office to designate an AOR and ask that individual to begin the registration process as soon as possible.

To begin the application process under this grant announcement, go to <http://www.grants.gov> and click on the “Apply for Grants” tab on the left side of the page. Then click on “Apply Step 1: Download a Grant Application Package and Instructions” to download the PureEdge viewer and obtain the application package for the announcement.. To download the PureEdge viewer click on the “PureEdge Viewer” link. Once you have downloaded the viewer, you may retrieve the application package by entering the Funding Opportunity Number, EPA-R3APD-07-04, or the CFDA number that applies to the announcement (CFDA 66.034), in the appropriate field. You may also be able to access the application package by clicking on the button “How To Apply” at the top right of the synopsis page for this announcement on <http://www.grants.gov> (to find the synopsis page, go to <http://www.grants.gov> and click on the “Find Grant Opportunities” button on the left side of the page and then go to Search Opportunities and use the Browse by Agency feature to find EPA opportunities).

Proposal Submission Deadline: Your organization’s AOR must submit your complete proposal package electronically to EPA through Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>) no later than 6:00 pm on December 7, 2007.

Please submit *all* of the proposal materials described in Section IV. B of this announcement.

Proposal Materials

The following forms and documents are required to be submitted under this announcement:

- I. Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
- II. Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A)
- III. Proposal Workplan as described in **Section IV. B. of this announcement.**

Application Preparation and Submission Instructions

Documents I through III listed under Proposal Materials above should appear in the “Mandatory Documents” box on the Grants.gov Grant Application Package page.

For documents I and II, click on the appropriate form and then click “Open Form” below the box. The fields that must be completed will be highlighted in yellow. Optional fields and completed fields will be displayed in white. If you enter an invalid response or incomplete information in a field, you will receive an error message. When you have finished filling out each form, click “Save.” When you return to the electronic Grant Application Package page, click on the form you just completed, and then click on the box that says, “Move Form to Submission List.” This action will move the document over to the box that says, “Mandatory Completed Documents for Submission.”

For document III, you will need to attach electronic files. Prepare your proposal workplan as described in Section IV. B of the announcement and save the document to your computer as an PDF or Microsoft Word file. When you are ready to attach it to the application package, click on “Project Narrative Attachment Form,” and open the form. Click “Add Mandatory Project Narrative File,” and then attach your proposal (previously saved to your computer) using the browse window that appears. You may then click “View Mandatory Project Narrative File” to view it. Enter a brief descriptive title of your project in the space beside “Mandatory Project Narrative File Filename;” the filename should be no more than 40 characters long. If there other attachments that you would like to submit to accompany your proposal, you may click “Add Optional Project Narrative File” and proceed as before. When you have finished attaching the necessary documents, click “Close Form.” When you return to the “Grant Application Package” page, select the “Project Narrative Attachment Form” and click “Move Form to Submission List.” The form should now appear in the box that says, “Mandatory Completed Documents for Submission.”

Once you have finished filling out all of the forms/attachments and they appear in one of the “Completed Documents for Submission” boxes, click the “Save” button that appears at the top of the Web page. It is suggested that you save the document a second time, using a different name, since this will make it easier to submit an amended package later if necessary. Please use the following format when saving your file: “Applicant Name – FY07 – Assoc Prog Supp – 1st Submission” or “Applicant Name – FY 07 Assoc Prog Supp – Back-up Submission.” If it

becomes necessary to submit an amended package at a later date, then the name of the 2nd submission should be changed to “Applicant Name – FY07 Assoc Prog Supp – 2nd Submission.”

Once your application package has been completed and saved, send it to your AOR for submission to U.S. EPA through Grants.gov. Please advise your AOR to close all other software programs before attempting to submit the application package through Grants.gov.

In the “Application Filing Name” box, your AOR should enter your organization’s name (abbreviate where possible), the fiscal year (e.g., FY07), and the grant category (e.g., Assoc Prog Supp). The filing name should not exceed 40 characters. From the “Grant Application Package” page, your AOR may submit the application package by clicking the “Submit” button that appears at the top of the page. The AOR will then be asked to verify the agency and funding opportunity number for which the application package is being submitted. If problems are encountered during the submission process, the AOR should reboot his/her computer before trying to submit the application package again. [It may be necessary to turn off the computer (not just restart it) before attempting to submit the package again.] If the AOR continues to experience submission problems, he/she may contact Grants.gov for assistance by phone at 1-800-518-4726 or email at <http://www.grants.gov/help/help.jsp> or contact the person listed in Section VII of this announcement.

Proposal packages submitted thru grants.gov will be time/date stamped electronically.

If you have not received a confirmation of receipt from EPA (*not from grants.gov*) within 30 days of the proposal deadline, please contact the person listed in Section VII of this announcement. Failure to do so may result in your application not being reviewed.

Note: Microsoft Vista and Word 2007 Users

Please note that Grants.gov does not currently support the new Microsoft Vista Operating system. The PureEdge software used by Grants.gov for forms is not compatible with Vista. Grants.gov will be reviewing this new product to determine if it can be supported in the future.

In addition, the new version of Microsoft Word saves documents with the extension .DOCX. The Grants.gov system does not process Microsoft Word documents with the extension .DOCX. When submitting Microsoft Word attachments to Grants.gov, please use the version of Microsoft Word that ends in .DOC. If you have any questions regarding this matter please email the Grants.gov Contact Center at support@grants.gov or call 1-800-518-4726.

Hard Copy Submission

Applicants must submit a hard copy of their proposal package as described in Section IV.B above. The hard copy must be submitted by 6:00 pm on December 7, 2007.

All hard copy proposals must be sent or delivered to:

Environmental Protection Agency – Region III

Attention: Bill Jones
Air Protection Division
1650 Arch Street (3AP23)
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

E. Confidential Business Information.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.203, applicants may claim all or a portion of their application/proposal as confidential business information. EPA will evaluate confidentiality claims in accordance with 40 CFR Part 2. Applicants must clearly mark applications/proposals or portions of applications/proposals they claim as confidential. If no claim of confidentiality is made, EPA is not required to make the inquiry to the applicant otherwise required by 40 CFR 2.204(c)(2) prior to disclosure.

F. Contracts and Subawards:

a. Can funding be used for the applicant to make subawards, acquire contract services, or fund partnerships?

EPA awards funds to one eligible applicant as the recipient even if other eligible applicants are named as partners or co-applicants or members of a coalition or consortium. The recipient is accountable to EPA for the proper expenditure of funds.

Funding may be used to provide subgrants or subawards of financial assistance, which includes using subawards or subgrants to fund partnerships , provided the recipient complies with applicable requirements for subawards or subgrants including those contained in 40 [CFR](#) Parts 30 or 31, as appropriate. Applicants must compete contracts for services and products, including consultant contracts, and conduct cost and price analyses, to the extent required by the procurement provisions of the regulations at 40 CFR Parts 30 or 31, as appropriate. The regulations also contain limitations on consultant compensation. Applicants are not required to identify subawardees/subgrantees and/or contractors (including consultants) in their proposal/application. However, if they do, the fact that an applicant selected for award has named a specific subawardee/subgrantee, contractor, or consultant in the proposal/application EPA selects for funding does not relieve the applicant of its obligations to comply with subaward/subgrant and/or competitive procurement requirements as appropriate. Please note that applicants may not award sole source contracts to consulting, engineering or other firms assisting applicants with the proposal solely based on the firm's role in preparing the proposal/application.

Successful applicants cannot use subgrants or subawards to avoid requirements in EPA grant regulations for competitive procurement by using these instruments to acquire commercial services or products from for-profit organizations to carry out its assistance agreement. The nature of the transaction between the recipient and the subawardee or subgrantee must be

consistent with the standards for distinguishing between vendor transactions and subrecipient assistance under Subpart B Section .210 of [OMB Circular A-133](#) , and the definitions of subaward at 40 CFR 30.2(ff) or subgrant at 40 CFR 31.3, as applicable. EPA will not be a party to these transactions. Applicants acquiring commercial goods or services must comply with the competitive procurement standards in 40 CFR Part 30 or 40 CFR Part 31.36 and cannot use a subaward/subgrant as the funding mechanism.

b. How will an applicant's proposed subawardees/subgrantees and contractors be considered during the evaluation process described in Section V of the announcement?

- (i) Section V of the announcement describes the evaluation criteria and evaluation process that will be used by EPA to make selections under this announcement. During this evaluation, except for those criteria that relate to the applicant's own qualifications, past performance, and reporting history, the review panel will consider, as appropriate and relevant, the qualifications, expertise, and experience of: an applicant's named subawardees/subgrantees identified in the proposal/application if the applicant demonstrates in the proposal/application that if it receives an award that the subaward/subgrant will be properly awarded consistent with the applicable regulations in 40 CFR Parts 30 or 31. For example, applicants must not use subawards/subgrants to obtain commercial services or products from for profit firms or individual consultants.

(ii) an applicant's named contractor(s), including consultants, identified in the proposal/application if the applicant demonstrates in its proposal/application that the contractor(s) was selected in compliance with the competitive Procurement Standards in 40 CFR Part 30 or 40 CFR 31.36 as appropriate. For example, an applicant must demonstrate that it selected the contractor(s) competitively or that a proper non-competitive sole-source award consistent with the regulations will be made to the contractor(s), that efforts were made to provide small and disadvantaged businesses with opportunities to compete, and that some form of cost or price analysis was conducted. EPA may not accept sole source justifications for contracts for services or products that are otherwise readily available in the commercial marketplace.

EPA will not consider the qualifications, experience, and expertise of named subawardees/subgrantees and/or named contractor(s) during the proposal/application evaluation process unless the applicant complies with these requirements.

G. DUNS

All applicants applying for funding, including renewal funding, must have a Dun and Bradstreet Universal Data Numbering System (DUNS) number. Applicants who do not already have a DUNS number may find instruction for obtaining one at the following website: <http://www.Grants.Gov/GetStarted>. A DUNS number may also be obtained by calling 1-866-705-5711.

H. Intergovernmental Review

Applicants must comply with the Intergovernmental Review Process and/or consultation provisions of Section 204, Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act, if applicable, which are contained in 40 CFR Part 29. This program is eligible for coverage under Executive Order (EO) 12372, An Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs. An applicant should consult the office or official designated as the single point of contact in his or her state for more information on that state's required process for applying for assistance if the state has selected the program for review. Single Points of Contact can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>. Further information regarding this requirement will be provided if your proposal is selected for funding.

I. Pre-proposal/Application Communications and Assistance

In accordance with EPA's Competition Policy of January 11, 2005 (EPA Order 5700.5A1), EPA staff will not meet with individual applicants to discuss draft proposals, provide informal comments on draft proposals, or provide advice to applicants on how to respond to ranking criteria. Applicants are responsible for the contents of their proposals and applications.

However, EPA will respond to questions in writing (to jones.bill@epa.gov) from individual applicants regarding threshold eligibility criteria, administrative issues related to the submission of the proposal, and requests for clarification about the announcement. Please type "MADC Port RFP question" in the subject line of your email.

V. PROPOSAL REVIEW INFORMATION

A. Evaluation Criteria:

Each proposal that is determined to be eligible based on the Section III eligibility review will be evaluated according to the criteria set forth below. Applicants should directly and explicitly address these criteria as part of their proposal submittal. Each proposal will be rated under a

points system, with a total of 100 points possible.

1. Environmental Results- Measurable or Quantifiable Outputs and Outcomes: 20 pts.

Under this factor, the Agency will evaluate:

- the degree to which the applicant has provided an evaluative component to the project including an estimation of anticipated emissions (PM2.5, NOx, CO, VOCs, Sox, and/or CO₂) reductions (in tons or lbs/year) (5 pts);
- the degree to which the applicant explains the measurement tools or methodology to quantify emission (5 pts);
- the cost-effectiveness of the project (in \$/lb or \$/ton), the health and/or environmental benefits (quantified or qualified), operational concerns or other barriers (5 pts).
- the applicant's plan for measuring its progress towards achieving the expected project outputs and outcomes, including those identified in Section 1 of the announcement (5 pts).

2. Uniqueness and Effectiveness of Demonstration Project: 15 pts.

Under this factor, the Agency will evaluate:

- the ingenuity of the project. (5pts)
- the degree to which the proposed project has the potential of being applied to marine ports around the country (5 pts)
- the potential for achieving large, multi-pollutant emission reductions (5pts).

3. Programmatic Capability: 20 pts.

Under this criterion, applicants will be evaluated based on their ability to successfully complete and manage the proposed project taking into account the applicant's: (i) past performance in successfully completing and managing federally funded assistance agreements (assistance agreements include Federal grants and cooperative agreements but not Federal contracts) similar in size, scope, and relevance to the proposed project performed within the last 3 years (4 points) (ii) history of meeting reporting requirements under federally funded assistance agreements (assistance agreements include Federal grants and cooperative agreements but not Federal contracts) similar in size, scope, and relevance to the proposed project performed within the last 3 years and submitting acceptable final technical reports under those agreements (4 points), (iii) organizational experience and plan for timely and successfully achieving the objectives of the proposed project (6 points), and (iv) staff expertise/qualifications, staff knowledge, and resources or the ability to obtain them, to successfully achieve the goals of the proposed project (6 points)

Note: In evaluating applicants under this criterion, the Agency will consider the information provided by the applicant and may also consider relevant information from other sources including agency files and prior/current grantors (e.g., to verify and/or supplement the information supplied by the applicant). Applicants with no relevant or available past

performance or reporting history (items i and ii above), will receive a neutral score for those elements of this criterion.

4. Collaboration/Partnerships and Leveraged Resources: 10 pts.

Under this criteria, applicants will be evaluated based on the extent they demonstrate:

(i) how they will coordinate the use of EPA funding with other Federal and/or non Federal sources of funds to leverage additional resources to carry out the proposed project(s) and

(ii) that EPA funding will complement activities relevant to the proposed project(s) carried out by the applicant with other sources of funds or resources. Leveraged funding or other resources need not be for eligible and allowable project costs under the EPA assistance agreement unless the Applicant proposes to provide a voluntary cost share or match. If EPA accepts an offer for a voluntary cost share/match/participation, applicants must meet their matching/sharing/participation commitment as a condition of receiving EPA funding. Applicants may use their own funds or other resources for voluntary match/cost share/participation if the standards at 40 CFR 30.23 or 40 CFR 31.24, as applicable, are met. Only eligible and allowable costs may be used for voluntary matches/cost shares/participation. Other Federal grants may not be used as voluntary matches or cost shares without specific statutory authority. Any form of proposed leveraging that is evaluated under a section V ranking criteria must be included in the proposal and the proposal must describe how the applicant will obtain the leveraged resources and what role EPA funding will play in the overall project.

5. Budget Reasonableness: 20 pts.

Under this factor, the Agency will evaluate the extent to which the budget for the project is reasonable.

6. Sensitive Populations/Disproportionate Impacts: 10 pts.

Under this criterion, applicants will be evaluated based on the extent to which the proposed project:

a) will reduce environmental risks to sensitive populations.

b) will reduce environmental risks to economically-disadvantaged and other populations with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental impacts

7. Environmental Results Past Performance: 5 pts.

Under this criterion, applicants will be evaluated based on the extent and quality to which they adequately documented and/or reported on their progress towards achieving the expected

results (e.g., outcomes and outputs) under Federal agency assistance agreements (assistance agreements include Federal grants and cooperative agreements but not Federal contracts) performed within the last three years, and if such progress was not being made whether the applicant adequately documented and/or reported why not. Note: In evaluating applicants under this factor, EPA will consider the information provided by the applicant and may also consider relevant information from other sources including agency files and prior/current grantors (e.g., to verify and/or supplement the information supplied by the applicant). Applicants with no relevant or available past performance reporting history will receive a neutral score for this factor.

B. Review and Selection Process:

There will be a two-tiered review process for proposals. The first tier will be a basic review of the proposals to assure they are eligible for funding consideration. This first tier will include a determination of whether the applicant has satisfied all the threshold criteria listed in Section III of this announcement.

Those proposals that pass the first tier will undergo a second tier review. Proposals in the second tier will be reviewed by a panel of EPA Region 3 staff and evaluated against the criteria in Section V, Part A above. Each proposal will be given a numerical score, with a total of 100 points possible.

After the second tier review, proposals will be rank ordered based on their numerical scores. A final recommendation of the highest ranked proposals will be forwarded to the selection official in the Region 3 Air Protection Division. Final funding decisions will be made by the selection official in the Region 3 Air Protection Division based on the review panel rankings (the selection official may also consider geographical distribution in making the final funding decisions)..

VI. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices:

The Air Protection Division will notify both successful and unsuccessful applicant(s) in writing and electronic mail. Applicants selected for funding will have an opportunity to negotiate elements of their work plan and budget and submit final applications, including all required assistance documents to Region 3 Grants and Audit Management Branch (3PM70) Branch.

Note - USEPA reserves the right to negotiate appropriate changes in work plans after the selection and before the final award consistent with EPA's Competition Policy (EPA Order 5700.5A1, Section 11). The notification, which advises that the applicant's proposal has tentatively been selected and is being recommended for award, is not an authorization to begin performance. The award notice signed by Assistant Regional Administrator is the authorizing document and will be provided through postal mail. At a minimum, this process can take up to 60 days from the date of selection.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements.

Programmatic Terms and conditions will be negotiated with the selected recipient.

If your proposal is selected, the following information will be helpful in preparing your grant or cooperative agreement application.

Regulations governing award administration grants awarded under this announcement include 40 CFR Part 30 (for institutions of higher learning, hospitals, and other non-profit organizations) and 40 CFR Part 31 (for states, local governments and interstate agencies).

Procurement: Once a proposal is selected, the recipient may be required to submit before award, in addition to a full application, a copy of its written procurement procedures developed in accordance with 40 CFR 30.40 - 30.48 or 40 CFR 31.36, as applicable, for review.

DUNS Requirement: Applicants are required to provide a Dunn and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number when applying for Federal assistance agreements. A DUNS number must be included in every application. The DUNS number must be included in Block 5 of the Standard Form 424 entitled, Application for Federal Assistance (Rev. 9-03). Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll free DUNS number request line at 1-866-705-5711. Additional information on obtaining a DUNS number can also be found at: <http://www.dnb.com>

Indirect Costs: If indirect costs are budgeted in the assistance application and the non-profit organization or educational institute does not have a previously established indirect cost rate, it will need to prepare and submit an indirect cost rate proposal and/or cost allocation plan in accordance with the appropriate Federal cost principle, OMB Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations" or OMB Circular A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions" within ninety (90) days from the effective date of the award.

If a local government does not have a previously established indirect cost rate, it will need to prepare its indirect cost rate proposal and/or cost allocation plan in accordance with OMB Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments." The local government recipient whose cognizant Federal agency has been designated by OMB must develop and submit its indirect cost rate proposal to its cognizant agency within six (6) months after the close of the governmental unit's fiscal year. If the cognizant Federal agency has not been identified by the OMB, the local government recipient must still develop (and when required, submit) its proposal within that period.

Non-profits: Non-profit applicants that are recommended for funding under this announcement are subject to pre-award administrative capability reviews consistent with Section 8b, 8c and 9d of EPA Order 5700.8 - Policy on Assessing Capabilities of Non-Profit Applicants for Managing Assistance Awards (http://www.epa.gov/ogd/grants/award/5700_8.pdf). In addition, non-profit

applicants that qualify for funding may, depending on the size of the award, be required to fill out and submit to the Grants Management Office the Administrative Capabilities Form with supporting documents contained in Appendix A of EPA Order 5700.8.

EPA Requirements for Quality Management Plans and Quality Assurance Plans: In accordance with 40 CFR 30.54 and 31.45, projects that include the generation or use of environmental data are required to submit a Quality Management Plan (QMP) and Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).

The QMP must document quality assurance policies and practices that are sufficient to produce data of adequate quality to meet program objectives. The QMP should be prepared in accordance with EPA QA/R-2: EPA Requirements for Quality Management Plans (refer to http://www.epa.gov/region03/chesapeake/grants/7_QA_Guidelines_Requirements.pdf). The recipient's QMP should be reviewed and updated annually as needed. The QMP must be submitted to the EPA Project Officer at least 45 days prior to the initiation of data collection or data compilation.

The recipient must develop and implement quality assurance and quality control procedures, specifications and documentation that are sufficient to produce data of adequate quality to meet project objectives. The Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) is the document that provides comprehensive details about the quality assurance/quality control requirements and technical activities that must be implemented to ensure that project objectives are met. The QAPP should be prepared in accordance with EPA QA/R-5: EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans. The QAPP must be submitted to the EPA Project Officer at least 30 days prior to the initiation of data collection or data compilation. Requirements for QAPPs can be found at http://www.epa.gov/quality1/qa_docs.html

C. Reporting Requirement.

Quarterly progress reports, quarterly financial statements and quarterly leveraged resource information, and a detailed final report will be required. Quarterly reports summarizing technical progress, planned activities for next quarter and summary of expenditures are required. Applicants are further required to make a commitment to share all data collected with EPA for assessment on a regional level. The Final report shall be completed within 90 calendar days of the completion of the period of performance. The final report should encompass a complete overview/summary of all of the activities conducted within the grant project period; including any and all data results as well as a justification for impediments should be addressed. The schedule for submission of quarterly reports will be established by EPA, after applicant has been approved for an award. While the Agency will negotiate precise terms and conditions relating to substantial involvement as part of the award process, EPA will not select employees or contractors employed by the recipient(s) and the final decision on the content of reports rests with the recipient(s).

D. Disputes.

Assistance agreement competition-related disputes will be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures published in 70 FR (Federal Register) 3629, 3630 (January 26, 2005) which can be found at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-1371.htm> . Copies of these procedures may also be requested by contacting the Agency Contact listed in Section VII.

VII. AGENCY CONTACTS

For further information about this announcement contact:

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VIII. OTHER INFORMATION

The EPA Award Official is the only official that can bind the Agency to the expenditure of funds for selected projects resulting from this announcement.

Mid Atlantic Diesel Collaborative: The Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative is a partnership of federal, state and local agencies, along with communities, non-profit organizations and private companies working together to reduce emissions from diesel engines in the Mid-Atlantic. More information can be found at: <http://www.dieselmidatlantic.org>.

National Clean Diesel Campaign: The National Clean Diesel Campaign's grants and funding webpage also has links to current and past grant opportunities related to diesel, including links to EPA's Smartway Transport Partnership, Clean School Bus USA and Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) grants at: <http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/grantfund.htm>.