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Funding Opportunity Title & Identifiers (opportunity number, CDFA, etc.):
National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program, FY 2014 Tribal Request for Proposals (RFP) RFP NUMBER: EPA-OAR-OTAQ-14-06 CDFA Number: 66.039
Funding Opportunity Announcement Website Link(s)
http://www.epa.gov/diesel/prgtribal.htm
Eligible Organization(s) and Location(s): (pg. 19)
A tribal agency or intertribal consortium with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality
Eligible Activities: (pg. 5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligible Diesel Vehicles, Engines and Equipment: (pg. 5)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Projects may include, but are not limited to, diesel emission reduction solutions from the following heavy-duty diesel emission source types:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Buses,▪ Medium-duty or heavy-duty trucks,▪ Marine engines▪ Locomotives▪ Nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in 1) Construction, 2) Handling of cargo, 3) Agriculture, 4) Mining, or 5) Energy production○ Please Note: Funds under this RFP should be used to retrofit, repower, upgrade, or replace nonroad equipment that has at least seven years of useful life remaining. A table distinguishing which nonroad engine model years EPA has determined to have at least seven years of useful life remaining based on the type of nonroad equipment and the age of the engine, can be found at www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/documents/fy14-tribal-nonroadremaining-useful-life.pdf...• Eligible Diesel Emission Reduction Solutions: (pg. 6)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Exhaust Controls○ Engine Upgrades○ Cleaner Fuels Use○ Verified Idle Reduction Technologies○ Verified Aerodynamic Technologies and Verified Low Rolling Resistance Tires○ Certified Engine Repowers○ Vehicle and Equipment Replacements○ Clean Alternative Fuel Conversions
Cost-Sharing / Match Requirements: (pg. 2, pg. 19)
Mandatory Cost-Share Requirement – varies depending on project type See page 2, page 19 for more information
Application Deadline: (see pg. 30)
The closing date for receipt of proposals is Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. EDT Electronic submissions submitted through www.grants.gov must be received by 4:00 p.m. EDT . All hard copies of proposal packages must be received by the EPA contact as described in Section IV by 4:00 p.m. local time .
Submission Options: (see pg. 27)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grants.gov or Commercial Carrier (no USPS)• Hard Copy Submissions must be sent to: Rosalva Tapia U.S EPA OTAQ -313G

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<p>1310 L Street NW Washington, DC 20005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A single proposal may target multiple fleets, fleet types and/or diesel emission reduction solutions.*• Applicants may submit multiple proposals as long as each proposal is for a separate and distinct project and each proposal is submitted separately.
<p>Application Contact & Assistance: (see pg. 30)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questions can be emailed to cleandiesel@epa.gov. Type “TRIBAL RFP Question” in the subject line of your email.• Answers to questions will be posted at www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/documents/fy14-dera-faq.pdf• EPA will host three Information Sessions regarding this RFP via teleconference/webinar, based on the schedule below. Go to www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/prgtribal.htm for more information.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. (EDT)○ Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. (EDT)○ Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. (EDT)
<p>Format Requirements:</p> <p>The Project Narrative (including the cover page) shall not exceed ten (10) single-spaced pages in length. Pages refer to one-side of a single-spaced typed page. Font size should be no smaller than 10 and the proposal must be submitted on 8 ½” x 11” paper. Pages in excess of the 10-page limit will not be considered. Supporting materials, such as resumes, letters of support and/or commitment, and fleet description information can be submitted as attachments and are not included in the 10-page limit. A sample format for the Project Narrative may be downloaded at: www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/documents/fy14-tribal-narrative-sample.doc</p>
<p>Funding Period Start / End: (pg. 18)</p> <p>The estimated project period for awards resulting from this solicitation is expected to begin on January 1, 2015, with an expected project completion date no later than December 31, 2016.</p>
<p>Available Funding (Total / Minimum / Maximum): (pg. 18)</p> <p>\$1M Total Funding Available - EPA anticipates making 1-5 awards Minimum award: \$30,000 Maximum award: \$800,000</p>
<p>Project Requirements:</p> <p>Threshold Eligibility Criteria (see pg. 21): <i>partial list</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposals must include one or more of the eligible diesel emissions reduction solutions set forth in Section I.B.2 of this RFP• Proposals must support Goal 1 of EPA’s 2014-2018 Strategic Plan, Take Action on Climate Change and Improving Air Quality; Objective 1.2: Improve Air Quality. (See Section I. C.) <p>Funding Restriction (see pg. 22): <i>partial list</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No funds awarded under this RFP shall be used for matching funds for other federal grants• No funds awarded under this RFP shall be used for fueling infrastructure <p>Other Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DERA National Programmatic Priorities (pg. 14)• Partnerships for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (pg. 15)• EPA Strategic Plan Linkage, Anticipated Outputs/Outcomes and Performance Measures (pg. 16)
<p>Required Proposal Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant Application Forms (see pg. 28)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Standard Form (SF) 424, Application for Federal Assistance

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- Standard Form (SF) 424A, Budget Information
- Project Narrative (see pg. 28, pg. 41 - Appendix B)
 - Cover Page
 - Work Plan
 - Section 1. Project Summary and Overall Approach (pg. 42)
 - Section 2. Results – Outputs and Outcomes (pg. 43)
 - See also, Appendix C - Quantifying Environmental Outcomes Worksheet (pg. 49)
 - Section 3. Programmatic Priority – Location (pg. 43)
 - Section 4. Programmatic Priority – Diesel Reduction Effectiveness (pg. 44)
 - Section 5. Other Programmatic Priorities (pg. 44)
 - Section 6. Partnerships for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (pg. 44)
 - Section 7. Past Performance-Programmatic Capability and Reporting on Results (pg. 44)
 - Section 8. Staff Expertise/Qualifications (pg. 45)
 - Section 9. Budget Detail (pg. 45)
 - Section 10. Expenditure of Awarded Grant Funds (pg. 48)
 - Section 11. Applicant Fleet Description (pg. 48)
- Applicant Fleet Description (see pgs. 29)
 - Sample format can be found at www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/documents/fy14tribal-afd-sample.xls
- Cost-Share Commitment Letters (see pg. 29)
- Mandated Measures Justification and Substantiation Letter(s) (see pg. 29)
- Optional Attachments (see pg. 30)
 - Resumes
 - Letters of Support

Project/Proposal Criteria: (see pg. 32)

Proposals will be evaluated on a 100 point scale as follows:

- Project Summary and Overall Approach (8 points)
- Results – Outcomes and Outputs (10 points)
- Programmatic Priority –Location (8 points)
- Programmatic Priority – Diesel Reduction Effectiveness (20 points)
- Other Programmatic Priorities (14 points)
- Partnerships for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (16 points)
- Past Performance--Programmatic Capability and Reporting on Results (8 points)
- Staff Expertise/Qualifications (4 points)
- Budget/Resources (4 points)
- Expenditure of Awarded Grant Funds (3 points)
- Applicant Fleet Description (5 points)

Specific Project Ideas:

List Priority Tasks (with deadlines):

- Register in Grants.gov (ASAP) – this process can take 1 month or more (see pg. 3)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ If already registered, update password in Grants.gov (ASAP – but no more than 90 days prior to due date)● Get SF-424 signed by authorized representative (usually Chairperson)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wet signature needed for hardcopy submission○ E-Signature for electronic submission○ Overall budget amount needs to be listed on this for – need to determine prior to obtaining signature● Obtain relevant fleet information● Prepare and/or obtain signed cost-share commitment letters (if applicable)● Prepare and/or obtain signed letters of support (if applicable)● Prepare and/or obtain resumes● Prepare and/or obtain Mandated Measures Justification and Substantiation Letter(s) |
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Additional Notes:

Questions: