DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
GEORGIA DIESEL ENGINE RETROFIT GRANTS
CHAPTER 391-3-21

391-3-21-.13 Georgia Diesel Retrofit Project

(1) Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Georgia Diesel Retrofit Project Scope and Purpose. Grants are available under the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant program for retrofitting diesel vehicles that are located or operated in a $PM_{2.5}$ nonattainment area.

(a) General Terms and Conditions of the Grant.

1. Projects submitted for funding under this Grant must identify the vehicles for retrofit and the type of emission control equipment to be used.

2. Submitted projects must conform to all applicable programmatic and administrative conditions including, without limitation, coordination with EPD personnel; use of retrofit technologies that have been or will be verified or certified under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Retrofit Program or the California Air Resources Board (CARB); submission of quarterly reports when applicable; submission of a final report when applicable; compliance with applicable Federal procurement and subgrant procedures; certification that the emission control equipment was properly installed and is in working condition; use of data-logging in accordance with manufacturer specifications of diesel vehicles that will be equipped with emission control equipment on existing routes to ensure proper exhaust temperature profiles; proper maintenance of vehicles and retrofit equipment and enforcement of warranty claims against vendors if a maintenance problem arises; and use of the emission control equipment on the vehicles for a minimum of four years unless the equipment is damaged beyond repair or the vehicle becomes inoperable and is unable to be repaired.

(b) Eligible Recipients of the Grant. An eligible applicant is any public school system fleet located or operated in a designated $PM_{2.5}$ nonattainment area. To receive funding, participating public school systems must own and operate their fleet.

(c) Criteria for the Award. The request for applications will be limited to applications that retrofit school buses located or operated in a $PM_{2.5}$ nonattainment area. Applications from school systems for this grant must include emission control equipment that is or will be verified or certified by EPA or CARB. Funding for the selected school systems will be limited to $1.2 million. Projects will be ranked by cost effectiveness on a cost-per-ton-of–emissions-reduced basis.

(d) Deadline For Submittal. EPD will send out the first solicitation for applications on or before November 30, 2010. Applications will be due within six weeks after release of the solicitation. Funding will be distributed based on the criteria for award between applicants that reply within the first solicitation period. If funds remain after grants are awarded to all qualified projects from

the first solicitation, additional solicitation(s) will be issued until all of the funds have been obligated. In the first solicitation, retrofit projects will be awarded based on the order in which projects rank within the criteria selection process. The applications will be evaluated based on the criteria stated in Subsection (c). If additional solicitations are needed, applications will be awarded based on the order in which projects rank within the criteria selection process. The applications will be evaluated based on the criteria stated in Subsection (c).

(e) Directions For Submitting Applications for the Georgia Diesel Retrofit Project Grant. Requests for copies of the general guidelines, proposal forms and submittal of applications for the Fiscal Year 2009 CMAQ Georgia Diesel Retrofit Project Grant should be made to:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Mobile and Area Sources Program
Attn: Stacy Allman
4244 International Parkway, Suite 136
Atlanta, Georgia 30354
e-mail: stacy.allman@dnr.state.ga.us

(f) Award of the FY 2009 CMAQ Georgia Diesel Retrofit Project Grant is subject to Federal funding provided to EPD. EPD may fund individual projects less than the requested amounts if necessary to distribute funds among equally-ranked projects or to reduce the project cost to the maximum allowable distribution.

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