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Greetings Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative Partners,

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association on behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative plans to submit an application to EPA Region 3 in response to its RFP # **EPA-OAR-OTAQ-12-05, National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program**. We are seeking Preliminary Applications from interested participants.

Targeted fleets include the following:

Agriculture	Refuse Hauler
City/County Vehicle	School Bus
Construction	Short Haul
Delivery Truck	Stationary
Emergency Vehicle	Transit Bus
Long Haul	Utility Vehicle
Marine Ports and Airports	Mining
Rail	Other

Depending on the number, nature and costs of preliminary applications received, projects may be included in MARAMA's proposal. MARAMA will decide which projects to include based on consideration of factors described in EPA's RFP. To be considered for inclusion as part of the MARAMA/MDC proposal, please provide the information described below by **May 18, 2012**.

- Program Title
- Short Project Description (for example, "retrofit 40 school buses with DPF's, or repower 10 non-road construction vehicles.")
- Project Leader Contact Information (name, organization, email, phone, fax)
- Project Partners (if applicable)
- Fleet Description - type of vehicle, number of engines, vehicles, or other pieces of equipment: technologies to be used to reduce emissions.
- Project Cost, Requested Grant Support, and Cost Share to be provided by Applicant. Grant support and cost share should be limited to equipment and labor for installation of equipment.
- Timeline for project completion, including milestones for specific tasks, such as bidding, procurement, installation, and reports
- Estimated Diesel Emissions Reduction: (please use EPA's Emissions Quantifier)

- Estimated fuel savings to be achieved by this project
- Project Location – including whether the project is located in a priority area for the DERA program and/or EPA Region 3 priority areas. These include:
 - Designated PM2.5 or 8-hr ozone nonattainment areas or 8-hr ozone maintenance areas
 - Areas where all or part of the population is exposed to more than 2.0 ug/m3 of diesel PM emissions based on EPA’s 2005 National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment
 - Areas designated as federal Class I Areas
 - Areas that EPA has accepted to participate in EPA’s Ozone Advance Program by June 4, 2012
 - Urban areas in Region 3
 - Areas along interstate goods movement corridors
- Description of how this project supports a community-based, multi-stakeholder collaborative process to reduce diesel emissions

Process:

- MARAMA will work with a technical review committee to select projects for inclusion in the proposal. EPA Region 3 proposals must fall within a range of \$950,000 and a maximum of \$1.9 million for one proposal. We may include multiple projects in this proposal for a total near that maximum.
 - Ranking Criteria:

• Programmatic Priority – Diesel Effectiveness	20%
• Programmatic Priority – Location	16%
• Other Program Priorities (Health, Community Participation)	14%
• Project Results (Outcomes and Outputs)	10%
• Regional Significance	10%
• Project Summary and Overall Approach	8%
• Past Performance	8%
• Applicant Fleet Description	5%
• Staff expertise/Qualifications	5%
• Budget/Resources	5%
- Each project leader selected for the MARAMA application would prepare project specific data and supply a financial proposal.
- MARAMA would prepare the general contents of the application, including the narrative and budget details based on partner input.
- If a grant is awarded, MARAMA will sign MOA’s with partners included as part of the grant. MARAMA would seek to issue subawards not contracts.

Please forward preliminary applications to:

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