2019 State Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Grants

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Background & History

• Diesel Emissions Reduction Act was included in the Energy Policy Act of 2005
  – *PUBLIC LAW 109–58—AUG. 8, 2005*

• Annual Budget Allocation by Congress

• Establishes several types of clean diesel funding
  – State DERA: Non-competitive state allocations; state administered
  – National DERA: Regional projects, EPA-administered, focused on public entities (competitive)
    • Clean School Bus is a subset of National DERA (Nationwide lottery)

• 2008 First Year of Funding
State Program Goals & Restrictions

• Connecticut runs its program as a rebate program

• Designed to achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions.

• Restrictions
  – No fleet expansion
  – Scrappage
  – *Early Replacement no longer required in 2019*
  – Limited Model Year Ranges
State Program Schedule

• Solicitation will open in the upcoming week.
• Up to $728,000 Available from 2019 funds
  - EPA allocation
  - VW DERA Option funds as voluntary match
  - EPA Matching Incentive
  - State SEP funds as additional voluntary match
  - Funds remaining from 2018 program (*Requires documentation of early replacement*)
• Submission Deadline November 25, 2019
• Decisions anticipated by the end of December
Eligible Projects

- Vehicle & Equipment Replacement (*vessels & locomotives*)
- Repower / Engine Replacement
- Engine Upgrades / Rebuilds
- Clean Alternative Fuel Conversions
- EPA-Verified Idle Reduction Technologies
- Exhaust Emission Control Technologies
- EPA-Verified Aerodynamic Technologies and Low Rolling Resistance Tires
Forms & Submission

• Deadline November 25, 2019
• Application & Information at https://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=322100&deepNav_GID=1619
• Submit package via e-mail to me: Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov
DERA Clean School Bus Program accepting applications NOW

- Over $10 Million Nationwide
- Lottery Selection
- At least one from each state
- Submit package via e-mail
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