

Getting a Customer Focus: Considerations for Voluntary Programs

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Diesel Technology Forum: Leaders from All Sectors

- ⋆ Engine Makers
- ➤ Fuel System/Component Suppliers
- ✓ Fuel Refiners
- ★ After-treatment Suppliers

Leaders in Promoting Clean Diesel Technology







General Motors









Johnson Matthey







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Voluntary / Incentive Programs: Who are the Potential Participants?

- ✓ Users
- - Engines
 - * OEMs
 - Suppliers
 - Dealers/Distributors
- Shippers
- ✓ State Governments
- Local Governments



Voluntary Program Incentive Options

- ✓ Marketable emission credits
- ✓ Tax Incentives

- ★ Access to HOV lanes or other premium access/usage issues
- Grants, public funding,
- ✓ Other local/regional incentives



Voluntary Programs

 ✓ What is the "Value Proposition" for participation in a voluntary Program?

- Clean Air / Environmental Quality ?
- ❖ Market Advantages ?
- ❖ Image ?
- Publicity ?



- Must have a Customer focus
 - Relationships, trust, support: with dealers and distributors
 - Dealers and Distributors understand customers, needs
 - Large network
 - Provide Installation and maintenance



Diversity in Capabilities and Possibilities

- ★ Large Fleets/ Equipment Users
 - Most knowledgeable, aware, motivated, innovative, capable;
 - Have largest numbers of engines
 - *⇔BUT...*
 - Probably have the newest equipment, best maintenance
 - Run the cleanest operations already
 - National in scope



Dynamics of Smaller Companies— Fleets and Equipment Operators

- - Less informed, sophisticated, capable, motivated
 - More localized/regional operations
 - **&BUT**
 - Oldest equipment
 - Greatest potential for impacts
 - Fewer numbers of engines/equipment



Stages of Participation

Active Partner Buy-in; value Interest Understanding Awareness



What's Needed

- ★ Approach ... like marketing a new product
 - ❖ Sector Survey targets of stakeholders
 - Find out what's important to them
 - Focus Groups
 - Test/pilot program/products
- ✓ Provide the right options
- ✓ Value proposition significant