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EPA's Clean Diesel Rebate Program

2014 School Bus Replacement Funding Opportunity

Informational Webinar

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Background (Section 1)

- Diesel engines emit nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, and air toxics
 - The emissions are linked to premature deaths, asthma attacks, lost work and school days, and other health impacts
- The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) allows EPA to offer rebates
- Rebates are non-competitive and selectees will receive payment when all work is completed



General Information (Section 1)

- Children's health is a major priority for the agency
 - October is Children's Health Month
- EPA has reserved \$3 million for school bus replacement rebates
- Health benefits are achieved by scrapping old vehicles and engines and replacing them with cleaner ones
- Applicants should read the entire Program Guide for additional details not covered here
- [epa.gov/cleandiesel/dera-rebate-schoolbus14.htm](https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/dera-rebate-schoolbus14.htm)



Applicant Eligibility (Section 2)

- Applicant must be a regional, state, local or tribal agency (including school districts & municipalities); or a
- Private company operating school buses
 - Private companies must have an existing contract with an entity above to provide transportation services to a specific school district



Applicant Eligibility (Section 2)

- Applicant must own the buses to be replaced
 - Copy of vehicle title and registration must be provided as proof of ownership
 - Public school districts may apply with state-owned buses as long as they receive an authorization letter from the state agency that owns the buses (see Appendix C for a letter template)
 - Buses owned by federal agencies (e.g. Bureau of Indian Affairs) are not eligible
- Applicant must commit to operating the replacement bus for 3 years after receipt of the rebate



Existing School Bus Eligibility (Section 3)

- Diesel-powered, Class 3-8
- Powered by an engine with a model year 2006 or older
- Transports 10 or more pre-primary, primary or secondary school students to school or homes
- Operational and in regular use at the time of application
- Usage requirements:
 - Accumulated at least 10,000 miles over the most recent 12 months;
or
 - Been in use for at least three days per week during the current school year



Replacement School Bus Eligibility (Section 3)

- Must be equipped with a certified 2014 or newer model year engine, or operate solely on electricity
- New bus may be conventional or alternatively fueled:
 - CNG
 - Propane
 - Hybrid
 - Battery Electric
 - LNG
 - Other alt. fuels
- Must be operated in the same manner and over similar routes
- Must be of the same or smaller vehicle class as the original bus



Funding Amounts (Section 4)

Class	Gross Vehicle Weight Rating	Rebate Amount
Class 3	10,001-14,000 lbs	\$15,000
Class 4	14,001-16,000 lbs	\$15,000
Class 5	16,001-19,500 lbs	\$15,000
Class 6	19,501-26,000 lbs	\$20,000
Class 7	26,001-33,000 lbs	\$20,000
Class 8	33,001+ lbs	\$25,000



Application Submission (Section 5)

- On October 15, EPA began accepting applications
- Applicants must have a DUNS number www.dnb.com
- Application package must include:
 - One-page application form
 - Vehicle title and registration for each bus being replaced
 - Authorization letter for public school districts applying with state-owned buses
- Email application package to CleanDieselRebate@epa.gov by **Monday, November 17, 2014, 4:00pm EST**
 - Include in subject line the name of your organization and “DERA School Bus Rebate Application”



Application Form (Section 5)

- Applications must include
 - VIN
 - Engine Model Year
 - Gross Vehicle Weight Rating
 - Engine Manufacturer
 - Engine Family Name
 - Annual Miles/Annual Fuel Use/Annual Idling Hours
 - Location of Operation
 - Rebate Amount
- New this year:
 - Checkbox for Federally recognized tribal government
 - Yes/No for idle reduction policy



Selection of Participants (Section 6)

- EPA eligibility review
- Eligible applications chosen by lottery
 - \$3 million available nationally
 - Applications are chosen at random until all funds are reserved
 - At least one application will be chosen per EPA Region
 - At least one tribal application will be chosen
 - Remaining applications will be put on wait list



Notification of Selectees (Section 7)

- Lottery results posted online
- Letters to selected applicants (selection letter)
 - Amount of funds reserved
 - Additional conditions to be met before rebate is issued
- Selectees must register in the System for Award management
www.sam.gov
- Wait list posted online



Purchase Order Submittal (Section 8)

- Within 90 days of the selection letter
 - Submit proof of a purchase order
 - Purchase order cannot pre-date the selection letter



Delivery of New Bus (Section 9)

- Keep the bill of lading (proof of delivery)
 - Submit with the payment request form after the old buses have been scrapped



Scrappage Requirements (Section 10)

- Replaced school buses must be scrapped by drilling a hole in the engine block and cutting the chassis rail in half
- Proof of scrappage is required with pictures and a letter
 - Section 10 of the Program Guide details proof of scrappage requirements including required photos and how they should be labeled
 - Appendix F of the Program Guide has a sample scrappage certification letter
- Equipment that is not part of the engine or chassis may be salvaged (seats, tires, etc)



Payment Request (Section 11)

- Payment Request package includes:
 - Payment request form (EPA will provide to selectees)
 - Proof of scrappage
 - Copy of bus invoice
 - Copy of bill of lading (proof of delivery)
- If requirements aren't completed within the specified timeframe, the selectee may forfeit the reserved rebate funds



Payment (Section 12)

- EPA will review the payment request and supporting documentation
- If all requirements are met, EPA will issue funds electronically to the selectee



Additional Requirements (Appendix G)

- Bus must be available for follow-up inspection for 3 years after the receipt of the rebate
- Selectees must maintain all records and documentation for 3 years after receipt of rebate
- Funds may not be used to fund the cost of emissions reductions mandated under federal law



Additional Information

- 2014 School Bus Replacement Rebate webpage:
 - epa.gov/cleandiesel/dera-rebate-schoolbus14.htm
- FAQs
 - epa.gov/cleandiesel/documents/2014-dera-rebate-faq.pdf
- Email questions to:
 - CleanDieselRebate@epa.gov