



POB eBROADCAST

*The Maryland Port Administration
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The attached message is an important announcement for the POB community to participate in the MPA's forthcoming grant application for EPA funding to reduce diesel emissions.

EPA Grants Available for Companies Working at the Port of Baltimore to Reduce Diesel Emissions

The Port of Baltimore (POB) is seeking partners from various companies working at the POB for diesel emissions reduction projects that can be part of a grant application submitted to US EPA. Eligible equipment includes dray trucks, cargo handling equipment, harbor craft, and locomotives. These projects will reduce diesel emissions at the Port, particularly from fleets operating in areas designated by EPA as poor air quality areas.

Eligible projects to reduce diesel emissions include exhaust retrofit devices such as diesel particulate filters and diesel oxidation catalysts; cleaner fuels; engine repowers and engine upgrades; idle reduction; aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires; and vehicle or equipment replacement. All of these technologies must be certified by EPA.

Eligible diesel vehicles, engines and equipment may include buses, medium-duty or heavy-duty trucks, marine engines, locomotives and non-road engines, equipment or vehicles used in handling of cargo at a port, or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps). The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) will be submitting a grant proposal for EPA's consideration. This proposal is expected to cover four categories of equipment operating at the Ports:

- Dray Trucks
- Cargo Handling Equipment
- Harbor craft
- Locomotives

Companies directly involved with Port of Baltimore activities as listed above are encouraged to participate. The due date for the grant application is January 13, 2011. As such, the MPA needs to identify as soon as possible those companies that want to participate. If you have eligible equipment and would like to be included in the MPA's application, please contact Dan Spack with EcoLogix Group. Dan can be reached at dspack@ecologixgroup.com or by calling (443) 895-1228. **Please respond on or before December 16, 2010.**

A summary of what EPA will fund is listed below:

Verified Exhaust Controls: EPA will fund up to 100% of the cost of eligible exhaust controls, such as diesel particulate filters and diesel oxidation catalysts.

Certified Engine Repower: EPA will fund up to 75% of the cost (labor and equipment) of an eligible engine repower.

Certified Vehicle/Equipment Replacement:

Non-road diesel vehicles and equipment - EPA will fund the incremental cost of a newer, cleaner vehicle or piece of equipment powered by a 2010 or newer model year certified non-road diesel engine, up to 25% of the cost of an eligible replacement vehicle or piece of equipment.

Highway diesel vehicles and equipment - EPA will fund the incremental cost of a newer, cleaner vehicle or piece of equipment powered by a 2010 or newer model year certified highway heavy-duty diesel engine, up to 25% of the cost of an eligible replacement vehicle or piece of equipment (except for drayage vehicles; see below).

Drayage Truck Replacement - EPA will fund up to 50% of the cost of eligible drayage trucks that meet EPA's 2007 or newer emissions levels for heavy-duty highway vehicles.

Engine Upgrades: EPA will fund up to 75% of the cost of eligible engine upgrades.

Verified/Certified Cleaner Fuel Use: EPA will fund the cost differential between the eligible cleaner fuels and conventional diesel fuels.

Verified Idle Reduction Technologies: EPA will fund up to 50% or 100% of the cost of an eligible, verified idle reduction technology, depending on the combination of technologies chosen:

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Verified Aerodynamic Technologies and Low Rolling Resistance Tires: EPA will not fund stand-alone aerodynamic technologies or low rolling resistance tires. EPA will fund up to 50% or 100% of the cost of verified aerodynamic technologies or verified low rolling resistance tires, depending on the combination of technologies chosen, as described below:

If verified aerodynamic technologies or low rolling resistance tires are combined on the same vehicle with an eligible verified exhaust control, up to 100% funding will be provided for the entire package.

If verified aerodynamic technologies or low rolling resistance tires are combined on the same vehicle with a verified idle reduction technology, up to 50% funding will be provided for the entire package.

If verified aerodynamic technologies or low rolling resistance tires are combined on the same vehicle with an eligible verified exhaust control AND a verified idle reduction technology, up to 100% funding will be provided for the entire package.