

Extensions of Expiration Dates

EPA ICR No. 0275.06; Pre-award Compliance Review Report; in 40 CFR part 7; OMB No. 2090-0014; on 10/28/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 01/31/2000.

EPA ICR No. 0318.07; Clean Water Needs Survey; OMB No. 2040-0005; on 11/01/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 01/31/2000.

EPA ICR No. 1039.08; Monthly Progress Reports; OMB No. 2030-0005; on 11/30/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 03/31/2000.

EPA ICR No. 1037.05; Oral and Written Orders; OMB No. 2030-0007; on 11/30/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 03/31/2000.

EPA ICR No. 0246.06; Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation; OMB No. 2030-0016; on 12/01/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 03/31/2000.

EPA ICR No. 1541.05; For Benzene Waste Operations; in 40 CFR part 61, subpart FF; OMB No. 2060-01831; on 11/09/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 2/29/2000.

EPA ICR No. 0111.08; National Emission Standards for Asbestos; in 40 CFR part 61, subpart M; OMB No. 2060-0101; on 11/09/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 02/29/2000.

EPA ICR No. 1712.02; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Facilities (Surface Coating); in 40 CFR part 63, subpart II; OMB No. 2060-0330; on 11/29/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 02/29/2000.

EPA ICR No. 1573.05; Part B Permit Application, Permit Modifications, and Special Permits; in 40 CFR part 264 and 270; OMB No. 2050-0009; on 11/03/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 03/31/2000.

EPA ICR No. 0328.07; Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plans; in 40 CFR part 112; OMB No. 2050-0021; on 11/10/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 02/29/2000.

EPA ICR No. 0276.08; Application for Experimental Use Permit (EUP) to Ship and Use Pesticide for Experimental Purposes Only; in 40 CFR part 172; OMB No. 2070-0040; on 11/04/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 02/29/2000.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for applications.

SUMMARY: This document provides information on the availability of fiscal year 2000 investigator-initiated grants program announcements, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedules are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

DATES: Receipt dates vary depending on the specific research area within the solicitation and are listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703R), 401 M Street SW, Washington DC 20460, telephone (800) 490-9194. The complete announcement can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page: <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa> under "announcements."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Requests for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites research grant applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Environmental Indicators in the Estuarine Environment Research Program (joint with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration); (2) Market Mechanisms and Incentives for Environmental Management; and (3) Biomarkers for the Assessment of Exposure and Toxicity in Children. Applications must be received as follows: March 7, 2000, for topic (1); February 2, 2000, for topic (2); and February 9, 2000, for topic (3).

The RFAs provide relevant background information, summarize EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describe the application and review process.

Contact persons for the Environmental Indicators in the Estuarine Environment Research Program RFA are Barbara Levinson (levinson.barbara@epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6911, and Eric Lindstrom (elindstr@hq.nasa.gov), telephone 202-358-4540. Contact person for the Market Mechanisms and Incentives RFA is Matthew Clark

(clark.matthew@epa.gov), telephone 202-565-2447. Contact person for the Biomarkers for the Assessment of Exposure and Toxicity in Children RFA is Chris Saint (saint.chris@epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6909.

Dated: November 15, 1999.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL 6510-6]

Mobile Source Outreach Assistance Competition Fiscal Year 2000: Solicitation Notice

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Today's document announces the availability of funding and solicits proposals from state, local, multi-state and tribal air pollution control agencies for mobile sources-related public education and outreach projects. The funding will be allocated by EPA's Office of Mobile Sources through the competitive process described in this document.

DATES: The deadline for submitting Final Proposals is Wednesday, February 23, 2000. To allow for efficient management of the competitive process, OMS is requesting agencies to submit an informal Intent to Apply by January 7, 2000. (Instructions for submitting final proposals and Intents to Apply are found in section X. below.)

ADDRESSES: This proposal can also be found in two places on the Office of Mobile Sources Web Page: "www.epa.gov/oms/" click on "What's New" or "www.epa.gov/oms/rfp.htm". Addresses for submitting final proposals can be found in section X. below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Bullard, Director of Outreach, USEPA Office of Mobile Sources, 401 M Street SW, Washington, 20460 (mail code 6406). Telephone (202) 564-9856; Fax (202) 565-2085. Or email "bullard.susan@epa.gov"

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Deadline for informal Intent to Apply—January 7, 2000

Deadline for Final Proposal—Wednesday, FEBRUARY 23, 2000

This proposal can also be found on the Office of Mobile Sources Web Page: “www.epa.gov/oms/” click on “What’s New?” or “www.epa.gov/oms/rfp.htm”

Mobile Source Outreach Assistance Agreements 2000; Request for Proposals

Section I. Overview and Deadlines

A. Overview: Over the past three years, OMS has entered into agreements and established partnerships with a number of organizations to (1) Provide national support for community-based mobile source public education efforts supporting implementation of the Clean Air Act and, (2) Encourage responsible choices for organizational and individual actions through public education. Current outreach projects funded through OMS (listed in section VIII(U) below) emphasize transportation choices; education of vehicle owners and drivers of the future; alternative fuels; car care and the role of the automotive technician; and, related projects such as ozone mapping and small engines. EPA’s Office of Mobile Sources has set aside funds from the State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) account to provide support to community-based mobile source-related projects. This notice solicits proposals for public education and outreach projects which directly support state and local air management organizations in their efforts to improve air quality from mobile sources. Proposals will be accepted from state, local, tribal and multi-state air management agencies which are identified as such under section 302(b) of the Clean Air Act.

Interested persons call also obtain copies of this solicitation at no charge by accessing “What’s New?” on the OMS Website at “www.epa.gov/oms” or “www.epa.gov/oms/rfp.htm”.

B. What are the deadlines for this competition? In order to efficiently manage the selection process, the Office of Mobile Sources requests that an informal “Intent to Apply” be submitted by January 7, 2000 (Please provide project title or subject and email address). An “Intent to Apply” simply states in the form of e-mail, phone, or fax that your organization intends to submit a proposal to be received by the

deadline. Submitting an “Intent to Apply” does not commit an organization to submit a final proposal. Those not submitting an Intent to Apply may still apply by the deadline.

The deadline for submitting completed final proposals (original and six copies) is Wednesday, February 23, 2000. The Office of Mobile Sources expects to complete the Evaluation/Selection process in early April, 2000.

Section II. Eligible Organizations

C. Who is eligible to submit proposals? According to funding policies associated with the State and Tribal Assistance Grants regulations (STAG funds), proposals can be accepted only from air pollution control agencies as defined under section 302(b) of the Clean Air Act, (for projects to be undertaken will have replicability to other communities nationally), as well as multi-state organizations supporting section 302(b) agencies. OMS has no discretion over this requirement. Interested air management or related organizations which are not air pollution control agencies as defined under section 302(b) of the Clean Air Act are encouraged to create partnerships with eligible organizations. In that situation, the eligible organization would be required to submit the final proposal and serve as the funding recipient if selected.

Section III. Funding Issues

D. What is the amount of available funding? A minimum of \$550K.

E. How will funds be allocated? The competition process will be managed by OMS and selected cooperative agreements will be awarded by EPA’s Regional offices and funded through either section 103 (for multi-state organizations as defined by law only) or section 105 authority (state and local air pollution control agencies.) OMS has no discretion over this requirement.

F. How many agreements will be awarded? Approximately six agreements will be awarded, none to exceed \$100,000. The total dollar amount of the final awards must be within available funding.

G. Are matching funds required? Possibly. Clean Air Act section 105 mandates that eligible agencies provide matching funds of at least 40%. Therefore, if an air pollution control agency submits a proposal for which they do not already have sufficient matching funds, they must include a statement in their proposal indicating that the match could be met if their proposal is selected. Organizations unable to meet a required match must be considered ineligible. (This

requirement does not apply to multi state organizations.) Organizations which are unclear as to their matching status are recommended to contact their EPA Regional Grant Coordinator.

H. Can funding be used to acquire services or fund partnerships? Yes—subgrants and other procurement services are allowed. Because the method used to fund subgrants is not a federal matter, procedures governing your organization’s procurement practices must be followed. Please indicate any intent to enter into such agreements in the proposal.

Section IV. Program Emphasis

This program is designed to provide seed money to initiate new projects or advance existing projects that are new in some way (e.g. new audiences, new locations, new approaches.)

I. Program Emphasis

- Voluntary Measures
- Commuter Choice initiatives
- Transportation choices
- Car care (testing, repair, maintenance)
- On Board Diagnostics (OBD)
- Alternative fuels
- Involving youth in mobile source issues/environmental education
- Other mobile source issues (including but not limited to: diesel, particulate matter, heavy duty engines; nonroad engines; and ozone mapping/forecasting.)

Section V. Selection Criteria

J. Primary Criteria

- Addresses environmental goals of improved air quality from mobile sources
- Presents a strong public health message
- Demonstrates national or regional applicability/transferability
- Provides for at least minimal replication for use by other organizations in the budget
- Demonstrates effectiveness of delivery mechanism to reach targeted audience
- Exhibits clearly-stated and appropriate levels of funding
- Includes effective evaluation methods
- Reflects potential for sustainability

K. Other Factors to be Considered

- Innovation in public awareness
- Effectiveness of collaborative activities and partnerships with other stakeholders needed to effectively develop or implement the project
- Integration with existing programs
- Willingness to coordinate with other OMS-funded outreach activities

L. Presentation Criteria

- Completeness
- Action-oriented
- Clearly-stated objectives
- Reasonable time frames

Section VI. Evaluation and Selection

M. The Evaluation Team is chosen to address a full range of mobile source and EPA program expertise. In addition, each EPA Regional office is given the opportunity to review those proposals generated by eligible organizations within that Region. The Evaluation Team will base its evaluation solely on the criteria referenced in this *Solicitation Notice*. Completed evaluations will be referred to a Selection Committee representing OMS senior managers and Regional representatives who are responsible for further consideration and final selection. To ensure equity and objectivity throughout the process, the OMS Program Contact (listed below) and staff who facilitate the process and participate in pre-application assistance, do not serve as members of either the Evaluation Team or the Selection Committee.

Section VII. Proposals

N. What must be included in the proposal? Proposals should be approximately 5–7 pages in length (*please do not include binders or spiral binding*) and must include:

(1) a brief statement that candidate organization is defined as an air pollution control agency under section 302(b) of the Clean Air Act

(2) a statement that any required match will be met

(3) a concise statement of project background/objectives highlighting relationship to improving air quality from mobile sources

(4) a detailed project summary—description of specific actions to be undertaken, including estimated time line for each task

(5) associated work products to be developed

(6) explanation of project benefits

(7) detailed explanation of how project outcomes will be designed for replication in other communities

(8) a detailed budget estimate (clearly explain how funds will be used, including estimated cost for each task.) (Note: Budget estimates should include funding for participation in the Annual Mobile Source Outreach and

Partnerships Meeting typically held in Washington, DC in late fall/early winter)

(9) projected time frame for project from initiation through completion

(10) project contact(s) (must provide name, organization, phone, fax, and e-mail)

O. Will 2-year proposals be considered? Yes. If a proposal with a 2-year project period is submitted, OMS requires that the budget and cost

estimate be designed to indicate what will be accomplished in each of the first and second years.

P. May an eligible organization submit more than one proposal? An organization may submit more than one proposal only if the proposals are for different projects.

Q. May an eligible organization resubmit a proposal which was previously submitted to the Mobile Source Outreach Assistance Competition, but was not selected? Yes. The proposals received by OMS in previous competitions were generally of very high quality. Clearly, all proposals of merit could not be selected due to limited resources available.

R. May an eligible organization submit a proposal for this fiscal year, even if it were previously awarded funding under this program? Yes. Applicants awarded funding in previous competitions may submit new proposals to fund a different project. This program is designed to provide seed money to initiate new projects or advance existing projects that are new in some way (e.g. new audiences, new locations, new approaches.)

S. Does this funding expire at the end of FY 00? No. The statute states that State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) for environmental programs remain available until expended (“no-year money”).

T. Ineligible proposals. Proposals will be determined to be ineligible if:

(1) The candidate organization is not currently defined as an air pollution control agency under section 302(b) of the Clean Air Act; (2) A required match cannot be met; (3) The proposal is incomplete (proposals must address each component outlined in section VII. N.); or (4) The proposal is costmarked after the deadline.

Section VIII. Current OMS/Section 105 Funded Outreach Projects

U. The following offers a brief sketch of projects funded through the Office of Mobile Sources, either with section 105 funding (indicated by year of funding) or projects that are intended to be national in scope, supported by OMS program funding (indicated by an asterisk “”).*

(Note: Some web sites provided offer information on a variety of air quality efforts being undertaken by the funded organization.)

Transportation Choices

“Reusable City” (1997)

Illinois EPA and the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry Contact: Betsy Tracey, 217/782–0408, “epa2212@epa.state.il.us”

The project is designed to:

- enhance the air quality and mobile source component of “Reusable City”—a permanent environmental science exhibit at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry
- present basic science, describe health effects, explain citizen role in contributing to mobile source emissions, explain “calls to action” such as Ozone Action Days,” foster critical problem-solving and decision-making skills
- create “real” meteorological station measuring actual ambient conditions outside the Museum, an interactive learning device (computer with CD ROM) and supporting materials to illustrate the relationship between meteorology and ozone. The user can become an ozone forecaster.
- Ribbon-cutting, June 24, 1998

Screen Seen” (1998)

Maine Department of Environmental Protection Judy Landers, 207/287–2437, “judy.land@state.me.us”

The project includes:

- full screen cinema commercials for “captive” audience of moviegoers
- 20-minute rotation of messages (visual images, trivia questions—OBD, PM, heavy duty, health message)
- posting of all slides on the “WWW;”
- Maine will assist states in adapting

“Chattanooga Lifestyle Campaign: Improving Chattanooga’s Air Quality Through Voluntary Citizen Behavior Change of Transportation Choices” (1997)

Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Board Contact: Bob Colby, 423/867–4321, “colby—bob@mail.chattanooga.gov”

Working with the Global Action Plan (GAP), the project goal will be to enhance the mobile source component of Chattanooga’s Household EcoTeam Project. The project includes:

- 4-month tracking of specific actions to reduce auto emissions through transportation choices in 50 households
- peer support and handbook to support family involvement
- follow up research to determine sustainability of new transportation practices
- two-part national technology transfer—invitational conference for local, state and federal air quality managers after demonstration period; broad-based outreach through presentations at meetings and conferences

*"It All Adds Up To Cleaner Air":
Transportation/Air Quality Public
Information Initiative **

Contacts: Joann Jackson Stephens (EPA/OMS), 734/214-4276; "jackson-stephens.joann@epa.gov"; Kathy Daniel (DOT/FHWA), 202/366-6276; "kathleen.daniel@fhwa.dot.gov"; Abbe Marner (DOT/FTA), 202/366-4317; "abbe.marner@fta.dot.gov"; ("www.epa.gov/oms/traq/traqpedo/italadd")

- This DOT/EPA collaborative effort is:
- community-based with support from federal agencies to increase public awareness of impact of travel behavior on air quality, and increase driving public's awareness of alternative modes of transportation and importance of travel choices on traffic congestion and air quality
 - built on results from 3 pilot community sites—Dover, DE; Milwaukee, WI; and San Francisco, CA
 - nationally available to 14 Demonstration Communities (received limited grant funding) and more than 60 "Materials Only" Communities in 1999
 - designed to include coalition-building, environmental education for youth, production of informational materials for public and media, and evaluation of changes in public awareness and actions
 - being conducted in cooperation with the Alliance for Clean Air and Transportation, a national public-private partnership created to address public education on transportation and air quality

"Public Outreach on Congestion Relief Pricing and Cash-Out Parking" (1998)

NY Department of Environmental Conservation/Tri-State Transportation Campaign Janine Bauer (Tri-State), 212/777-8181, "jbauer@tstc.org" Dave Shaw (NYDEC), 518/457-7231, "djshaw@gw.dec.state.ny.us"

- The project is:
- researching, producing and disseminating educational materials about market based pricing mechanisms to reduce auto travel
 - building on work with cash-out parking demo projects and Pricing Project Implementation on I-287/Tappan Zee Corridor
 - sending clear public health message

"Air World"—Interactive Information Kiosk (1997)

Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board Contact: Barbara Page, 805/645-1415, "barbara@vcapcd.org"

This initiative:

- created a stand-alone bilingual interactive information kiosk for the public focusing on transportation-related air quality issues with content which reflects national, state and local issues
- produced products including a prototype kiosk (providing other air quality management agencies with 60-70% of actual programming needed to produce a similar kiosk for their citizens—video, graphics, animation) and an instructional handbook

*"Rideshare," "Smoking Vehicles,"
"Mow Down Smog" (1999)*

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission/Alamo Area Council of Governments Contacts: Mike Fishburn (TNRCC), 512/239-1934, "mfishbur@tntcc.state.tx.us"; Contact: Liza Cardenas (AACOG), 210/362-5213, "l.cardenas@aacog.dst.tx.us"; ("www.aacog.dst.tx.us")

- In partnership with the Alamo Area Rideshare Program, "Ridesharing" is designed to:
- encourage commuters through radio and cinema advertisements to consider carpooling as an alternative form of transportation
 - educate consumers on the benefits of ride-sharing and trip reduction (cost savings, improved air quality, reduced congestion and enhanced quality of life) Building on the Texas "Smoking Vehicle Program," "Smoking Vehicles":
 - educates the public that vehicle smoke which is polluting the air is a result of mechanical problems
 - encourages the public to call in license plates numbers of smoking vehicles triggering a letter and response card to the motorist advising of the smoking vehicle report
 - informs the public through billboards on major highways
 - "Mown Down Smog" is:
 - a cash voucher program to encourage the public to trade in gasoline-powered lawn mowers for electric mowers

"Neighborhood Transportation Choices" (1999)

Spokane County Air Pollution Control Authority Contact: Lisa Woodard, 509/477-4727 x115, "publicinfo@scapca.org"

- This project is designed to:
- create a sustainable, neighborhood-based education and outreach effort
 - focus on personal as well as commuter trips
 - produce informational materials including video and neighborhood action kits

- achieve an overall 10-15% reduction in weekly vehicle miles traveled, vehicle trips and auto emissions
- improve air quality and public health by making safe and smart car use second nature for families as recycling is now

*"Commuter Choice" **

American Management Association (AMA) Contacts: Courtney Brockman, 202/347-1977, "cbrockman@amanet.org" ("www.amanet.org")

- Outreach support to the Commuter Choice program will include:
- a coalition of companies and organizations involved in Commuter Choice
 - a website to provide an array of information
 - a committee of representatives from key agencies to accomplish the objectives of the program

"Reducing Cold Starts/Diesel Emissions" (1999)

New York Department of Environmental Conservation/Tri-State Transportation Campaign Contacts: Dave Shaw (NYDEC), 518/457-7231, "djshaw@gw.dec.state.ny.us" Janine Bauer (Tri-State), 212-268-7474, "jbauer@tstc.org" ("www.tstc.org")

- The project is designed to:
- raise awareness among a wide variety of audiences of the air quality impacts of cold automobile engine starts and diesel soot from trucks
 - educate and motivate through media, posters, community meetings, Earth Day handouts and other known effective outreach mechanisms
 - encourage people who live near and use train stations to walk or bike, reducing pollution from cars and trucks through avoided trips, cleaner fuels and mode shifts

"Clean Air Fair 2000" Community Outreach Program (1999)

Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District Contact: Violette Roberts, 760/245-1661 x 6104, "vroberts@mdaqmd.ca.gov" ("www.mdaqmd.ca.gov")

- The project is:
- promoting public awareness about mobile sources, air quality and public health
 - developing and providing educational tools needed for the public to make informed decisions regarding purchase and use of mobile sources (car care, smog checks, less polluting lawn equipment, natural gas vehicles)
 - launching a comprehensive marketing campaign to increase attendance at annual "Clean Air Fair"

—designed to serve as a blueprint for other communities

Involving Youth in Mobile Source Issues

*“Let Kid Lead: Youth VMT Initiative” (“Creating Community-Based Solutions to Community-Defined Problems”)**

Academy for Educational Development (AED) Contacts: Bill Smith, 202/884-8750, “bsmith@aed.org”; Rick Bossi, 202/884-8898, “rbossi@aed.org” (“www.letkidslead.org/home.html”) (“www.aed.org”)

The purpose of this youth-based program, which has entered into partnership with Kansas City, Tampa and Boston as its pilot sites is to:

- create a replicable and sustainable program for involving youth and families in reducing growth in vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
- enable youth to communicate about travel choices, solve problems and make sound travel decisions to minimize VMT
- share successful practices, lessons learned and tools developed in the pilot sites with other communities
- serve as a blueprint for communities interested in including a youth component in efforts to reduce growth of VMT

“Easy Breathers” (1998)

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Sara Burr, 608/266-2621, “burrs@dnr.state.wi.us” (“www.dnr.state.wi.us”)

- The project is:
- a national educational effort focusing on the *science* of mobile sources
 - raising awareness and understanding high schools, technical and community colleges and business communities
 - being integrated/coordinated with the Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air (involved in pilot activities for transportation/air quality initiative) and the “Cleaner Cars” driver education curriculum module developed by the Environmental Health Center
 - a multimedia approach (interactive CD, poster, research materials, link to websites)

“Smog City: Interactive Air Pollution Simulator” (“www.smogcity.com”) (1998)

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District Contact: Kerry Shearer, 916/386-6180, “cleanair@sna.com” (“www.sparetheair.com”)

- “Smog City” is:
- designed for users to manipulate multiple on-screen controls with their

mouse to control variables within “Smog City,” and the simulation will be able to respond to that input based information

- colorful, challenging, completely interactive, instantly applicable in the classroom “I Can See for Miles” (1999)

Jefferson County Department of Health/Jefferson County Department of Environmental Protection (Alabama) Contacts: Sam Bell (JCDH), 205/930-1366, “sbell@jcdh.org”; Mike Higginbotham (JCDEP), 205/325-8712, “higginbotham@jcc.co.jefferson.al.us” “I Can See for Miles”:

- began with a Family Bike Day
- is taking the message of mobile source reductions to children and youth attending summer camps
- includes development of an ozone website directed at students

Educating Future Drivers and Consumers

*“Cleaner Cars Module: An Initiative to Encourage Responsible Car Maintenance and Driving Habits Among Future Drivers.”***

Environmental Health Center (National Safety Council) Contact: Bud Ward, 202/974-2461, “wardb@nsc.org” (“www.nsc.org/ehc/mse.htm”)

- Networking and coordinating with other similar projects across the country, this effort has:
- developed a driver education curriculum module for new drivers linking benefits of responsible maintenance to responsible driving for use in 3000+ public and private driver education programs nationwide
 - Products including teacher plans, exercises, information wheel, interactive CD ROM, overheads
 - Available now!

*NESCAUM Driver Education Pilot of “Cleaner Cars Module”***

Contact: Ginger Lawrence, 617/367-8540, “glawrence@nescaum.org” (“www.nescaum.org”)

- This effort:
- piloted the driver education curriculum module developed by the Environmental Health Center (see above) in several cities in the northeast

“I.D.L.E. in Dade” (1997)

Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management Contact: Kristin Buch, 305/372-6895, “kbuch@co.miami-dade.fl.us”

- The program:
- educates new drivers on the air quality impacts of driving, use of alternative fuels and transportation choices

- encourages responsible maintenance and driving practices
- teach critical-thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills through educational videos, informational handouts, creative hands-on demonstrations and design contests

“A Fresh Breath: Transportation Education for a Pollution-Free Tomorrow”/Annual Tour de Sol (1998-2000)*

Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA) Contacts: Chris Mason, 413/774-6051, “cmason@nesea.org”; Nancy Hazard, 413/774-6051, “nhazard@nesea.org”; (“www.nesea.org/transp-home.htm”)

Designed as a teacher training course, these projects:

- create educational resources that bring issues of transportation and the environment into middle school classrooms
- are delivered through workshops which get young people involved in making informed and environmentally sound transportation choices, and
- the annual Tour de Sol, US electric vehicle championship (which will travel from New York to Washington DC May 12-19, 2000)

*“Going Places, Making Choices: Transportation and the Environment”***

National 4-H Council Contact: Cindy Sturtevant, 301/961-2965, “csturtevant@fourhcouncil.edu” (“www.fourhcouncil.edu/whatsnew/utop.htm”)

- This project:
- supports effective distribution of an existing transportation/air quality/climate change curriculum to help high school age youth understand and respond to real life issues of transportation and personal mobility choices affecting their quality of life
 - has distributed more than 3,000 copies of the curriculum

Dealing With In-Use Emissions

“On Board Diagnostics II—Outreach to Technicians and Consumers” (1998)

Utah Department of Air Quality/Division of Air Quality Bill Colbert (Utah DAQ), 801/536-4423, “bcolbert@deq.state.ut.us”; Joe Thomas (Weber State University), 801/536-4175, “jthomas@deq.state.ut.us”; (“www.eq.state.ut.us/eqair/aq_home.htm”)

- The national OBDII Trainer the Trainer Workshop Series is:
- designed to on 2 tracks to support state I/M regulators and technical and

communication staff (Technical Track and Public Awareness Track)

*"OBD Training Course for Technicians"**

Service Technicians Society (STS)

Contact: 412/772-7166

STS is:

- Developing a training course on-board diagnostic systems for technicians. The video will be completed in mid-2000.

"Motivating Timely Repair of Vehicles not subject to I/M through Remote Sensing, Public Outreach, and Repair Community Incentives" (1998)

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Contact: Nina DeConcini (Oregon DEQ), 503/229-6788, "deconcini.nina@deq.state.or.us"; Ken Mays (Central Oregon Community College), 541/383-7753

This project will:

- raise awareness of highly polluting vehicles and their impact on public health
- motivate community actions to encourage repair of high emitting vehicles NOT subject to I/M
- mobilize the repair industry to offer repair incentives for vehicles identified as high emitters
- stimulate communities to use resources to promote and evaluate effectiveness of the program

*"Car Care for Clean Air" Pilot Project**

Contact: Bill Colbert, Utah DAQ 801/536-4423, "bcolbert@deq.state.ut.us" ("www.eq.state.ut.us/eqair/aq_home.htm")

This pilot project was designed to:

- raise public awareness of ways in which automotive service affects air quality
- create coalitions to identify ways to improve vehicle maintenance practices—elevating the number, skill sets, performance and image of vehicle maintenance technicians
- encourage environmentally-sound transportation choices in anticipation of 2002 Olympics and beyond

"The Air Repair Communications Project" (1997)

Missouri Department of Natural Resources Contact: Kerry Cordray, 573-751-4817, "nrcordk@mail.dnr.mo.us" ("www.dnr.state.mo.us")

- A bi-state effort in partnership with the American Lung Association of Eastern Missouri, the "Air Repair Communications Project" is:
- focusing on enhanced inspection and maintenance
- based on extensive market research
- creating replicable materials including media kits, psas, exhibits,

articles for newsletters, brochure to educate on enhanced I/M, theater screen slides, video to be distributed through Blockbuster;

- undertaking activities including car care clinics, community presentations, training and materials development for transportation management associations, participation at commuter fairs, open houses for public information exchange; make I/M program information available through posting on the WWW and other outreach tools

Alternative Fuels

"EVs for Tourists in Martha's Vineyard" (1999)

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Contact: Kristin MacFadyen, 617/556-1135, "kristin.macfadyen@state.ma.us"

The project was designed:

- as a pilot project to promote the use of electric vehicles and bring visibility to alternative fuels
- to create a display and educational events agenda
- improve air quality by displacing gasoline vehicles with electric vehicles
- educate auto technician students about alternative fuels and show successful and practical applications of electric vehicle repair
- prove by example that electric vehicles are a real world solution to dirty air

"Clean Fuel Fleets"—"One Stop" Information Resource Program (1999)

Georgia Department of Natural Resources/Clean Air Campaign/Clean Cities Contacts: William Cook (GA DNR), 404/362-2781, "william_cook@mail.dnr.state.ga.us"; Kent Igleheart (Clean Air Campaign), 404/524-4400, "kai@4cleanair.com" ("www.4cleanair.com")

This project will:

- use a variety of tools to reach different audiences, including fleet operators and the general public
- create tools to include an interactive CD ROM, a "one stop" website, a national toll-free hotline, fleet managers' workshop, newsletters, fax alerts and theater slides

Heavy Duty

"Heavy Duty Vehicle Emission Reduction Outreach Program" (1998)

San Joaquin Valley United Air Pollution Control District Contact: Dave Mitchell/Janis Parker, 209/497-1075, "sjvuapcd@psnw.com"

This comprehensive marketing program is:

- targeting owners/operators of heavy duty on-road and non-road engines and demonstrating operating advantages
- informing potential participants of all available local, state, and federal incentives for using clean technology
- participating in annual Tulare Farm and Equipment Show (display/product show and breakout session)

Off Road

"Clean Snowmobiles: Workshops, Challenge 2000, and Partnerships" (1999)

Montana Department of Environmental Quality Contact: Howard Haines, 406/444-6773, "hhaines@state.mt.us" ("www.sae.org/students/snowfact.htm" "www.sae.org/students/snownews.htm")

The partnerships will:

- build on results from recent technical studies that reduce emissions from snowmobiles
- develop an education effort targeted at voluntary public use of pollution reducing technologies
- support a clean snowmobile design competition (in partnership with the Society of Automotive Engineers)
- establish a regional clearinghouse for relevant technologies

Small Engines

"Cash for Clippers" (1997)

Maryland Department of the Environment Contact: Tad Aburn, 410/631-3245, "gaburn@mde.state.md.us"

This program:

- educated consumers about pollution prevention, ground-level ozone, MDE's forecasting program, and the impact of lawn and garden equipment
- offered rebates toward purchase of non-gasoline powered lawn mowers
- developed economic incentives to prevent pollution, foster creativity and innovation within the private and public sectors

Environmental Justice

"Outreach to Hispanic and Chinese Communities" (1999)

Bay Area Air Quality Management District Contact: Theresa Lee, 415/749-4905, "tlee@baaqmd.gov"

The project will:

- begin with development of "trial" messages for radio and television focusing on the relationship of mobile sources, air quality and health, the importance of proper car maintenance, and advantages of carpooling
- include focus groups, production and placement of ads
- be designed for hand off to other communities

*Programs in Support of NAAQS**"Air Pollution, Motor Vehicles and Public Health"**

American Lung Association (ALA)
Contact: Katherine Pruitt, 202/785-3355, "kpruitt@lungusa.org" ("www.lungusa.org")

Mini-grants provided to 15 local lung associations (through ALA competitive process) for public education efforts which address a wide range of mobile source issues.

- Projects are designed to:
 - send a strong public health message focused on children and asthma designed to raise public awareness of air quality and the impact of mobile sources
 - be implemented in ozone season 2000

"Integrate the Televised Ozone Map with Mobile Source Outreach Initiatives" (1997)

NESCAUM/MARAMA/OTC
Collaboration Contact: Ginger Lawrence, NESCAUM, 617/367-8540 ("www.nescaum.org")

- This project:
- expanded the scope of the animated ozone map to 14 states+ represented by NESCAUM, MARAMA and OTC
 - encourages region-wide distribution and use of the map, conduct public outreach to inform and motivate voluntary mobile source ozone abatement actions, and development of outreach materials for meteorologists and the public
 - provides technical assistance to other regions of the country interested in the benefits of ozone mapping and forecasting, through creation of a web site and other outreach activities

*Ozone and Particulate Matter Outreach**

STAPPA/ALAPCO Contact: David Wallenberg, 202/624-7864, "davew@sso.org" ("www.4cleanair.org")

STAPPA/ALAPCO is developing dynamic education and outreach materials to help state and local air agencies communicate the ozone and PM decisions and potential implications to elected officials, the media and the public. The project: produced and distributed an informational video on PM 2.5—"Small Town Saves World" to every state and local air agency. The video is designed to educate important constituents including state and local elected officials, civic and business groups and high school and college students.

SECTION IX. Other Items of Interest

V. Is there other information I should have before applying? Yes.

- Submission of an Intent to Apply or a final proposal does not guarantee funding.
- Supplementary information, including letters of recommendation, will not be reviewed by the evaluators.
- Only those organizations selected will be required to submit a complete "Application for Federal Assistance and Budget Information (SF 424 and SF 424A) to the appropriate EPA Regional Office."

Section X. How to Apply

W. How do I apply? Intents to Apply may take the form of email, fax or phone call to the Program Contact listed below. Include organization, contact, phone and project title/subject. Please Submit Informal Intents to Apply by January 7, 2000.

Completed Proposals must be postmarked or received on or before midnight, Wednesday, February 23, 2000 (original + 6—no binders or spiral binding please!)

Via regular mail to: Susan Bullard, Director of Outreach, US EPA Office of Mobile Sources, Mail Code 6406J, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Express mail must be received by no later than midnight on Wednesday, February 23, at the following address: Susan Bullard, Director of Outreach, US EPA Office of Mobile Sources, 501 Third Street NW, Room 5304D, (202) 564-9856, (202) 564-9403 (backup number for expressed proposals only).

[Note: Proposals may be e-mailed or faxed only as a placeholder, and must be followed by a hard copy original and 6 copies postmarked or received no later than the deadline.]

Deadline for Completed Final Proposals Must be received or postmarked no later than midnight on Wednesday, February 23, 2000.

Section XI. OMS Program Contact

Susan Bullard, Director of Outreach, EPA Office of Mobile Sources, 401 M Street SW (Mail Code 6406J), Washington, DC 20460, (Phone) 202/564-9856, (Fax) 202/565-2085, "bullard.susan@epa.gov".

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pollution Prevention Grants and Announcement of Financial Assistance Programs Eligible for Review; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that EPA expects to have approximately \$5 million available in fiscal year 2000 grant/cooperative agreement funds under the Pollution Prevention Incentives for States (PPIS) grant program. Grants/cooperative agreements will be awarded under the authority of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990. The Pollution Prevention Act provides funds to state and tribal programs that address the reduction or elimination of pollution across all environmental media (air, land, and water) and to strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of State technical assistance programs in providing source reduction information to businesses. This notice also establishes the criteria to be used by applicants to draft funding proposals.

DATES: The deadlines for submission of applications and proposals for funding will be set by each EPA region. Contact the EPA Regional Pollution Prevention Coordinator for specific dates.

ADDRESSES: Proposals and applications must be submitted to the respective EPA Regional Pollution Prevention Coordinator at the address listed in Unit XI of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about the grant program contact: Christopher Kent, Pollution Prevention Division (7409) Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Str., SW, Washington, Dc 20460; telephone (202) 260-3480; email address kent.christopher@epa.gov.

For technical and regionally specific information contact: The EPA Regional Pollution Prevention Coordinator listed under Unit XI of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. General Information***A. Does this Action Apply to me?*

This action is directed to State governments, State programs or departments as well as other State institutions, such as universities as well as all federally recognized Native American Tribes. Local governments,