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EPA Announces \$3 million Collaborative Diesel Emissions Reductions RFP Due March 23

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the availability of \$3 million in grant monies for projects aimed at reducing diesel emissions in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon or Washington. The grant program is part of the *West Coast Collaborative* which has awarded more than \$2.6 million in grants for 28 projects since 2004. This year the agency expects to award up to 12 grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

EPA is seeking grant proposals for projects that demonstrate new, innovative or experimental approaches to reducing diesel emissions. Past grant projects have included electrifying truck stops and cruise ship terminals, converting restaurant waste oil to biodiesel fuel and a establishing a revolving loan fund to reduce locomotive emissions.

Proposals are due on March 23, 2006. EPA will host a question and answer session via teleconference on February 6, 2006 at 1 p.m. PST, call-in number: 1-866-299-3188, passcode 2023439636#; and will attempt to answer any appropriate questions about the grant solicitation.

In 2005, under the National Clean Diesel Campaign, Smartway and the West Coast Collaborative, EPA awarded more than \$2.2 million to West Coast states for diesel emissions reductions.

Diesel exhaust contributes to elevated levels of smog and particulate matter pollution. The West Coast Collaborative, part of the National Clean Diesel Campaign, is a partnership between leaders from federal, state, and local governments, the private sector and environmental groups.

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For more information about the West Coast Collaborative Grants and the application process you can go to the following website:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/airpage.nsf/grants/wcc+rfp>