

## Diesel Request for Proposals

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The Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association(MARAMA) on behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative plans to put in an application in response to the anticipated grant competition from EPA as part of the President's Stimulus package that was recently signed. (For details from EPA about the diesel components please see <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/grantfund.htm>.) Our understanding is that this process once in motion will move very quickly and in order to be able to submit a proposal we have chosen to start our process in advance of EPA's formal RFA announcement. We will issue additional directions and revise our process as needed.

Our charge is to include projects that will not be part of another regional proposal. States and others will also be developing proposals. We will consider ALL projects submitted to us, but encourage interested parties to coordinate with local leads, particularly in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh which already have strong diesel programs.

The goals for the MARAMA/MDC proposal are to

- Reduce diesel emissions in the Mid-Atlantic Region via projects to Repair/Rebuild, Refuel, Retrofit, Repower and Replace.
- Cover a diverse number of vehicles types, locations, technologies and strategies (the five "R's" above).

We anticipate submitting a project proposal including 6-10 projects with a total budget of \$3-5 million.

### **Submittal of Proposals**

If you are interested in being considered for this proposal, please submit the information listed below to MARAMA by 5:00 p.m. March 24, 2009. One electronic copy of the complete proposal must be submitted. (MARAMA uses Word, Word Perfect, Excel, Power Point, and Adobe Acrobat Reader, so electronic copies must use these programs.) Submit electronic copies to [sstephenson@marama.org](mailto:sstephenson@marama.org). Three paper copies must be submitted by 5PM March 25 to Susan S. Stephenson, Senior policy Analyst, MARAMA, 8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 636, Towson, MD 21286. Paper copies will not be considered unless an identical copy has been received by 5PM March 9, 2009.

### Proposal Content and Format

Proposals should be limited to 5 pages, with 12 point font size with a margin of 1" on all four sides, and should address the following:

#### **PROGRAM TITLE**

- ***Narrative Project Description:***
- ***Project Partners:***
- ***Project Leader Contact Information:***
- ***Project Partners Contact Information:***
- ***Timeline:***
- ***Location:***
- ***Costs:***
- ***Leveraged Resources: (in-kind contributions are allowable)***

- *Estimated Diesel Emissions Reductions: (please use EPA's Emissions Quantifier)*

### Evaluation of Proposals

#### Evaluation Criteria

- Amount of Emission Reductions 25%
- Clearly Defined Project Including Vehicle and Technology Information 20%
- Ability to execute project within one year 20%
- Cost 10%
- Meets other goals of Stimulus Package 10%
- Proposer's Past Experience & Performance 5%
- Is Project Located in an Air Quality Nonattainment Area 5%
- Does Project Affect Sensitive or Low Income/Minority Populations 5%

### Questions

Any questions about this RFP should be sent in writing via e-mail to Susan Stephenson at [sstephenson@marama.org](mailto:sstephenson@marama.org). Questions and answers will be posted on MARAMA's web site at [www.marama.org](http://www.marama.org) under "Contracts - RFPs." No further questions or answers will be posted after March 5, 2009.