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EPA Announces Mid-Atlantic Diesel Implementation Program

Click [here](#) for link to EPA's site.

For fiscal year 2008, Congress appropriated funds for the first time under the Energy Policy Act (2005) to help reduce harmful emissions from heavy duty diesel engines. Through the National Clean Diesel Campaign, the EPA will award grants to assist its eligible partners in building diesel emission reduction programs across the county that improve air quality and protect public health. EPA Region 3, as part of the Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative, announces the availability of funds and solicits project proposals from eligible entities to reduce diesel emissions in EPA Region 3. The total estimated funding is approximately \$3.1 million available for the deployment of EPA-verified and certified technologies. EPA Region 3 anticipates making 5-10 awards ranging from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000.

RFP # EPA-R3APD-08-0201 – Closing Date: June 13, 2008

For more information about the National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program and other clean diesel funding opportunities please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/grantfund.htm>

Diesel Technology Forum: Free Webinar Series Addresses Diesel Hybrid Technology

The webinars are FREE and all you need to participate is to register [here](#) and have an internet connection on the day of the webinar.

"Diesel Hybrids - The Best of Both Worlds"

Thursday, March 13, 2008

2:00 - 3:30 pm (EDT)

Register NOW!

Most heavy- and medium-duty vehicles use diesel engines because of their power, durability and efficiency. Now with the commercial availability of hybrid technologies, these two power sources are being married to further improve efficiency and reduce emissions in school and transit buses, delivery vehicles and other trucks.

During this webinar speakers will discuss the combined technology, its performance and the cost-benefit analysis that should be undertaken as fleet managers buy new vehicles and policymakers look for ways to encourage adoption of cleaner technologies.

Presenters:

Guy Rini, Volvo Powertrain

"Diesel Hybrid Technology: What, Why & How"

James M. Williams, Navistar, Inc.

"Vehicle and Equipment Applications"

David Mikoryak, Allison Transmission

"Diesel Hybrid Transit Buses: The Heavy Duty Prius"

Robb Barnitt, National Renewable Energy

Laboratory (NREL)

"A Comparative Look at Diesel Hybrid Transit Bus Performance"

[2008 Diesel Engine-Efficiency and Emissions Research \(DEER\) Conference](#)

The 14th Diesel Engine-Efficiency and Emissions Research (DEER) Conference will be held on August 4-7, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn in Dearborn, Michigan.

For more than a decade, the DEER Conference has been the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) primary mechanism for the public exchange of state-of-the-art advanced combustion engine research and development (R&D).

DEER brings together professionals in the engine community including engineers, scientists, academics, State and Regional regulators, environmental researchers and nonprofit organizations. At DEER 2008, DOE will showcase its cooperatively funded R&D with its partners, national laboratories, the nation's automotive transportation industry, universities, and other national and international organizations. DEER fosters the exchange of information and best practices through presentations and posters from new and on-going engine R&D and networking with industry colleagues.

[Inaugural East Coast Faster Freight Cleaner Air Conference Registration Open](#)

Click [here](#) for more information

Over the past four years, Faster Freight – Cleaner Air (FFCA) has established itself as the nation's leading conference series on goods movement and air quality. This year, the inaugural East Coast event will take place at the **Jacob K. Javits Convention Center** in New York City. The event will feature general sessions, breakout sessions (tracks covering Marine, Rail, On-Road/Trucking, and Off-Road), a tradeshow and off-site tours of the New York / New Jersey harbor.

Come join us at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, July 8th through 9th, and see how FFCA is leading the charge to revolutionize the goods movement industry.

About FFCA

Faster Freight - Cleaner Air (FFCA) is the premier conference series in North America showcasing solutions and resources to improve operations and reduce air emissions from the goods movement industry. In addition to FFCA East Coast, the series has an annual Southern California event which takes place in February (www.ffcalifornia.com) and FFCA Puget Sound which takes place annually in Seattle (www.ffcapugetsound.com).

Alternative Fuel Vehicle Institute National Conference, May 11-14

The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Institute's National Conference and Expo 2008 will take place May 11-14, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The four-day event will be attended by 2,000 delegates and include 200 speakers addressing such issues as well-to-wheels analyses of alternative fuels, new trends in "clean" goods movement, carbon emissions credit trading, the California Energy Commission's Alternative Fuel Plan and aftermarket solutions for heavy-duty vehicles. In addition, there will be an extensive "expo" featuring engine technologies certified by U.S. EPA and the California Air Resources Board, as well as exhibits by fuel providers, service providers and representatives of other related industries. For more information on the conference, including registration and a complete agenda, visit the conference web site at

<http://www.afvi.org/NationalConference2008>.