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Diesel Truck Idling Reduction Grant Application is Available

Madison—Wisconsin motor carriers are now eligible to apply for cost-sharing funds through the Diesel Truck Idling Reduction Grant Program. This grant is operated by the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA), Division of Energy, Housing, and Community Resources.

The program provides Wisconsin-based trucking companies with a reimbursement of up to 50 percent of the costs of idling reduction equipment and installation for heavy-duty diesel truck-tractors. Idling reduction units (IRUs) provide an alternative source of power to heat, cool, or provide electricity to the cab and parts of the truck in lieu of operating the truck's main drive engine. Units include but are not limited to: Auxiliary Power Units (APU), Battery-Powered (BP) units, Diesel-Fired Heaters (DFH), and Energy Recovery Systems, also known as Thermal Storage Systems (ERS/TSS).

DOA anticipates awarding Wisconsin motor carriers \$1 million in cost-sharing benefits for the upcoming application cycle (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016).

Applications will be accepted from July 17, 2015 through September 11, 2015 and can be found at www.stateenergyoffice.wi.gov/dieselgrantprogram. Additional information is available on the website including eligibility requirements, frequently asked questions, and a factsheet. Specific application questions can be directed to Jean Beckwith at Jean.Beckwith@wisconsin.gov or call (608) 261-2517.

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