

Dear SDPTA Members,

The Port of San Diego would like to offer its tenants an opportunity to apply for grant funding for alternative fuel vehicles and equipment through a combined state-federal source. To apply, you need to submit the required information to the Port by **Friday, July 10, 2009** in order for the Port to coordinate and prepare an application for submission.

Grant Opportunity (Federal grant to be matched by a CEC grant)

- The California Energy Commission's (CEC) annual Alternative and Renewable Fuel Program has funding available to develop and deploy alternative and renewable fuel vehicles and equipment through FY2010.
 - CEC plans to award off-road projects for ports, truck stop electrification, and other off-road applications for a total of \$11.5 million.
- The U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities grant^[1] (to be matched by the CEC grant) is expected to result in awards ranging between \$5 and \$15 million with a total of 20 to 30 awards anticipated.
 - Funding is to be used to pay for the incremental cost to purchase new vehicles/equipment or the retrofit/conversion/repower of conventional vehicles (i.e., vehicles originally designed to operate using conventional diesel or gasoline).
 - Limited to \$50,000 per vehicle for off-road alternative fuel or advance technology vehicles, not to exceed the actual incremental cost.
 - The purchase or installation of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fueled or advanced technology vehicle is also eligible. Limited expenses associated with operation and maintenance of vehicles, infrastructure and other associated equipment are also allowable.

Types of Equipment Eligible

Conversion of light, medium or heavy duty vehicles to the following are eligible:

- Vehicles using alternative fuels recognized by Energy Policy Act^[2];
- Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles;
- Electric Hybrid Vehicles;
- Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles;
- Neighborhood Electric Vehicles for light duty vehicles only (if replacing full size on-road vehicles);
- Diesel Vehicles with 2009 MY or later compliant emissions for light duty vehicles only (if replacing gasoline powered vehicles and in conjunction with biodiesel fuel use); and/or
- Hydraulic Hybrid for medium and heavy duty vehicles only.
- **Off-road equipment are qualified for funding under only one technology category – Electric Drive.**

Examples of eligible equipment include, but are not limited to:

- Cargo handling equipment such as yard trucks
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- Forklifts
- Excavators
- Loaders

Application Process for Interested Tenants

The Port will coordinate gathering of information and preparation of the final application to be submitted by September 1, 2009, with subsequent follow-up dates. If interested, each tenant will need to provide equipment information, including fuel usage and equipment rating data.

**Please contact Cody Hooven at chooven@portofsandiego.org or 619-686-8162
by Friday, July 10, 2009
in order to be included in this grant opportunity.**