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Grant Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Transportation requests proposals for the Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction Program. This RFP will provide financial support to public transit agencies for capital investments that will reduce the energy consumption or GHG emissions of their public transportation systems. \$75 million expected to be available, up to 40 awards anticipated.

Responses due 8/11/10.
<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=54280>

Source: www.grants.gov



Polk County Receives Postcards

The Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, in partnership with the Iowa Clean Cities Coalition and the Iowa Department of Transportation, sent more than 18,000 postcards to Polk county residents who own flex-fuel vehicles (FFVs). The organizations were fulfilling legislation requiring the Office of Energy Independence to alert those who own FFVs of the benefits of Ethanol 85 fuel.

The postcard highlights the environmental advantages of Ethanol 85 (E85) fuel. E85 is composed of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline, and can safely be used in all FFVs. It helps the environment by reducing harmful emissions, and is made from renewable resources, such as Iowa corn, which helps to increase national energy security.

The postcard also highlights the economic advantages of E85. "In Polk County, domestically-produced E85 is typically selling for more than 70 cents

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Iowa Clean Cities Receives Argonne Laboratory Intern

The Iowa Clean Cities Coalition (ICCC) is one of 25 selected Clean Cities Coalitions to participate in the summer intern program sponsored by the Argonne National Laboratory. The purpose of the internship is to provide a current college junior or senior the opportunity to gain valuable research skills on alternative fuel markets in the state of Iowa and also plan and coordinate seminars with stakeholders in the industry.

The position has been filled by Carly Lintner. Carly will be a junior at The University of Iowa, majoring in civil/environmental engineering and obtaining a certificate in sustainability. She says "I'm excited to be working with Brian and the Iowa Clean Cities Coalition. Renewable energy is something I am passionate about, and I feel that the program allows for innovation, creativity, and growth."

This summer, Carly will be focusing on connecting with flex-fuel vehicle (FFV) owners regarding their options for refueling in the state and promoting the use of alternative fuels within transportation sectors.

-Carly Lintner

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less than gasoline—which is made from imported oil. That’s only 10 cents per mile for E85 compared to straight gasoline at 13 cents per mile.”

The front of the mailing lists service stations in the Des Moines area that provide E85 fuel for purchase. Making FFV owners aware of their vehicle’s capabilities and where to refuel their FFV is crucial in making a habit of refueling with alternative fuels.

-Carly Lintner

Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program Provides Ethanol and Biodiesel Funding

The Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program was created to improve motor fueling sites by installing, replacing or converting motor fuel storage and dispensing infrastructure for ethanol and biodiesel. The program also works to install biodiesel terminals for biodiesel and biodiesel blended fuels.

The program allocates funding in the form of grants. The maximum award shall not exceed 50%-70% of the actual cost of making the improvement, or \$30,000-\$50,000 for retail motor fuel infrastructure and \$100,000 for B99-B100 biodiesel terminal infrastructure, whichever is less.

From the program’s beginning in 2006 until 2009, the Iowa Department of Economic Development awarded 269 grants to owners and operators of retail motor fuel sites and biodiesel terminals through the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Program, resulting in a total of \$8,288,973.60. The infrastructure funding has assisted ethanol and the industry in expanding and growing throughout Iowa. Any questions regarding the program, contact the Iowa Department of Economic Development at 515-242-4700.

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| E-85 dispensers | 64 | \$1,811,358.52 |
| E-85 Blender dispensers | 23 | \$986,100.00 |
| E-85 and Biodiesel dispensers | 5 | \$118,200.00 |
| Biodiesel dispensers | 26 | \$706,700.00 |
| Biodiesel Terminal w/heater | 10 | \$466,150.00 |
| Biodiesel Tank wagons | 80 | \$2,096,100.00 |

Allocation of Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program funding from 2006 to 2009.

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CALENDAR

World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology & Bioprocessing
Washington, DC
June 27-30

2010 TCS for Biofuels and Biobased Products
Iowa State University
Ames, IA
September 21-23

International Bioenergy Days
Rockford, IL
September 26-29

Alternative Fuel Vehicles Odyssey Day
Des Moines, IA
October 15

October is Energy Awareness Month!