AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

TITLE: Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Program

ACTION: Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP: EPA-OAR-OTAQ-08-06

CFDA: 66.039

SUMMARY: Formal Agency responses to questions regarding the subject RFP

DATE: August 25, 2008

Q1: Can I use a technology not listed on the Emerging Technologies List?

A1: No. Only technologies listed on the emerging technologies list by the close of the RFP (September 22) are eligible for use under this RFP.

Q2: If I want to use a technology not listed on the Emerging Technologies List what can I do to have it placed on the list?

A2: In order to begin the process of placement on the Emerging Technologies List, the manufacturer must first fill out an application and submit it to cleandiesel@epa.gov (http://www.epa.gov/otaq/retrofit/documents/forms.xls). Manufacturers should also submit an explanation describing why the technology should be considered an emerging technology. Please note, there is no guarantee a manufacturer will be able to be placed on the list before the close of the RFP.

Q3: Does a university qualify as an eligible entity?

A3: A university must qualify as a "state agency" to qualify as an eligible entity.

Q4: Could you explain what defines, "jurisdiction over transportation or air quality"?

A4: This means that the entity applying for funds must have the right to exercise authority over transportation of air quality issues. For example a state environmental department would qualify but not a state department of corrections since their focus is not on transportation or air quality issues.

Q5: Can private fleets be used in the EPA Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Program?

A5: Yes, however an eligible entity must apply for funding and oversee the grant work.

Q6: If private fleets can be used, is there a deduction of points during the evaluations?

A6: No.

Q7: Are hydraulic hybrid systems eligible under this RFP?

A7: A hydraulic hybrid technology is an example of what COULD be considered an emerging technology; however, a manufacturer must first contact EPA to begin the process of placement on the emerging technology list.