

Proposed Project Information: Nonroad Vehicle/Equipment Replacement

Replacement of nonroad diesel equipment and vehicles used in construction or cargo handling, including railcar movers.

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) is considering applying for a DERA National Competitive Grant as a supplement to the annual Nebraska Clean Diesel Rebate Program. The department is soliciting information on potential projects that could be included in such an application.

Who is eligible?

NDEE is soliciting proposals from public entities (including but not limited to county and municipal governments), private organizations, companies, and individuals.

Applicants may submit information for up to two pieces of equipment.

Nonroad vehicles and equipment to be replaced must:

- be fully operational and have a Tier 3 or lower diesel engine with at least three years of remaining life as estimated by the owner
- have been operated at least 500 hours per year for each of the previous two years
- have been under current ownership for the past two years
- operate entirely within the state of Nebraska
- be scrapped if selected for replacement

Each replacement nonroad vehicle or piece of equipment must:

- have a Tier 4 diesel engine or be zero-emission (battery electric)
- resemble the existing unit in form and function

Expected reimbursements:

- for replacement by a diesel vehicle/equipment, 25% of the new unit cost.
- for replacement by a zero-emission unit, 45% of the cost of the new vehicle/equipment plus one charging unit for each (including mount and pedestal).

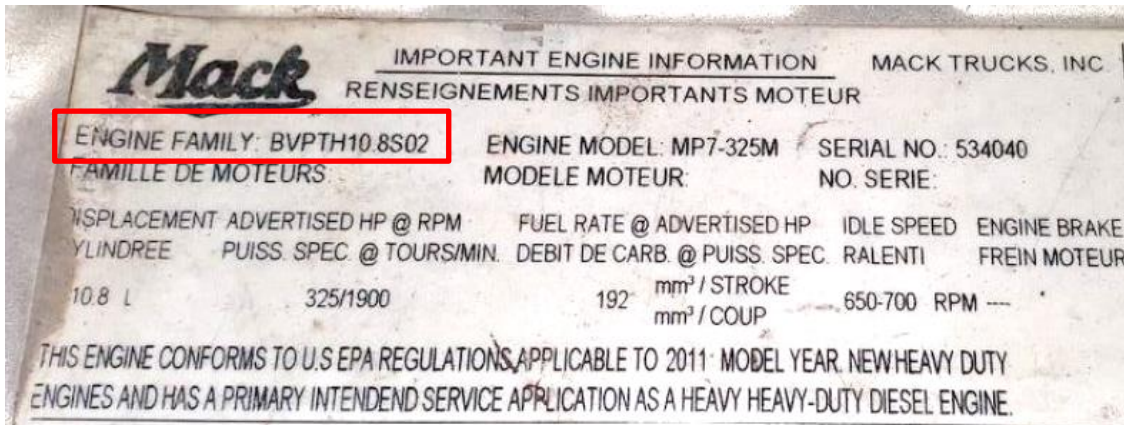
Submission of Project Proposal and Cost-Share Commitment Letter

NDEE's proposed application for the DERA National Competitive Grant Program must identify each vehicle or piece of equipment that is to be replaced along with quoted purchase costs. We must also include information on the engine and the annual vehicle miles or hours of use; this information is used to determine project eligibility and to estimate the emission reductions to be achieved by the project.

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Please use the attached form to provide information on the piece(s) of nonroad equipment you propose to be replaced and the proposed replacement(s). You must obtain a price quote for the new equipment and include the quoted price on the form. Documentation of ownership (title and registration), mileage/hours of use, and copies of actual price quote documents are NOT required with your proposal. However, if your project is selected and funded, NDEE will require this documentation before entering into a project agreement.

A required item on the proposal form is the Engine Family of the diesel engine; this is a 12-character (letters and numbers) identifier assigned when the diesel engine model was certified in compliance with EPA emission standards. An example of an engine emissions label showing the engine family is shown below.



Along with your project proposal you must also submit a **Cost-Share Commitment Letter** stating that if your project is selected for funding, you will provide the funds needed for the mandatory cost-share for your project. A template for a Cost-Share Commitment Letter is attached.

Please submit the proposal form and cost-share commitment letter no later than Tuesday, September 20th, 2022. Submission of a proposal does not guarantee selection or funding.

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Section 1 – Applicant Information

Organization/Company Name: _____

Project Manager (if different from authorized signatory): _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Email address: _____ Phone: _____

County in which equipment operates: _____

Section 2 – Original Equipment Information	Unit 1	Unit 2
Type of Vehicle/Equipment		
Vehicle/Equipment serial number		
Unit number		
Vehicle/Equipment manufacturer		
Vehicle/Equipment model		
Vehicle/Equipment model year		
Engine manufacturer		
Engine model		
Engine model year		
Engine EPA Family		
Engine horsepower		
Gross Vehicle Weight Rating		
Fuel Type		
Annual Fuel Consumption*		
Annual Hours Idling		
Annual number of hours in operation* (minimum 500)		
Remaining years of service (estimate) (minimum 3)		
* If project is selected for funding, documentation of these values will be required.		

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Section 3 – Bid Information: Provide summary information from the dealer’s quote or bid in the fields below. If proposing different replacement models, provide a copy of this page for each replacement unit. If project is selected for funding, copies of the quote(s) will be required.		
Vendor:	Engine Manufacturer:	
Vehicle/Equipment Manufacturer:	Engine Model:	
Vehicle/Equipment Model:	Fuel: <input type="checkbox"/> CNG <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Electric	
Gross Vehicle Weight:	Engine Horsepower:	
Purchase Price per Unit:	Number of Units:	
<u>Charging Equipment for Battery-Electric Vehicle/Equipment:</u>		
Charger Manufacturer:	Charger Model:	Purchase Price:
Other details:		
Section 4 – Rebate Amount Requested		
Total Cost:	Rebate Amount Requested: CNG: 35% of base cost; DIESEL: 25% of base cost; ELECTRIC: 45% of base cost of unit and charger.	Cost-Share Amount: (Total Cost – Rebate Amount)

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Section 6 – Applicant Certification

Owner or Authorized Representative: I certify to the best of my knowledge that:

- The information contained herein is true and correct.
- The vehicle(s)/equipment would not be replaced without financial assistance from NDEE.
- The vehicle(s)/equipment being replaced is/are currently in use, in proper working condition, and currently used for local construction, cargo handling, or railcar moving. If selected for an award, the new vehicle(s)/equipment will perform this same function.
- The applicant has owned the vehicle(s)/equipment for at least the last two years.
- Each unit described herein has operate for at least 500 hours for each of the last two years.
- If selected for an award, the organization/company will maintain ownership of the replacement vehicle(s)/equipment for at least five years from the date of purchase. I understand that if the replacement unit is sold before the end of the five-year period or used for purposes other than specified in the conditions of this rebate program, the organization/company may be required to return up to the full amount of the rebate to NDEE. The amount required to be returned is at the discretion of NDEE and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- The applicant is either headquartered or has an operational base in Nebraska and the new vehicle(s)/equipment will continue to operate in Nebraska.
- The new vehicle(s)/equipment will not be used for fleet expansion.
- The vehicle(s)/equipment to be replaced will be properly disposed of in accordance with the requirements of this program.
- I understand that any costs that are incurred before the project period begins and after the project period ends will not be eligible for reimbursement.
- I am not currently debarred or suspended from receiving federal funding.
- I have the legal authority to sign this agreement.
- I acknowledge that failure to provide all applicable information may result in the denial of my application.

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature

Date

Mail, e-mail, or hand-deliver Project Information Form and Cost-Share Commitment Letter to:

Nebraska Clean Diesel Rebate Program
Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
245 Fallbrook Blvd
P.O. Box 98922
Lincoln NE 68509-8922
NDEE.AirQuality@nebraska.gov

Cost-Share Commitment Letter Template

[Date]

[Company Name]

[Address]

[City], NE [Zip]

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P.O. Box 98922
Lincoln, NE 68509-8922

NDEE Clean Diesel Rebate Coordinator:

As an authorized representative of [Company Name], I understand that the diesel emission reduction project proposed herein will be reviewed by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) for eligibility and for the projected amount of emissions reductions. If the project is selected by NDEE and NDEE's competitive grant application is fully funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the grant to NDEE would provide partial reimbursement for the project costs upon completion of the project, according to the grant guidelines provided by NDEE and EPA. I understand that the remaining project costs, termed the Mandatory Cost Share, would be the responsibility of [Company Name], which hereby commits to meet the Mandatory Cost Share in full if the project is selected and funded. I understand that no other federal grant funds may be used to cover any portion of the Mandatory Cost Share.

Sincerely,

[Signature of authorized representative]

[Printed name and title of authorized representative]