

SCHOOL BUSES AND CLEAN DIESEL OPPORTUNITIES



National School
Transportation Association

Funding Available Now! We can Help. Contact NSTA.

“I want the school district and the parents of the children I drive to feel like I am doing everything I can to make their ride as safe and clean as possible while improving my business opportunities.”


– Dale Krapf, Krapf Bus Companies


1. Although school bus emissions are much cleaner than ever before, there is still concern in communities across America about exhaust in and around school buses.

2. EPA, DOT and state programs provide clean diesel funding and tax incentives. NSTA recommends the following projects that contractors can undertake using these programs:

- a. Install idle reduction technologies that conserve fuel and reduce emissions.
- b. Go “green” with newer retrofit technology that will reduce emissions.
- c. Replace older buses with new, “greener” buses. (Note that you cannot use EPA funds for new buses that are part of your regular replacement schedule.)
- d. Purchase and use biodiesel fuels that cut emissions and help greater energy independence.

3. What you can do.

 Pursue funding for any of these options from federal or state EPAs, state highway programs or other state efforts. In particular, EPA regional offices are **currently soliciting grant applications** under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act for a total of \$28 million in Federal project grants with priority given to areas that do not meet current air quality standards

 School bus **contractors** may pursue funding through local school districts, other state or local governmental agencies, or nonprofit transportation or public health advocacy organizations. NSTA can apply for this funding on behalf of our members, but we can do it only if we know that members want the grants. We will consolidate the requests of members within an EPA Region into one application and submit on your behalf. Because the deadlines for applications are as early as late May, you must act soon if you want to participate.

4. Contact NSTA by April 25. If you are interested, check the boxes below and let us know a little about your operation. Fax this form back to NSTA headquarters at 703-684-3212. For more information, you can also call NSTA at 703-684-3200 or email rleeds@yellowbuses.org.

5. Yes, I am interested in funding for the following _____

No, I am not interested because _____

Name: _____ Company: _____

Locations _____ Phone: _____

If you don't apply on time you will not be able to get funding until next year.