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ADEQ Makes Funding Available for Reducing Emissions from Diesels

NORTH LITTLE ROCK—The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) announced today that it is accepting proposal submissions for the Reduce Emissions from Diesels program (Go RED!).

In 2005, Congress passed the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA). DERA stipulates that seventy percent of the funds it appropriates annually be used for national competitive grants. The remaining thirty percent of funds are allocated to the states to reduce diesel emissions.

ADEQ distributes DERA funds in Arkansas through the Go RED! program. Funding from this program reimburses agencies, businesses, cities, counties, and schools for a percentage of expenses for projects that reduce or eliminate diesel emissions on medium and heavy-duty vehicles and equipment, or for replacements of those vehicles and equipment.

2016 program year's recipients included:

- Clinton School District—Replaced two school buses
- Danville School District—Replaced one school bus
- County Line School District—Replaced one school bus
- Dover School District—Replaced two school buses
- Yellville-Summit School District—Replaced two school buses
- Jasper School District—Replaced three school buses
- Riverside School District—Replaced one school bus
- Southern Refrigeration Transport—Installed twenty truck stop electrification units

For the 2017 program year, ADEQ was awarded \$219,359 in DERA funds to distribute to governmental, private, and nonprofit entities. Eligible projects will reduce diesel emissions in Arkansas through exhaust controls, engine upgrades, idling reduction technology, engine replacements, or vehicle/equipment replacements.

The first of this round's rolling deadlines is December 29, 2017. The next deadline will be January 31, 2018, with subsequent deadlines on the last day of each following month until all funds are awarded, or until April 30, 2018, whichever comes first.

For more information about the GoRED! program, visit <http://www.adeg.state.ar.us/air/planning/gored/>. For help with applying for funding, contact Deiona McKnight at Mcknight@adeq.state.ar.us or 501.682.0641.

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