



I-65 Alabama Clean Corridor GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in the I-65 Alabama Clean Corridor GRANT PROGRAM. It is the goal of this program to increase the availability and use of biofuels in Alabama. This program will pay for up to 50% of the installation of E85 and B20 refueling infrastructure. E85 is an 85 percent ethanol blended fuel, and B20 is a 20 percent biodiesel blended fuel.

Due to the limited amount of funds available, submission of an application does not guarantee funding.

Only costs incurred after approval notification are eligible for funding. Project construction can not begin until award notification on November 1, 2007. Costs incurred after approval and prior to execution of the grant agreement (contract) are made at the applicant's risk. Funding is assured only after final execution of the grant agreement.

Before beginning the application, please read the document entitled "Guidelines for the Biofuels Grant Program", which includes the guidelines for this program.

Please note that funding for this program is made available by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy through the State of Indiana, Office of Energy and Defense Development. Although the project will be administered locally by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, retailers will contract directly with the State of Indiana for infrastructure funding. Upon notification of selection on November 1, 2007 all entities selected for funding will be required to register with the Indiana Secretary of State's Office and will be responsible for the \$30 filing fee. (See Indiana registration details at www.AlabamaCleanCorridors.com)

Completed Grant Applications must be received at the following address no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, October 15, 2007. E-mail submission of application with follow-up mailing of signed original is preferred.

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I. Applicant Profile

Please fill in each category as all information is needed.

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ FID#: _____

Project Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Name and Title of Organization Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name and Title of Project Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of Preparer of Application: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type of Application (mark on box with an X):

E85 infrastructure only

B20 infrastructure only

Bio-Island (E85 and B20) infrastructure

II. Project Narrative

Please answer the questions below along with a narrative providing a brief history of the organization and its qualifications to develop the proposed project. Describe the project for which the funding is being requested. Explain ideas thoroughly and reasoning behind why the project will be successful. Add additional pages if necessary. Include photographs of station and surrounding area.

Describe whether the gas station is placed in a strategic location for consideration of this grant.

Why is it a strategic location?

Station proximity to I-65 corridor and current traffic volume.

Number of Flex Fuel Vehicle (FFV) auto dealers within 25 miles of project site:

Number of FFV/Diesel Fleets within 25 miles of project site:

Year station went into service:

Number of dispensers currently at the site:

Fuels currently offered at site:

Number of other retail locations owned or operated by the applicant:

Do you currently have long-term contracts with fleets? If yes, how many? Please list the fleets covered by these contracts.

III. Marketing

In order to be eligible for this grant, applicants must appropriately advertise and post signage regarding the alternative fuel. Please give a detailed explanation of how you plan to market the alternative fuel to the public and to fleets in addition to the marketing support that will be provided by ACFC and GM as described in the Guidelines. Add additional pages if necessary.

IV. Estimated Annual Fuel Sales

Total annual sales volume for current refueling site:

_____ <500,000 gallons _____ 500,000-750,000 gallons _____ 750,000 + gallons

_____ Estimated annual number of gallons of E85 that you expect to sell at this site

_____ Estimated annual number of gallons of B20 Biodiesel that you expect to sell at this site

Please provide a brief justification for these estimations.

V. Timeline

Please provide the date that the pump(s) will begin selling E85/B20 to the public between February 15, 2008 and August 31, 2008.

Month/Day/Year: _____

VI. Project Budget

Enter the projected costs of the project below. **Please attach a minimum of two (2) quotes from equipment/installation providers to support these numbers. Also attach a copy of Proof of Insurance for project site.**

Equipment	\$
Installation Cost	\$
Site Preparation	\$
Signage	\$
Total Cost	\$
Total Cost x 50% = Grant Requested	\$*

*Maximum Grant = **\$20,000** for E85 or B20, **\$50,000** for E85 and B20

Please explain how you will pay for project costs not covered by the grant. Describe all other sources of funding for the project, and the amount of funds from each source:

Source: _____ Amount: \$ _____

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* Recipients must disclose all federal awards received per year. Any grantee expending Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) or more in federal awards per year must have an audit made for that year by an independent auditor. Non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and local governments should consult the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 7501-7507) and revised OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations" for guidance.

VII. Permit Information

Describe any federal, state, or local environmental and/or safety permits or permit modifications needed for this project. Attach documentation of any permits to this application.

Be sure to have reviewed and be ready to comply with the Department of Energy's (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing Procedures (10 CFR 1021). A link to this document may be found at www.AlabamaCleanFuels.org

VIII. Applicant Disclosure

Is the applicant a minority-owned business?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, provide percentage _____

IX. Certifications & Assurances

If awarded an I-65 Clean Corridor grant, all grantees will be required to attest to the following certifications in the **Grant Agreement**. Therefore, below is just to **inform** possible grantees of the certifications and assurances that will be included in their Grant Agreement. Grantees should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before signing this Grant Agreement. Signature of the Grant Agreement provides for compliance with certification requirements under 34 CFR Part 82 and 34 CFR Part 85. A link to this requirement may be found at www.AlabamaCleanCorridors.com

A. LOBBYING

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal

loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. If this statement is true, no disclosure is required.

HOWEVER, IF Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement then the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying" in accordance with its instructions. Additionally, notice shall be provided to the Office of Energy and Defense Development.

Submission of this certification is imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

B. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

(1) The Grantee certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) have not within a three-year period preceding this Grant Agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.

(c) are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) have not within a three-year period preceding this Agreement had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the primary Grantee is unable to certify to any of the statements in section II (1), Grantee shall provide a written explanation to the Office of Energy and Development immediately.

C. LOBBYING DISCLOSURE ACT OF 1995, SIMPSON-CRAIG AMENDMENT

Applicant organizations which are described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and engage in lobbying activities after December 31, 1995, shall not be eligible for the receipt of Federal funds constituting an award, grant, or loan. Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 covers:

Civic leagues or organizations not organized for profit but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare, or local associations of employees, the membership of which is limited to the employees of a designated person or persons in a particular municipality, and the net earnings of which are devoted exclusively to charitable, educational, or recreational purposes.

As set forth in the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-65, December 19, 1995) as amended [“Simpson-Craig Amendment,” see Section 129 of the Balanced Budget Downpayment Act, I (Public Law 104-99, January 26, 1996)], lobbying activities is defined broadly. (See section 3 of the Act.)

The Grantee certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that: it IS NOT an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; OR that it IS an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which after December 31, 1995, HAS NOT engaged in any lobbying activities as defined in the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, as amended.

D. ADDITIONAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTEES THAT EXPEND OVER \$500,000 IN FEDERAL AWARDS PER YEAR

Any grantee expending **Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) or more in Federal awards per year** must have an audit made for that year by an independent auditor. For-profit organizations should consult 10 CFR 600.316 for guidance. Non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and local governments should consult the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 7501-7507) and revised OMB Circular A-133, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations” for guidance.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE NONDISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS

GRANTEE HEREBY AGREES to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub.L. 88-352), Section 16 of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub.L. 93-275), Section 401 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (Pub.L. 93-438), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (Pub.L. 92-318, Pub.L. 93-568, and Pub.L. 94-482), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub.L. 93-112), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Pub.L. 94-135), Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Pub.L. 90-284), the Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977 (Pub.L. 95-91), and the Energy Conservation and Production Act of 1976, as amended (Pub.L. 94-385) and Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1040. In accordance with the above laws and regulations issued pursuant thereto, the Applicant agrees to assure that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied to benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity in which the Grantee receives Federal assistance from the Department of Energy.

I. Applicability and Period of Obligation

In the case of any service, financial aid, covered employment, equipment, property, or structure provided, leased, or improved, with Federal assistance extended to the Grantee by the Department of Energy, this assurance obligates the Grantee for the period during which Federal assistance is extended. In the case of any transfer of such service, financial aid, equipment, property, or structure, this assurance obligates the transferee for the period during which Federal assistance is extended. If any personal property is so provided, this assurance obligates the Grantee for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property. In all other cases, this assurance obligates the Grantee for the period during which the Federal assistance is extended to the Grantee by the Department of Energy.

II. Employment Practices

Where a primary objective of the Federal assistance is to provide employment or where the Grantee's employment practices affect the delivery of services in programs or activities resulting from Federal assistance extended by the Department, the Grantee agrees not to discriminate on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, in its employment practices. Such employment practices may include, but are not limited to, recruitment advertising, hiring, layoff or termination, promotion, demotion, transfer, rates of pay, training and participation in upward mobility programs; or other forms of compensation and use of facilities.

III. Subrecipient Assurance

The Grantee shall require any individual, organization, or other entity with whom it subcontracts, subgrants, or subleases for the purpose of providing any service, financial aid, equipment, property, or structure to comply with laws cited above. To this end, the subrecipient shall be required to sign a written assurance form, however, the obligation or both recipient and subrecipient to ensure compliance is not relieved by the collection or submission of written assurance forms.

IV. Data Collection and Access to Records

The Grantee agrees to compile and maintain information pertaining to programs or activities developed as a result of the Grantee's receipt of Federal assistance from the Department of Energy. Such information shall include, but is not limited to, the following: (1) the manner in which services are or will be provided and related data necessary for determining whether any persons are or will be denied such services on the basis of prohibited discrimination; (2) the population eligible to be served by race, color, national origin, sex, age, and disability; (3) data regarding covered employment including use or planned use of bilingual public contact employees serving beneficiaries of the program where necessary to permit effective participation by beneficiaries unable to speak or understand English; (4) the location of existing or proposed facilities connected with the program and related information adequate for determining whether the location has or will have the effect of unnecessarily denying access to any person on the basis of prohibited discrimination; (5) the present or proposed membership by race, color, national origin, sex, age, and disability, in any planning or advisory body which is an integral part of the program; and (6) any additional written data determined by the Department of Energy to be relevant to its obligation to assure compliance by recipients with laws cited in the first paragraph of this assurance.

The Grantee agrees to submit requested data to the Department of Energy regarding programs and activities developed by the Grantee from the use of Federal assistance funds extended by the Department of Energy, Facilities of the Grantee (including physical plants, building, or other structures) and all records, books, accounts, and other sources of information pertinent to the Grantee's compliance with the civil rights laws shall be made available for inspection during normal business hours on request of an officer of employee of the Department of Energy specifically authorized to make such inspections. Instructions in this regard will be provided by the Director, Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Energy.

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts (excluding procurement contracts), property, discounts or other Federal assistance extended after the date hereto, to the Grantees by the Department of Energy, including installment payments on account after such data of application for Federal assistance which are approved before such date. The Grantee recognizes and agrees that such Federal assistance will be extended in reliance upon the representation and agreements made in this assurance and that the United States shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Grantee, the successors,

transferees, and assignees, as well as the person(s) whose signature appears on this Grant Agreement and who are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Grantee.

Grantee certifies by signing this Grant Agreement that it has complied, or that, within ninety (90) days of the date of this grant, will comply with all applicable requirements of 10 C.F.R. § 1040.5. A copy will be furnished to Grantee upon written request to the State of Indiana, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Office of Energy and Defense Development. A link to this document may be found on www.AlabamaCleanCorridor.com.

X. Applicant Affirmations

The Applicant hereby affirms that it is properly registered with the Alabama Secretary of State (if applicable) and the Indiana Secretary of State, (see link to Indiana's site at www.AlabamaCleanCorridors.com) and is in good standing with the Alabama Department of Revenue. The Applicant also affirms that 1) there are no outstanding enforcement actions against it by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, and 2) all permits have been acquired or are in the process with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management

The Applicant also affirms that it will sell E85/B20 through December 31, 2010 at the project location if it receives a grant award through this program.

I attest that, to the best of my knowledge, all information provided in this application and in conjunction with this application is factual.

Authorized Official (signature)

Project Manager (signature)

Name and Title (type or print)

Name and Title (type or print)

Date

Date

Scoring Criteria

The I-65 Alabama Clean Corridor GRANT PROGRAM Review Team will score applications based on the following criteria:

- ✓ Application Completeness
 - Was the application complete?
 - Ability to complete project during specified timeframe (02/15/2008-8/31/2008)
 - (2) Quotes from equipment/installation providers for project budget
 - Proof of Insurance
- ✓ Location of project site
 - Proximity to I-65
 - Number of flex fuel (FFV) auto dealers within 25 miles of project site
 - Number of registered FFV's within 25 miles (see R. L. Polk data)
- ✓ Estimated annual sales of E85 and/or B20 (gallons)
- ✓ Marketing Plan
 - How you are going to market to public
 - How you are going to market to fleets
 - How you are going to provide signage at location
- ✓ Is it a Bio-Island? **Bio-Island applications will receive preference over individual E85 or B20 applications.**
- ✓ Is existing equipment being converted to biofuel? Conversions will receive preference over completely new installations.
- ✓ Is applicant proposing multiple locations along the corridor? Multiple locations by single applicant will receive preference over single locations.