

FRACCA receives \$1.675-million grant to support clean diesel conversions *Assistance available to companies across Florida, Alabama and Georgia*

- **Get rebates for diesel retrofits, repowers, even replacement**
- **Be ready for upcoming clean-equipment requirements for contractors working on public projects**
- **Reduce toxic emissions from older non-road diesel construction equipment**
- **Improve operator health and safety—reduce sick days and insurance costs**

The Florida Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association announces receipt of a two-year, \$1.675-million grant aimed at significantly reducing the effects of diesel emissions from off-road construction equipment. Funding is through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region IV office as part of the agency's National Clean Diesel Assistance Program. Companies from small to large—including HVAC, plumbing, electrical, general contracting and others—will benefit.

FRACCA has assembled a coalition of construction-related associations and a group of business partners for the project, targeting off-road diesel-powered construction equipment in Florida, Alabama and Georgia: backhoes, wheel loaders, dozers, excavators, compactors, material handlers, skid steers, concrete pumps and various diesel generators/power units. The Southeast Construction Associations Coalition for Clean Diesel will provide rebates and educational support for equipment upgrades and cleaner operations.

Grant will provide 100% funding for installation of DOCs
75% for replacement of older diesel engines
25% for equipment replacement

Benefits to you

Upgrading or replacing equipment to meet newer emissions standards can have lasting benefits –

Keep your company eligible for work on public projects
Enhanced equipment lasts longer and performs better
Provide a healthier and safer work environment

The partnership

The Southeast Construction Associations Coalition for Clean Diesel is an innovative, broad-based collaboration among multiple construction trade associations with support from the Florida Green Building Coalition and state/local environmental offices. Because coalition members represent such diverse industries, the project will impact a wide range of equipment for emissions reduction.

The coalition represents members of—

Florida Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association
Florida Association Plumbing Heating and Cooling Contractors
Big Bend Contractors Association
Associated General Contractors of Greater Florida
Tampa Bay Builders Association
Alabama Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors Association

Georgia Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association
Manasota Air Conditioning Contractors Association
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association of Tampa Bay
Florida Green Building Coalition
Pinellas County Environmental Management's Air Quality Division
Florida Dept of Environmental Protection

About the program

Members of coalition associations will be offered multiple options, including engine repowers and retrofits, diesel oxidation catalysts (DOCs), and replacement where necessary. Assistance will be provided through a competitive process on a first-come, first-served basis and will be tied to a set of priorities outlined in the application process. By participating in the project, your equipment can be among the more than 200 pieces of equipment expected to be upgraded or replaced through the project's cost-sharing plan. Two rounds of awards being planned during the course of this two-year program.

**Applications for assistance and eligibility requirements available July 15
(application period August 15-October 15)
Visit www.fracca.org for the latest information**

The project focuses on equipment known to produce high levels of pollutants, older equipment (Tier 0-2) and equipment that exposes its operators to highest levels of emissions, such as those with open cabs or used in trenching. Geographically, it targets areas with high population density and/or poor air quality and areas with a disproportionate amount of air pollution from diesel fleets.

A key element of the initiative is education. A series of 16 workshops and three EPA focus groups will be conducted throughout the project area. More than 300 individuals from coalition member companies are expected to participate in these events. Flint Equipment Company, Nortrax Equipment and Ditch Witch of Central Florida are providing instructors, equipment and training materials.

**Workshops on diesel emission reduction and alternative fuels
On-site operator training in idle reduction techniques**

Content for the classes will be developed by members of the coalition so you can be sure it will address participants' real-world needs. Continuing education units (CEUs) will be provided. Watch for further details.

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