



# EPA Funding to Reduce Diesel Emissions

By EPA Press Office

WASHINGTON, DC—The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the availability of grant funding to modernize the nation's diesel fleet by retrofitting or replacing vehicles with cleaner, more efficient diesel engines. EPA anticipates awarding approximately \$40 million in Diesel Emission Reduction Program (DERA) grant funding to eligible applicants, subject to the availability of funds.

"These grants will incentivize improvements to aging diesel fleets and improve air quality throughout the country," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "EPA will continue to target funds to areas facing significant air quality issues."

"Steps to reduce emissions from older diesel trucks are some of the most cost-effective measures we can take to improve the air Americans breathe," said Representative Ken Calvert (CA-42). "By prioritizing the DERA grant funding in regions that have some of our most complex air quality challenges, the resources being awarded can make

a significant impact. I am pleased Congress was able to provide \$40 million for these grants and appreciate the efforts of everyone at EPA in making it a success."

Diesel-powered engines move approximately ninety percent of the nation's freight tonnage, and today nearly all highway freight trucks, locomotives, and commercial marine vessels are powered by diesel engines.

EPA is soliciting proposals nationwide for projects that significantly reduce diesel emissions and exposure, especially from fleets operating at goods movements facilities in areas designated as having poor air quality. Priority for funding will be given to projects that engage and benefit local communities and applicants that demonstrate their ability to promote and continue efforts to reduce emissions after the project has ended.

Eligible applicants include regional, state, local, or tribal agencies, or port authorities with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. Nonprofit organizations may apply if they provide pollution reduction or educational services to diesel fleet owners or have, as their principal purpose, the



promotion of transportation or air quality. All those eligible may apply until Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

Through this competition, EPA anticipates awarding between twenty and eighty assistance agreements. Applicants must request funding from

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 LLTJV seeks Empire State Development certified firms for every 1st Tier Subcontract Opportunity.

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**Have a question about certification?**  
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To get in touch, please contact: [LLTJV@MODERTIMESINC.COM](mailto:LLTJV@MODERTIMESINC.COM)

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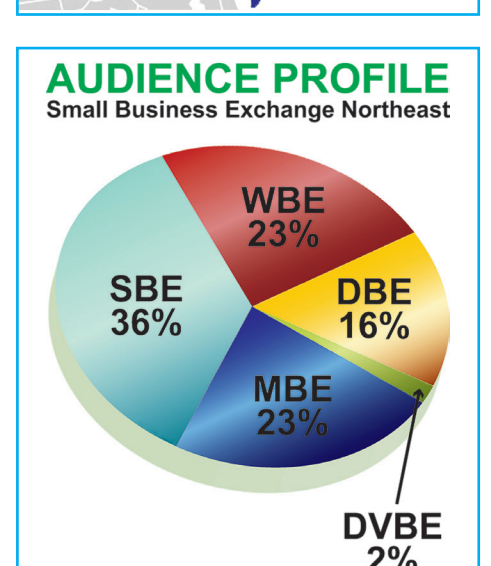
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**Sandy Repair and Flood Mitigation—207th Street Yard and 200th/207th Street Interlockings Project**  
 MTA NYCT Contract No. C-34838  
 Bid Date: June 1, 2018

**Description of project:**  
 The work to be performed consists of signal system modernization at 207th Street Yard, rehab of existing and construction of new facilities including relay rooms, CBTC rooms, and restoration of track infrastructure. The work also includes furnishing and installing flood mitigation and resiliency structures and measures, such as steel seawall and pile supported concrete walls, flood gates, fabric portal flood gate, drainage improvement, replacement of track feeder, transposition cables, and appurtenances at the 207th Street Yard.

**Many bidding opportunities available.**

If you are interested in bidding on this project, please contact Skanska's Outreach Coordinator: [Julia.Omanoff@skanska.com](mailto:Julia.Omanoff@skanska.com) • EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled

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**Replacement of Exchange Place and Newport Station Elevators and Escalators Project**  
 PANYNJ Contract No. PAT-774.170  
 Bid Date: June 13, 2018

**Description of project:**  
 The work generally consists of the following: replacement of two (2) passenger overhead geared traction elevators, replacement of one (1) hydraulic freight elevator, replacement of three (3) dual roped hydraulic holeless elevators, replacement of seven (7) heavy duty escalators, upgrades to the PATH elevator and escalator remote monitoring system, structural modifications/installation of pits for the elevators and escalators, architectural upgrades, upgrades to plumbing/fire protection/HVAC systems/associated electrical work, asbestos abatement/lead paint removal/universal waste removal.

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**Route 1 and 9 (Nulaski Skyway) Rocker-Bent Investigation Contract**  
 NJDOT Contract No: 051183160  
 Bid Date: June 21, 2018

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to Bearings, Civil General Contracting, Construction Engineering, CPM Scheduling, Dumpster, Fencing, Field Trailer, Fuel, Haul and Dispose, Miscellaneous Metals, MPT, Office Trailer Fit Out, Painting, Piles, Rebar, Sandblasting, Signs, Striping, Structural Steel, Surveying, Temp Shoring Towers, Testing and Trucking. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

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**Kew Gardens Interchange Project**  
 NYSDOT Contract No: D900043  
 Bid Date: June 22, 2018

**Description of project:**  
 Design-build services for the Kew Gardens Interchange. This project area includes the Kew Gardens Interchange with Grand Central Parkway (GCP), Jackie Robinson Parkway (JRP), Union Turnpike (UTP), and the Van Wyck Expressway (VWE). The project will consist of demolition and replacement of six existing structures with new, widened structures, reconstruction of the ramps connecting the GCP, UTP, JRP, and VWE, and installation of new safety appurtenances meeting current standards.

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## NORTHEAST EVENTS FOR YOUR BUSINESS

**2018**

**Fee: Free; registration required**  
 This month's program is "Promoting Your Company Using Facebook and Other Social Media" with Tom Ferguson of Web Alliance International Agency, LLC. Tom is an expert in marketing, a most engaging speaker, and he will help you improve your business. This program is presented in partnership with Ocean County SCORE, serving the Southern Jersey Shore from Point Pleasant to Cape May. Ocean County SCORE—here for the life of your business—provides local workshops and events throughout the county to connect small business owners with the people and information they need to start, grow, and maintain their businesses, as well as online workshops available 24/7.

**Business Plan Clinic**  
 Mondays, May 7–June 11, 2018, 6:00 pm–9:00 pm  
 The Conti Building, 415 Howe Avenue, Shelton, CT  
 Main Sponsor(s): Women's Business Development Council of Connecticut  
 Contact: Kenyetta Banks, 203-751-9550, [kbanks@ctwbdc.org](mailto:kbanks@ctwbdc.org)  
 Fee: Free; registration required  
 Get your business plan in shape over the course of five sessions taught by industry experts in an intimate and dynamic peer-to-peer environment. Gain a comprehensive understanding of business building fundamentals and emerge from this class with a blueprint firmly in hand. The five-session course will give you tools to guide you every step of the way and includes topics such as: business basics; marketing plan; business types/legal entities; basic financials; hands-on business plan development; promoting your business in the digital world; cash and getting financed; and social media analysis. Mondays, 6:00 pm–9:00 pm, May 7, 14, 21, and June 4, 11. Free five-session course, application required.

**Boots to Business Regional Reboot Workshop**  
 Saturday, June 2, 2018, 8:00 am–6:30 pm  
 Rivier University, 16 Clement Street, Dion Center Reception Room, Nashua, NH  
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Veterans Business Outreach Center  
 Contact: Miguel Morales, 603-225-1601, [miguel.morales@sba.gov](mailto:miguel.morales@sba.gov)  
 Fee: Free; registration required  
 Boots to Business Reboot is a two-step training program that provides participants an overview of business ownership as a career vocation, an outline and knowledge on the components of a business plan, a practical exercise in opportunity recognition, and an introduction to available public and private sector resources. This workshop runs from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, with LUNCH provided. A Veteran Resource Fair will run concurrently from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. A Panel and Networking Event: Eat, Drink, and Talk Money runs from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

**Learn to Teach Your Company Using Facebook and Other Social Media**  
 Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 6:30 pm–8:30 pm  
 Ocean County Library—Jackson Branch, 2 Jackson Drive, Jackson, NJ  
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