

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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Department of Economic Development  
Environmental Services Unit  
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Albany, NY 12245

## NEW YORK STATE BUSINESSES, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND MUNICIPALITIES

### **Environmental Investment Program**

The Department of Economic Development (the "Department") will immediately begin accepting applications on a continuous basis for the 2004-2005 State Fiscal Year for contracts under the Environmental Investment Program ("EIP"). Pending the availability of State funds, the Department seeks to contract with eligible applicants to undertake eligible projects that will improve the productivity and competitiveness of New York State firms through enhanced environmental performance. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, municipalities and firms doing business in New York. Eligible projects include activities designed to reduce wastes or prevent pollution, at the source, or increase recycling capacity. Recycling includes reuse, remanufacturing and organics composting.

Non-profit organizations may submit applications for contracts to perform research, provide technical assistance or finance capital expenditures. Municipalities may submit applications for contracts to provide technical assistance or to finance capital expenditures. For-profit firms doing business in New York may submit proposals for contracts to perform research.

For the purposes of this program, the term "municipalities" include: local public authorities or public benefit corporations, counties, cities, towns, villages or Indian nations that govern territory within New York State, or any combination thereof. All applications must be for projects to achieve results in the areas of pollution prevention, reuse or recycling, and must be completed by, or on behalf of, a New York business or businesses.

The Department will contract for research activities that test, evaluate and/or demonstrate the technical and/or economic feasibility of technologies or practices that prevent pollution or that reuse or recycle solid or industrial wastes. Costs eligible under a research contract include any expenses associated with the conduct of the test, evaluation, or demonstration. The Department will not pay for equipment purchases under a research contract. Research contractors will be required to provide at least 20 percent of the total project costs, and contracts will not exceed \$200,000.

The Department will contract for technical assistance activities that directly assist New York businesses in preventing pollution, or in reuse or recycling. Costs eligible under a technical assistance contract include project-related personnel costs (e.g., salaries, fringe benefits), and non-personnel costs, (e.g., supplies, materials, travel, rent, utilities). Technical Assistance contractors will be required to provide, at a minimum,

50 percent of the total project costs, and the Department does not foresee contracts exceeding \$75,000.

The Department will contract for capital financing activities that also assist New York businesses in reducing wastes or prevention pollution at the source, or in recycling. The Department will pay for physical assets, real property improvements, infrastructure and professional services related directly to the project. Capital Projects contractors will be required to provide at least 50 percent of the total project costs, and the Department does not foresee contracts exceeding \$500,000.

Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis, with regard to the proposed results to be achieved, the likelihood of project success, and the cost-effectiveness of the project and the Department's investment in the project. The Department will give preference to applications that involve cash versus in-kind investments.

Pending the availability of State funds, applications will be funded with appropriations made to the Department from the State Environmental Protection Fund ("EPF").

To obtain a copy of the program guide, contact the Environmental Services Unit, at (518) 292-5340 or via e-mail at [environment@empire.state.ny.us](mailto:environment@empire.state.ny.us)

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## PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES) AND NON-PROFIT AGENCIES

### **School Bus Driver Safety Training Program**

The School Bus Driver Safety Training Program is a comprehensive education program for school bus drivers and school bus driver instructors in the latest techniques and information concerning safe pupil transportation. Four hundred thousand dollars is available for program development during the 2004-2005 school year.

The Department intends to offer competitive RFPs to eligible applicants to develop proposals to assist in updating, developing or maintaining several components of the School Bus Driver Safety Training Program. These components include the Professional Development Seminar, SBDI Newsletter, and Accident Databases. Additional components may include development of updated student bus safety classroom curricula; a new school bus driver pre-service training course; a new certification course for school bus driver instructors; a dispatcher training program; a behind the wheel driver training course and other projects.

RFPs will be issued during the school year.

*For more information, contact:* Marion Edick, Education Management Services, at (518) 474-6541

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LOCAL HEALTH UNITS, HOSPITALS, HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

**Community Coalitions for Diabetes Prevention and Control**

The purpose of this initiative is to fund one regional community-based coalition to address the needs of people with diabetes and those at-risk for diabetes in the Capital Region using evidence-based strategies with contract terms of April 1, 2005 – March 31, 2009.

Applications will be accepted through October 22, 2004, for eligible applicants of this RFA including public and private non-profit agencies applying on behalf of community-based coalitions serving defined regions. These applicants may include local health units, hospitals, healthcare facilities and community-based organizations. Capital Region coverage for diabetes prevention and control through the establishment of one community coalition covering Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Columbia and Greene counties.

*For an application, contact:* Susan Millstein, Department of Health, Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, Riverview Center, 3rd Fl. West, 150 Broadway, Menands, NY 12204, (518) 474-1222, e-mail: [slm11@health.state.ny.us](mailto:slm11@health.state.ny.us)