



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Bio-Fuel Station Initiative: Driving Energy Independence for the Empire State Program Opportunity Notice (PON): 2290 Approximately \$5 Million Available

Applications accepted beginning August 31, 2011 until 5:00 PM July 5, 2015.

The objective of **The Bio-Fuel Station Initiative: Driving Energy Independence for the Empire State**, is to increase the number of retail E85 and B20 Biodiesel service stations selling the fuel s to the general public in New York State through a comprehensive approach. This PON solicits applications for funds to purchase and install equipment to store and dispense E85 Ethanol and B20 Biodiesel (Biofuels). It is estimated approximately 300 new retail E85 Ethanol and/or Blended Biodiesel fueling stations will be opened as a result of this initiative.

The Bio-Fuel Station Initiative ("Program") provides a reimbursement of 50 percent of the costs, up to \$50,000 per site, for new installations of Biofuels dispensing equipment, storage tanks, and associated piping equipment. Funds will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Applications will be accepted from owners and operators of retail stations throughout the State that are open to the public. Funds will be committed based on approved applications, and then paid upon presentation of invoices indicating that installation is complete. The Program does not pay for the costs of facility permitting or engineering, however cost-shared technical assistance is available on a 50-50 basis for technical review of design and construction specifications of the Biofuel equipment; analysis of existing and proposed equipment; preparation and submission of requests for Biofuel specific permits and waivers to local and state code officials; and training of facility staff.

Under separate PONs, cost-shared assistance will continue to provide on a competitive basis to regional terminal distributors of E85 Ethanol and blended Biodiesel to make these fuels available to retail outlets.

This announcement is not a solicitation for applications. To receive the full solicitation, please visit NYSEERDA's Web site at www.nyserda.org, then click on Funding Opportunities and scroll down to PON 2290 or submit your request to Roseanne Viscusi by fax at (518) 862-1091, by e-mail at rdv@nyserda.org, or by mail to:

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