Diesel refuse trucks operate in densely-populated urban and residential areas, exposing many people to harmful diesel emissions. The Department of Environmental Quality’s Nebraska Clean Diesel Rebate Program is offering rebates to replace eligible older diesel refuse trucks with new, cleaner trucks powered by a 2017 or newer model year engine fueled by compressed natural gas (CNG) or diesel. In order to ensure emissions reductions are achieved through this program, the truck being replaced must be permanently disabled. Funding for this year’s program is made possible by the Environmental Protection Agency’s State Clean Diesel Grant program.

NDEQ will reimburse:

- 35% of the base purchase cost of new refuse trucks (up to a maximum rebate of $110,000 for each truck) powered by compressed natural gas (CNG) engines certified to meet California Air Resources Board (CARB) Optional Low-NOx Standards (see below).

- 25% of the base purchase cost of new refuse trucks (up to a maximum rebate of $70,000 for each truck) powered by diesel engines certified to meet EPA or CARB emissions standards.

The truck owner is responsible for the remainder of the purchase price (mandatory cost-share). No other federal grant funds may be used to cover any portion of the mandatory cost-share.

**NOTE:** Government-owned refuse trucks in Nebraska with diesel engine model years 1992-2009 may be eligible for replacement at an equal or higher reimbursement percentage under a future program funded by the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust for State Beneficiaries.

NDEQ anticipates awarding rebates for replacement of five refuse trucks. Individual applicants may apply for a rebate for up to two trucks. Preference will be given to projects proposing to purchase trucks powered by compressed natural gas. The number of refuse truck rebates will be determined by NDEQ after evaluating applications for all Nebraska Clean Diesel programs.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

- Any Nebraska municipality that operates refuse trucks.

- Any private refuse hauler operating in a Nebraska community.

**VEHICLES ELIGIBLE FOR REPLACEMENT**

- Eligible vehicles are operational Class 7 diesel-powered refuse trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 lbs or greater and a 1995-2006 engine model year.

- Trucks must be in current use hauling refuse in Nebraska.

- Applicants must certify on the rebate application that their current truck was not scheduled for replacement before September 2022.

**ELIGIBLE REPLACEMENT TRUCKS**

- Refuse trucks with 2017 or newer model year CNG engines certified to meet CARB’s Optional Low-NOx Standards of 0.1 g/bhp-hr, 0.05 g/bhp-hr, or 0.02 g/bhp-hr NOx.

- Refuse trucks with 2017 or newer model year diesel engines certified to meet EPA or CARB emissions standards.

- The replacement truck must be in the same vehicle weight class and operate in the same manner as the original truck.
OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- A new truck cannot be used to expand the applicant’s current fleet but must replace a truck that is currently in use. Each replaced truck must be disabled (scrapped) within 90 days of replacement.
- One bid or quote for the replacement truck(s) must be submitted with the application.
- If selected for an award, the rebate recipient must maintain ownership of the new truck(s) for at least five years from the date of purchase and continue to operate it/them in Nebraska. If a new truck is sold before the end of the five-year period, moved out of state, or used for purposes other than specified under this program, the rebate recipient must notify NDEQ and may be required to return up to the full amount of the rebate to NDEQ. The amount required to be returned is at the discretion of NDEQ, and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE:

To qualify for a Clean Diesel rebate, submit the attached Application Form and the supporting documents listed in the Application Materials Checklist before 5:00 pm on March 8, 2019. Only one application per applicant will be accepted, and a maximum of two truck replacements are allowed per application.

Applications will only be accepted if complete and received in the NDEQ Lincoln office on or before 5:00 pm Friday, March 8, 2019.

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the public health benefit of the vehicle replacement and the cost-effectiveness of the emissions reduction (determined from the annual hours of operation, fuel use, and estimated remaining years of service of the replaced vehicles).

Preference will be given to projects proposing to purchase trucks powered by compressed natural gas. Preference will also be given to projects in the following EPA-designated priority counties: Buffalo, Dodge, Douglas, Gage, Jefferson, Keith, Lancaster, Lincoln, Platte, and Scotts Bluff. The ranking of applications with identical scores will be determined by random drawing.

APPLICATION MATERIALS CHECKLIST

Use the following checklist to ensure you’ve submitted all required materials with your application. A complete application will include all the documents listed below.

- Completed and signed application form.
- An organizational Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number must be included on the rebate form. Organizations may obtain a DUNS number at no cost by calling the toll-free DUNS number request line at 1-866-705-5711, or visiting the D&B website at: www.dnb.com.
- Completed IRS Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification. Rebate recipients should consult their tax advisor concerning the tax implications of the rebate.
- Photocopy of the Nebraska vehicle registration for the truck(s) being replaced.
- Photocopy of the title of the truck(s) being replaced.
- Photograph of the truck(s) (side profile) being replaced showing the vehicle unit identifying number.
- One bid or price quote for the replacement truck(s), including estimated delivery dates.
- Photograph of the diesel engine emissions label showing the EPA Engine Family (see next page).
DIESEL ENGINE EMISSIONS LABEL AND EPA ENGINE FAMILY:
NDEQ’s grant from EPA requires documentation of the engine model year of the vehicle(s) to be replaced. The EPA Engine Family is a 12 character (letters and numbers) identifier assigned when a diesel engine model is certified in compliance with EPA emission standards. The first character in the EPA Engine Family name is a code for the model year of the engine. Some examples of diesel engine emission labels showing the EPA Engine Family are shown below.

If the engine emissions label is missing or illegible, applicants should provide the engine serial number to the engine manufacturer to obtain written confirmation of the engine model year, and submit that manufacturer’s confirmation with their application.
REBATE ACCEPTANCE:
1. All rebate recipients must sign an agreement with NDEQ. The new truck(s) cannot be purchased until the signed agreement is on file at NDEQ.
2. After NDEQ has received the signed agreement, the applicant will be notified that they can complete the purchase of the new truck(s). Note: The date of the purchase order cannot pre-date the date the agreement was signed.

REIMBURSEMENT TIMELINE: By August 30, 2019, the selectee must have completed the following:
1. Accept delivery of the new truck(s);
2. Scrap the old truck(s) in accordance with the program requirements*; and
3. Submit the Request for Reimbursement Form, the Final Report Form, Certificate of Destruction, and all required supporting documentation after the new truck has been purchased and received.

When the reimbursement documents have been received, NDEQ may perform an inspection. After the documents have been reviewed and approved, NDEQ will issue the rebate funds.

*Scrappage:
The old truck being replaced must be scrapped (permanently disabled) within 90 days of replacement and prior to submission of the reimbursement request to NDEQ. Scrappage consists of:
1. Cutting, drilling, or punching a 3” by 3” hole through the wall of the engine block.
2. Cutting completely through the chassis frame rails on either side between the front and rear axles.

For complete scrappage documentation requirements, refer to the 2018 Clean Diesel Rebate Program web page at http://deq.ne.gov/Publica.nsf/pages/12-003.

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION
Only signed and dated original applications received by mail, e-mail, or in person at the address below will be accepted. Rebate applications cannot be submitted by fax. The application deadline is 5:00 pm March 8, 2019. Applications received after 5:00 pm on March 8, 2019 will not be eligible. Applications that remain incomplete after 5:00 pm on March 8, 2019 will also not be eligible. The department is not responsible for any applications that are delayed or lost in the mail. Applicants will receive an e-mail confirming NDEQ’s receipt of the application. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that their application was received by the department by the respective deadline.

Mail, e-mail, or hand-deliver application to:
Nebraska Clean Diesel Rebate Program
Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 98922
Lincoln NE 68509-8922
NDEQ.AirQuality@nebraska.gov

Questions? Email us at NDEQ.AirQuality@nebraska.gov
# 2018 Clean Diesel Rebate Program
## Refuse Truck Rebate Application

### Section 1 – Applicant Information

Organization/Company Name: ______________________________________________________

Project Manager (if different from authorized signatory): ________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________ City ______ State ______ Zip Code ______

Email address: ___________________________________________ Phone: _____________

Employer/Taxpayer No. (EIN/TIN): ___________________________  DUNS Number: ___________

County in which trucks operate: ______________________________________________________

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* Please provide values that are as accurate as possible to provide a basis for scoring your application.
Section 3 – Early Replacement Statement

The purpose of the Clean Diesel Program is to reduce emissions by the early replacement of polluting vehicles. To meet EPA requirements, please provide a statement below certifying that the specified truck(s) is (are) not scheduled to be replaced before September 2022.

If your organization has a written replacement schedule or policy, attach a copy of it with your application.

What is the average length of time (years) your organization keeps a truck in service?

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Section 4 – Bid Information: Provide summary information from the dealer’s quote or bid in the fields below. Please attach bid/quote to the application.

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Section 6 – Applicant Certification

**Owner or Authorized Representative:** I certify to the best of my knowledge that:

- The information contained herein is true and correct.
- The truck(s) is/are not scheduled for replacement prior to September, 2022.
- The truck(s) would not be replaced without financial assistance from NDEQ.
- The truck(s) being replaced is/are currently in use, in proper working condition, and currently used to haul refuse. If selected for an award, the new truck will perform this same function.
- If selected for an award, the organization/company will maintain ownership of the replacement vehicle for at least five years from the date of purchase. I understand that if the replacement vehicle is sold before the end of the five-year period or used for purposes other than specified in the conditions of this rebate program, the organization/company may be required to return up to the full amount of the rebate to NDEQ. The amount required to be returned is at the discretion of NDEQ, and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- The new truck(s) will not be used for fleet expansion.
- The applicant is either headquartered or has an operational base in Nebraska and the new truck(s) will continue to operate in Nebraska.
- The truck(s) to be replaced will be properly disposed of in accordance with the requirements of this agreement.
- I understand that I will not be eligible for any projects in which costs were incurred before the project period began and after the project period ends.
- I am not currently debarred or suspended from receiving federal funding.
- I have the legal authority to sign this agreement.
- I acknowledge that failure to provide all applicable information and supporting documentation may result in the denial of my application.

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature ______________________ Date __________

Mail, e-mail, or hand-deliver application to:

Nebraska Clean Diesel Rebate Program
Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 98922
Lincoln NE 68509-8922
NDEQ.AirQuality@nebraska.gov