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Dear Transportation Provider

As you are aware, the Maine Department of Transportation, Office of Passenger Transportation (MaineDOT/OPT), has made a commitment to the use of alternative fuels to power the federal and state funded bus fleet in Maine

Previous investments in alternative fueled vehicles have been liquefied propane gas (LPG) powering many of the buses used by the Downeast Transportation fleet and compressed natural gas (CNG) powering part of the Greater Portland Transit District buses

MaineDOT/OPT is advocating the use of biodiesel products in the diesel powered buses used by transportation providers. We realize that biodiesel products are not available in all areas of the state at this time. MaineDOT/OPT is working with diesel fuel suppliers and distributors to make B-20 Biodiesel and other biodiesel products available, in certain locations, to agencies who wish to use these products to power their fleets.

MaineDOT/OPT is prepared to offer one of the following incentives on a funding available basis to any agency interested in committing to the use of biodiesel products

1. MaineDOT/OPT will fund the incremental cost difference between biodiesel products and regular on-road diesel fuel now being used as a fuel to power agency vehicles.
2. MaineDOT will reduce the Non-Federal (Local Share Match) necessary to purchase a diesel powered federally funded vehicle to 5%.

Should your agency wish to participate by using biodiesel products or have any questions pertaining to the above incentives, please contact Steve Greenlaw of the Office of Passenger Transportation at 624-3244 or steven.greenlaw@maine.gov

Sincerely,

David A. Cole
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