



State of Utah

GARY R. HERBERT
Governor

SPENCER J. COX
Lieutenant Governor

Department of
Environmental Quality

Alan Matheson
Executive Director

Brad T Johnson
Deputy Director

NEWS RELEASE

January 26, 2016

CONTACT

Lisa Burr
Division of Air Quality
Office: 801-536-4019

Grants Awarded to Reduce Emissions from School Buses and Heavy-Duty Diesel Vehicles and Equipment in Utah

Salt Lake City, Utah – Diesel emissions are being reduced thanks to grants awarded through the Clean Air Retrofit, Replacement, and Off-Road Technology (CARROT) Grant, a program enacted by the State Legislature in 2014 to encourage individuals, businesses, and local governments to reduce emissions from heavy-duty diesel and non-road engines. Over \$300,000 has been awarded to nine school districts to replace 13 school buses, and over \$100,000 will be awarded for reducing emissions from farm equipment, dump trucks, construction equipment, long-haul trucks, and stationary generators.

The funding will provide the school districts a much-needed boost for replacing old, heavy-polluting school buses with new buses that achieve the cleanest emissions standards. State funding for school districts to purchase new buses was cut in 2010 due to the economic conditions that began to emerge in 2008. As a result, polluting buses continue to operate in our communities, exposing schoolchildren to elevated concentrations of unhealthy diesel exhaust that enters the passenger area of the bus. The grant requires the school districts to permanently disable the old school buses and is estimated to reduce nearly 90 tons of pollution.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Department of Environmental Quality through the CARROT Program. This program directly affects the air our students breathe every day as we transport them to and from school,” said David Roberts, Transportation Director for Davis School District.

Other successful projects include retrofitting construction equipment with exhaust controls and idle-reduction technologies and replacing old farm equipment, a long-haul truck, and two diesel generators for those that meet the cleanest emissions standards.

“I’m very pleased the legislature provided funding to help reduce emissions that come from Mobile Sources, a source that contributes to over 50% of our total emissions,” said Alan Matheson, executive director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). “This program targets older diesel engines that have been used as the workhorse of our economy and can last for decades before they are worn out and replaced. Funding that helps reduce the public’s exposure to emissions from these older, dirtier engines is an advantage.”

-MORE-

195 North 1950 West • Salt Lake City, UT
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 144810 • Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4810
Telephone (801) 536-4400 • Fax (801) 536-0061 • T.D.D. (801) 903-3978

www.deq.utah.gov

Printed on 100% recycled paper

Those awarded grants are as follows:

1. Americom Technology : \$52,273
2. Bingham Livestock Transportation: \$20,000
3. Cache County School District: \$20,000
4. Diamond Rentals: \$16,779
5. Davis School District: \$50,000
6. Granite School District: \$75,000
7. Logan School District: \$20,000
8. North Sanpete School District: \$25,000
9. Piute School District: \$45,000
10. Riley Farms: \$11,875
11. South Sanpete School District: \$45,000
12. Wayne School District: \$25,000

The CARROT Program will be offering a discount and exchange program for landscape equipment that will occur in the Spring of 2016.

For more information, visit: www.carrot.deq.utah.gov.

###

About DEQ

Established in 1991, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) mission is to safeguard public health and quality of life by protecting and enhancing the environment. DEQ implements state and federal environmental laws and works with individuals, community groups and businesses to protect the quality of Utah's air, land and water. For more information, visit www.deq.utah.gov, follow DEQ on Facebook ([utahdeq](https://www.facebook.com/utahdeq)) and Twitter ([UtahDEQ](https://twitter.com/UtahDEQ)), or call 1-800-458-0145.