

Southern Colorado Clean Cities Newsletter



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Expansion of Infrastructure for Higher Ethanol Blends (ARRA)

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Golden Field Office has posted a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) that aims to increase the availability and use of potential gasoline/ethanol blends up to E85 (85% ethanol) through two topic areas: (1) Refueling Infrastructure for Ethanol Blends (cost-shared projects to modify, upgrade, or expand the infrastructure at retail fueling locations to accommodate gasoline-ethanol blends up to E85); (2) Outreach for Ethanol Blends (projects which will increase public awareness of the benefits, safety, and use of ethanol blends as a transportation fuel).

Approximately \$5.5 million is expected to be available, \$3.5 million for topic area 1 (awards between \$50,000 and \$200,000 per project) and \$2 million for topic area 2 (awards between \$250,000 and \$1 million per project). DOE anticipates making awards that will run for up to 4 years. The following domestic entities are eligible to apply for this announcement: (1) institutions of higher education; (2) nonprofit and for-profit private entities; (3) State and local governments; and (4) consortia of entities (1) through (3). All types of domestic entities, including DOE/NNSA National Laboratory Contractors, are eligible to apply, except other Federal agencies, non-DOE Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) Contractors, and nonprofit organizations described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engaged in lobbying activities after December 31, 1995. Applications are due by October 4, 2009, 11:59pm Eastern Time.

Applications must be submitted through www.fedconnect.net

Use "Search Public Opportunities" and refer to Reg. No. DE-FOA-0000125. You must first be registered with FedConnect to submit an application in response to this FOA. Information on how to submit applications can be found by visiting www.FedConnect.net.



Colorado's Greening Government Goal: "

By June 30, 2012 the state of Colorado will reduce volumetric petroleum consumption in state fleet vehicles by 25% from state fiscal year 2005-2006 baseline. 50% of state fleet fuel purchases will be alternative fuels and 20% of state fleet diesel vehicles fueled with biodiesel.

For more information on how Colorado is doing this please visit the Governor's Energy Office website.

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USDA is accepting applications for up to \$50 million in projects to promote the continued production and use of biofuels.

"Using homegrown energy to end our dependence on foreign oil is a key component of President Obama's vision for rebuilding and revitalizing rural America, and this funding will help advance that goal," said Vilsack. "USDA continues to work aggressively to provide our nation's rural communities, farmers, ranchers, and producers of biofuels with the financial tools they can use to help bring greater energy independence to America."

USDA is working with other Federal agencies to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and spur rural economic development. This \$50 million in 2008 Farm Bill money will advance two USDA efforts: \$20 million under to provide financial incentives to biorefineries to replace fossil fuels used to produce heat or power at their facilities with renewable biomass; and \$30 million to provide payments to eligible advanced biofuel producers to encourage the increased production and use of biofuels.

Applications for the advanced biofuels program are due Aug. 11; applications for the biorefineries to replace fossil fuels are due Nov. 1. More information is available at www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs or in the June 12 Federal Register.

Biorefineries and advanced biofuel biorefineries must be located in a rural area and must have been in operation before the enactment of the 2008 Farm Bill (June 2008). The biorefineries will receive funding based on the amount of fossil fuel replaced, percentage of fossil fuel usage reduced, and the cost-effectiveness of the system. The

advanced biorefineries will receive funding based on the amount of advanced biofuels production.

These projects are expected to help biorefineries reduce energy costs and consumption; necessary steps toward meeting our nation's critical energy needs. Advancing the biofuel industry can lead to cleaner and more sustainable energy production as well as creating jobs, generating government revenue, and stimulating rural economies across the nation.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development fosters growth in homeownership, finances business development, and supports the creation of critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA Rural Development's web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov.

Up Coming Events:

DATE	Location	Details
<p>Wednesday August 26th</p>	<p>Western Convenience 227 West Fillmore Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907</p>	<p>New E-85 fuel station Grand Opening 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.: Live Remote, Hot Dogs, Refreshments and Fuel Special: Buy E85 for \$.85 Cents/gallon</p> <p>The Colorado Corn Growers Association, the Governor's Biofuels Coalition, Southern Colorado Clean Cities and Western Convenience are celebrating the opening of a new alternative fuel site carrying E85.</p>
<p>TBA</p>	<p>Gunnison, Colorado</p>	<p>Southern Colorado Clean Cities Membership meeting Propane as a Transportation Fuel</p>



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