

§ 16072. Reports to Congress**(a) Initial report**

Not later than 60 days after the date on which grants are awarded under this subpart, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report containing—

- (1) an identification of the grant recipients and a description of the projects to be funded;
- (2) an identification of other applicants that submitted applications for the pilot program; and
- (3) a description of the mechanisms used by the Secretary to ensure that the information and knowledge gained by participants in the pilot program are transferred among the pilot program participants and to other interested parties, including other applicants that submitted applications.

(b) Evaluation

Not later than 3 years after August 8, 2005, and annually thereafter until the pilot program ends, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report containing an evaluation of the effectiveness of the pilot program, including—

- (1) an assessment of the benefits to the environment derived from the projects included in the pilot program; and
- (2) an estimate of the potential benefits to the environment to be derived from widespread application of alternative fueled vehicles and ultra-low sulfur diesel vehicles.

(Pub. L. 109–58, title VII, § 722, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 820.)

§ 16073. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this subpart \$200,000,000, to remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 109–58, title VII, § 723, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 821.)

SUBPART 3—FUEL CELL BUSES**§ 16081. Fuel cell transit bus demonstration****(a) In general**

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, shall establish a transit bus demonstration program to make competitive, merit-based awards for 5-year projects to demonstrate not more than 25 fuel cell transit buses (and necessary infrastructure) in 5 geographically dispersed localities.

(b) Preference

In selecting projects under this section, the Secretary shall give preference to projects that are most likely to mitigate congestion and improve air quality.

(c) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

(Pub. L. 109–58, title VII, § 731, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 821.)

PART C—CLEAN SCHOOL BUSES**§ 16091. Clean school bus program****(a) Definitions**

In this section:

(1) Administrator

The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(2) Alternative fuel

The term “alternative fuel” means liquefied natural gas, compressed natural gas, hydrogen, propane, or biofuels.

(3) Clean school bus

The term “clean school bus” means a school bus that—

- (A) the Administrator certifies reduces emissions and is operated entirely or in part using an alternative fuel; or
- (B) is a zero-emission school bus.

(4) Eligible contractor

The term “eligible contractor” means a contractor that is a for-profit, not-for-profit, or nonprofit entity that has the capacity—

- (A) to sell, lease, license, or contract for service clean school buses, zero-emission school buses, charging or fueling infrastructure, or other equipment needed to charge, fuel, or maintain clean school buses or zero-emission school buses, to individuals or entities that own, lease, license, or contract for service a school bus or a fleet of school buses; or
- (B) to arrange financing for such a sale, lease, license, or contract for service.

(5) Eligible recipient**(A) In general**

Subject to subparagraph (B), the term “eligible recipient” means—

- (i) 1 or more local or State governmental entities responsible for—
 - (I) providing school bus service to 1 or more public school systems; or
 - (II) the purchase, lease, license, or contract for service of school buses;
- (ii) an eligible contractor;
- (iii) a nonprofit school transportation association;
- (iv) a charter school (as defined in section 7221i of title 20) responsible for the purchase, lease, license, or contract for service of school buses for that charter school; or
- (v) an Indian Tribe (as defined in section 5304 of title 25), Tribal organization (as defined in that section), or tribally controlled school (as defined in section 2511 of title 25) that is responsible for—
 - (I) providing school bus service to 1 or more Bureau-funded schools (as defined in section 2021 of title 25); or
 - (II) the purchase, lease, license, or contract for service of school buses.

(B) Special requirements

In the case of eligible recipients identified under clauses (ii) and (iii) of subparagraph (A), the Administrator shall establish timely and appropriate requirements for notice and shall establish timely and appropriate requirements for approval by the public school systems that would be served by buses purchased using award funds made available under this section.