



WEST COAST COLLABORATIVE

A public-private partnership to reduce diesel emissions

The goal of the Collaborative is to leverage significant federal funds to reduce emissions from the most polluting diesel sources in the most affected communities. The Collaborative seeks to significantly improve air quality and public health by targeting the highest polluting engines with the most cost effective control strategies.

Clean Diesel Projects for State of Hawaii

The West Coast Collaborative funded the Clean Air Branch at the Hawaii Department of Health \$1,730,000, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, in April 2009, for school bus repowers and replacements.

What is the Project?

The Hawaii Department of Health Clean Air Branch (CAB) will partner with the Department of Education and their school bus fleets, including private bus companies that may be contracted by schools. For the first portion of the grant, CAB will repower or replace up to eight school buses. The second phase will be contracted and school bus fleets will be managed for diesel retrofits. It is expected that up to 400 school buses may be retrofitted with a combination of diesel particulate filters and diesel oxidation catalysts.

Why is this project important?

This project will reduce diesel emissions in Hawaii and therefore protect the public health of school bus riders. It will also positively

impact the health of the bus operators, as well as the surrounding communities, schools, and children along the bus routes.

What are the estimated environmental/economic benefits?

Coming Soon.

What is the Collaborative?

The West Coast Collaborative is an ambitious partnership between leaders from federal, state, and local government, the private sector, and environmental groups committed to reducing diesel emissions along the West Coast. Partners come from all over Western North America, including California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Hawaii, Canada and Mexico. The Collaborative is part of the National Clean Diesel Campaign (www.epa.gov/cleandiesel).

How can I find out more about the Collaborative?

For more information, on the West Coast Collaborative, please visit our website at www.westcoastcollaborative.org. For more information about this project or about the Public Fleets Sector in general, please contact Grace Cheng: cheng.grace@epa.gov