The Climate Trust: Oregon Truck Stop Idle Reduction Initiative

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Idle Reduction Offset Initiative

Process for Putting Projects in Place

• **RFP from The Climate Trust**

- Scheduled release is in November
- Owner of technology equipment submit proposals
- Review by The Climate Trust and OSU project team
- The Climate Trust makes independent decisions



What is an Offset?

An Environmental Commodity that is Bought and Sold

• <u>Results</u> of a project, not the project itself

• Key requirements:

- A contract to purchase ownership of CO₂ tons offset
- Reduces atmospheric CO₂ levels below what they would have been without a project
- "Additional:" Project must need offset funding to proceed
- Quantified: Monitoring and verification required



The Climate Trust's Initiative

\$2.2 Million Committed to Truck Stop Idle Reduction

• What we are looking for

- 600 spaces in Oregon, 60 spaces in Washington
- Price: not to exceed \$4/metric ton
 - Equals several thousand dollars per parking space treated
- Preference for truck stops along I-5 corridor

• Leverages other funds (~\$6 million total)

- BETC and SELP funding available for Oregon projects
- ODOE makes its own independent decisions
- Equity invested by Technology Providers
- Other



What's in the RFP?

Information Required

- Project description
- Clear transfer of ownership "Chain of custody"
- Funding plan
- Quantifiable:
 - Monitoring and Verification
 - Evaluation with OSU

• Explanation of uncertainty and risk

• Co-Benefits:

- Reduced air pollution
- Saves energy
- Truck stops more attractive



What's in the RFP?

Additional Documents Required

- Financial statements
- Proof of collaboration, Letter of Intent
- Standstill Agreement
 - No other solicitation of offset funding for this project



How does The Climate Trust Select Projects? Evaluation of the Project Proposals

- Cost: Low price per ton
- Reliability of project and partners
- Clear transfer of ownership
- Monitoring and Verification Plan
- Guarantees Offered
- Co-Benefits



The Climate Trust's Timeline

- Construction starts middle of 2005
 - November '04: Solicit projects via RFP
 - Feb. April '05: Evaluate and select projects
 - April June '05: Negotiate offset acquisition contracts
 - Summer '05: Fund and construct



The Climate Trust

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