

Dear West Coast Collaborative Partners:

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Applications for EPA's Clean Air Excellence Awards

Now Being Accepted!

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now accepting applications for the **2019 Clean Air Excellence Awards Program**. Through this program, EPA recognizes and honors individuals and organizations whose efforts have helped to make progress in achieving cleaner air. The award recipients are selected for developing innovative, replicable, and sustainable programs; serving as pioneers in their fields; and improving air quality either directly or indirectly through reduced emissions of criteria pollutants, hazardous air pollutants, and/or greenhouse gases.

Please consider applying yourself or nominating an individual, project or group for these prestigious awards in one of the five following award categories:

- 1. Clean Air Technology
- 2. Community Action
- 3. Education/Outreach
- 4. State/Tribal/Local Air Quality Policy Innovations
- 5. Transportation Efficiency Innovations

In addition, please help us spread the word to encourage other candidates to apply! Applications must be emailed or postmarked by November 2, 2018. The award applications and more information can be found available here.

About the West Coast Collaborative (WCC): The WCC, staffed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Pacific Southwest Region 9 and Pacific Northwest Region 10 offices, is a public-private partnership focused on reducing diesel emissions throughout western North America and the U.S. Pacific Islands. The WCC seeks to significantly improve air quality and public health by providing funding assistance to upgrade high-polluting diesel engines, vehicles and equipment with cost-effective emission control technologies. The Collaborative is an ambitious partnership among leaders from federal, tribal, state and local governments, the private sector and environmental and community groups in EPARegions 9 and 10, including Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, western Canada, Mexico and the U.S. Pacific Islands territories of Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marina Islands. The Collaborative is focused on creating, supporting and implementing diesel emissions reductions projects by providing technical assistance and funding opportunities. Visit us at <a href="http://www.westcoastcollaborative.org/">http://www.westcoastcollaborative.org/</a>