

Tennessee Communities
Biodiesel Infrastructure
Development Support Program

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The mission of the Council is to:

- (1) Provide leadership in renewable energy and economic development by connecting technology and energy with sustainable rural economic development;
- (2) Create a regional network of local communities that actively provide assistance, share ideas, resources and information;
- (3) Promote the development of renewable energy and economic development programs.

Biodiesel Development

The TN Renewable Energy & Economic Development Council in conjunction with the three Tennessee Clean Cities Coalitions has submitted a funding request to the State of Tennessee's Energy Office to implement a "state-wide, biodiesel infrastructure development program"

The goal of the program is to assist local communities in understanding and tracking their energy needs, costs and usage so that they can replace a significant portion of their governmental usage of diesel with locally produced biodiesel.

For the first round of the program, the Council and its partners plans to directly assist 10 communities in the state of Tennessee.

Communities of Cooperation

Participating communities will cooperate and share data on usage and receive both financial and technical assistance for the purchase, setup and operation biodiesel production equipment in their local community.

Recycling

Since biodiesel is made from used cooking oil, animal fats or pressed oily plant crops, the Council hopes to assist communities in developing used cooking oil recycling programs so that a large portion of the renewable feedstock needed to produce biodiesel come from conservation efforts in their home community.

The Council is looking for:

(1) letters of support for the project;

and

(2) communities that have significant public diesel usage (e.g. school bus fuel, building heating oil, equipment fuel, etc) are interested in participating currently in the project.

Contact info

Point of Contact for letters of support and interest in participation in the project is:

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