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EPA Grant awarded to Southwest Detroit group to Reduce Diesel Pollution

Detroit, MI – Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision (SDEV) will lead the Michigan Clean Diesel Collaborative Healthy Urban Goods Movement initiative to reduce diesel emissions in the Detroit area through the replacement of aging diesel engines. The Michigan Clean Diesel Collaborative HUGM project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance program. SDEV is working with six private fleets to replace 18 aging diesel trucks and one non-road diesel crane. The new trucks and crane will have an increased fuel economy and reduce diesel emissions by an estimated **88.5 tons annually**.

The private partners include Ferrous Processing and Trading, Alco Transportation, Forgotten Harvest, Causley Trucking, T&L Transportation, and Red Cap Transportation. "Diesel pollution has been consistently identified by the community as a major environmental issue of concern, since we host heavy industry and truck traffic from the international border crossing," said Kathy Stott, SDEV Executive Director. "We are grateful to local industry partners that are working to reduce the environmental impact on the community."

Since 2009, SDEV has partnered with 16 local businesses and municipalities to reduce diesel pollution by securing grant funding to assist partners with retrofitting and replacing old diesel engines in trucks, boats, and construction equipment. SDEV has secured over \$11-million dollars in investments to reduce diesel pollution in Metropolitan Detroit through the current EPA initiative, previous government grant awards, and private partner contributions. According to the EPA, every \$1 spent on diesel emissions reduction produces \$13 in health benefits.

To learn more about the U.S. EPA National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance program, visit

www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/prgnational.htm

To learn more about SDEV, visit www.sdevweb.info

SDEV is a nonprofit organization that has worked since 1992 to improve the environment and economy of Southwest Detroit. SDEV communicates environmental risks and solutions, advocates for community development, and expands the common ground to address issues, including: air quality, pollution prevention, blight and illegal dumping prevention, land use, environmental justice and environmental education in schools, at businesses, and in the community.

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