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## NEWS: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Grant Applications Being Accepted To Reduce Diesel Emissions

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**SPRINGFIELD, Mo., July 31, 2009** — Drury University's Ozarks Center for Sustainable Solutions (OCSS) is accepting grant applications to fund upgrades in diesel fleets to reduce emissions. The Ozarks Center for Sustainable Solutions (OCSS) at Drury University has been awarded \$412,441 in grant funding from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to protect and improve the air quality in 15 Southwest Missouri counties. The funding is intended to reduce diesel emissions in Southwest Missouri. In cooperation with the Ozarks Clean Air Alliance, a subgroup of the Environmental Collaborative of the Community Partnership of the Ozarks, the funding is available to private and public diesel fleets in the following counties: Greene, Cedar, Polk, Dallas, Christian, Taney, Jasper, Dade, Barton, Webster, Newton, McDonald, Lawrence, Barry and Stone.

Interested parties are asked to submit their project applications to the Ozarks Center for Sustainable Solutions (OCSS) at Drury University by September 30, 2009. Projects will be selected through a Request for Proposal process. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been posted on the OCAA website at [www.showmecleanair.com](http://www.showmecleanair.com) and the OCSS website at [www.drury.edu/ocss](http://www.drury.edu/ocss). For more information about this opportunity, contact OCSS at [dneidigh@drury.edu](mailto:dneidigh@drury.edu) or 417/873-7641.

All eligible applications will receive equal consideration. Funding will be divided evenly between public and private fleet applicants.

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