



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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ALDOT Receives Award for Promoting/Improving Air Quality

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Transportation received the 2011 Southeast Diesel Collaborative (SEDC) Community Leadership Award during the recent SEDC 7th Annual Partners Meeting in Atlanta.

The award is presented annually for projects best exemplifying extraordinary leadership in promoting and improving air quality through superior practices and policies of environmental stewardship.

ALDOT was recognized for successful efforts implementing programs to reduce transportation-related emissions, educational outreach, and promoting clean diesel project partnerships for the following:

- Implementing a fleet replacement program to auction older diesel vehicles to acquire vehicles and equipment that meet the 2007 and 2010 diesel emission standards;
- Retrofitting 312 on road and off road vehicles and equipment with diesel oxidation catalysts, either stand-alone or in concert with a closed crankcase ventilation system;
- Maintaining a fleet of 1,256 alternative fuel vehicles and supporting the development of biofuels infrastructure in Alabama; and
- Deploying GPS units in two-thirds of its fleet to ensure accountability with its no idle policy.



Ron Pruitt, ALDOT Equipment Management Coordinator, accepts the SEDC Community Leadership Award.

The Southeast Diesel Collaborative is part of EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign, a program combining regulatory measures with voluntary initiatives to reduce the pollution emitted from diesel engines across the country.

ALDOT's mission is to provide a safe, efficient, environmentally and economically sound transportation network across Alabama. For additional information, visit www.dot.state.al.us

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