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## **SANBAG Secures Nearly \$20 Million in Federal and State Funds for Nation's Largest LNG Truck Project**



San Bernardino Associated Governments was awarded a total of \$19.3 million in funding to support the deployment of what will be the nation's largest liquefied natural gas (LNG) truck project to date. J.B. Hunt, one of the nation's largest fleet operators, will purchase and deploy 262 LNG powered Freightliner trucks for their Southern California operations. J.B. Hunt also will construct two publicly accessible LNG refueling stations to support their own fleet and other regional clean vehicle operations.

Funding for the project is being provided from federal and state sources: nearly \$10 million was awarded through the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Alternative Fuel and Advanced Technology Vehicles Pilot Program, and \$9.3 million was awarded through the California Energy Commission (CEC) AB 118 Alternative and Renewable Fuel & Vehicle Technology Program. The source of the DOE funding is from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and is focused on accelerating the implementation of clean alternative fuel vehicles, green jobs and the reduction of petroleum demand from the U.S. transportation sector.

"Having worked aggressively for more than 15 years on projects to use clean burning and domestic fuels like natural gas, SANBAG is thrilled to administer what will be the largest LNG truck project in the nation," commented Paul Eaton, President of SANBAG. "Having already developed several similar LNG projects in our region, SANBAG has the experience and knowledge to ensure this project will be successfully implemented."

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SANBAG has taken an active role in the development of alternative fuel vehicle projects in Southern California and is a long-time supporter of the Interstate Clean Transportation Corridor (ICTC) Project. The award-winning ICTC project has LNG powered trucks and LNG refueling infrastructure located on I-15, I-80, and I-5 corridors connecting Southern California, Salt Lake City and Northern California. The ICTC seeks to build partnerships between public and private stakeholders to expand the availability of refueling stations access throughout the Western United States in order to support the increased movement of goods by alternative fuel heavy-duty trucks.

When fully implemented, this green truck project will be the largest heavy-duty natural gas truck project in the history of the United States. It will replace more than 2.64 million gallons of diesel use annually with 100% domestically produced low-carbon LNG, and will contribute to the maintenance and creation of more than 400 U.S. jobs. These U.S.-based green automotive jobs will be located in regions of the country that have been the hardest hit from the current economic downturn, including direct job impacts in the top five (5) states for highest unemployment rates (Michigan; Oregon, South Carolina, California, and North Carolina).

“We are thrilled to be able to leverage federal stimulus grants and state alternative fuel funds to bring clean air and green jobs to San Bernardino County, one of the nation’s hardest hit areas in both air quality and unemployment,” added Eaton.

The 262 LNG trucks will be powered by natural gas engines that have the lowest emissions levels certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for any truck of this size. The J.B. Hunt LNG truck project will reduce more than 15.5 million pounds (7,023 metric tons) of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions per year, more than 169 tons of NOx emissions annually; and completely eliminate 2.9 tons of diesel particulate emissions from the atmosphere.

“We are very excited about the partnership between JB Hunt and SANBAG to replace 121 heavy duty diesel trucks used in the City of San Bernardino, with cleaner burning LNG trucks. This replacement will reduce diesel emissions throughout the City,” added the City of San Bernardino Mayor Pat Morris. “With such a significant level of heavy-duty diesel truck traffic in our City, the reduction of diesel emissions will have critical health benefits for residents.”

Partners on this important project include: J.B. Hunt Transport Services; Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Clean Cities Coalition; California Energy Commission; South Coast Air Quality Management District; Interstate Clean Transportation Corridor / Gladstein, Neandross & Associates; City of San Bernardino; City of Commerce; and Daimler Trucks North America / Freightliner Trucks.

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