



# MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

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Dear School Administrator:

The Missouri Department of Conservation is proud to offer your school district the opportunity to submit a grant proposal for a Fuels-for-Schools project. The enclosed grant application should be filled out completely and returned to the address provided. **Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2017.** An electronic version of the grant application is available on request.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is offering three (more or less depending on funding availability) individual "Fuels for Schools" grants up to \$305,000.00 each. A minimum 20% match is required with this grant, and certain criteria must be met and maintained by the school to be awarded this grant. Additional funds may be available through the Department of Economic Development's Division of Energy's Energy Loan Program (see *Description of Application and Selection Process* for more details).

The Fuels for Schools project is a "turn-key" wood burning boiler system. Be sure to review the two case studies that are enclosed in this mailing for more information on the Fuels-for-Schools program. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is working with the South Central Ozarks Council of Governments (SCOCOG) to implement these projects. A project coordinator working through the South Central Ozarks Council of Governments will help guide each selected school through the entire project from hiring a design firm to securing wood chips or wood for fuel.

The goal of these grants is to establish three (more or less depending on funding availability) new Fuels for Schools projects throughout southern Missouri in public school districts where the forest products industry has a major economic influence. In addition, it is a goal to develop a new market for small diameter trees thinned from forest stands. Not only will this provide biomass for the Fuels for Schools projects, but will reduce fuel (fire hazards) while enhancing/restoring healthy natural forest communities.

Remember, applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2017. If you have questions you can call Mike Morris at 573-522-4115 extension 3117.

Sincerely,

LISA G. ALLEN  
STATE FORESTER

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