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With this letter International Illinois Port District (IIPD) and the Advanced Energy Group seeks to partner with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on an EPA Clean Ports Program Deployment and Planning grant. We are working to create a proposal focusing on **electrification and hydrogen refueling** at the **IIPD Iroquois Landing Terminal, IIPD Lake Calumet Terminal, and CPKC Bensenville Railyard.**

Ideally with the IEPA's help, we will need to create a **plan to perform an emissions inventory** at the selected locations as part of the deployment grant. We are also open to creating an air quality monitoring sensor net in conjunction with the other intermodal Chicago ports as part of the planning grant. Since this heavily overlaps with the mission and goals of the IEPA, we would like to bring the **IEPA in as a statutory partner**. If there is interest, possible additional activities as part of the partnership could include:

1. Funding and planning support for an integrated emissions inventory of the Chicago ports.
2. Construction and maintenance of an air quality monitoring sensor grid using these port locations. The IEPA might be best positioned to administer this.
3. Interfacing with other state agencies with specific interests in this project (e.g. IDOT). This might include community and government engagements/outreach.
4. Funding support to plug funding gaps for the grant (specific grant support, matching funds for smaller ports, implementation projects in alignment with IEPA goals, etc.)

We look forward to partnering with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on this opportunity.

Best,

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