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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: GRANT SOLICITATION FOR THE CLEAN OFF-ROAD EQUIPMENT VOUCHER
INCENTIVE PROJECT

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is pleased to announce a grant solicitation of \$40 million for an administrator to implement the Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive Project (CORE) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18. CORE, analogous to the Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP) as a first-come, first-served basis, will provide vouchers for specified types of zero-emission off-road freight equipment, with increased incentives for equipment located in disadvantaged communities. CORE will help accelerate the deployment of cleaner off-road equipment and benefit the citizens of California by providing immediate criteria pollutant and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions and supporting California's long-term air quality and climate change goals.

This solicitation is open to federal, state, or local government entities or agencies; local air districts; and non-profit organizations with California off-road equipment, vehicle incentive project, and/or air quality expertise. Applications submitted in person or via a delivery service provider (United States Postal Service, United Parcel Service, FedEx, etc.) must be delivered to CARB no later than **5:00 p.m. (PST), Monday, March 18, 2019**. The grant solicitation and all associated documents can be found on CARB's webpage at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm>.

CARB will hold one Applicant Teleconference, at which time staff will be available to answer questions potential applicants may have regarding eligibility, application completion, and other requirements. Please see details for the Applicant Teleconference below:

Applicant Teleconference

Date: February 14, 2019
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Place: California Air Resources Board
9528 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731
Dial-In #: 1-800-779-9469
Int.#: 1-517-308-9104
Passcode: 2420646

The questions and answers from the Applicant Teleconference and any questions received via email will be posted on the CARB webpage at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm>. CARB may collect questions via email. However, staff will only respond to questions regarding this solicitation during the Applicant Teleconference and will not respond to questions after the Applicant Teleconference has taken place.

Background

In 2017, Governor Brown signed into law Assembly Bill 134, which appropriated up to \$140 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for advanced freight equipment demonstrations and pilot commercial deployments. This solicitation is issued under the Assembly Bill 118 Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) and Low Carbon Transportation Investments, with all project funds coming from the Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds deposited into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). The FY 2017-18 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives, approved by CARB in December 2017, allocated \$40 million of the \$140 million appropriation to CORE, which will establish a streamlined voucher process for fleets ready to purchase specified zero-emission equipment to receive funding to offset the higher cost of such technologies.

CORE is part of the California Climate Investments (CCI), a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment, particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. CCI projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefit residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the CCI website at: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding CORE or the Applicant Teleconferences, please contact Mr. Eloy Florez, Air Pollution Specialist, by email at Eloy.Florez@arb.ca.gov or by phone at (626) 350-6525.

Special Accommodations

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (i.e., Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Ms. Stella Ling-Taylor, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-6369 or by email at stella.lingtaylor@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled Applicant Teleconference. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Consecuente con la sección 7296.2 del Código de Gobierno de California, una acomodación especial o necesidades lingüísticas pueden ser suministradas paracualquiera de los siguientes:

- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia.
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma.
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, por favor llame a la oficina del Consejo al (916) 324-0342 o envíe un fax a (916) 327-8524 lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de 10 días de trabajo antes del día programado para la audiencia del Consejo. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jack Kitowski

Jack Kitowski, Chief
Mobile Source Control Division

Attachments (4)

cc: Eloy Florez
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