

# Applicant Teleconference Questions and Answers for the Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive Project (CORE) Solicitation

June 6, 2023

Fiscal Year 2022-23

## Introduction

On June 6, 2023, California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) held an Applicant ZOOM webinar to answer questions regarding the Fiscal year 2022-23 Solicitation for the Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive Project (Solicitation). The solicitation is for an administrator to administer and implement a statewide CORE program for the FY 2022-23 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentive (Funding Plan). The FY 2022-23 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives (Funding Plan), approved by the Board in November 2022, allocated \$273 million in funding for CORE.

CORE is intended to accelerate the deployment of advanced zero-emission technology in the off-road sector. CORE provides vouchers for California purchasers and lessees for eligible equipment on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, CORE provides increased incentives for fleets purchasing zero-emission equipment located in disadvantaged communities with a goal of at least 50 percent of CORE funding supporting equipment domiciled in disadvantaged communities.

CORE stimulates the development, deployment, and commercialization of advanced off-road equipment technology. These technologies are critical to help California meet its near- and long-term air quality and climate change goals. Additionally, the project benefits the citizens of California by providing immediate air pollution and greenhouse gas emission reductions.

The questions answered in this document include those received via email before the ZOOM webinar and questions raised during the teleconference. The following written responses take precedence over verbal responses provided during the ZOOM webinar.

## Applicant Submission

Please follow the instructions listed in the body of the solicitation to submit an application. The application package must be submitted, and CARB must receive it before June 9, no later than 5 pm Pacific.

## Questions and Written Responses

The following questions have been categorized to make it easier to read.

1.

**Q. (From page 19 of the Solicitation) What is a “technical grantee” and is this task applicable to the CORE solicitation?**

**A.** The “technical grantee” and “grantee” are the same.

2.

**Q. What does CARB mean by “selected technical projects” is this applicable to the CORE solicitation?**

**A.** Selected technical projects is the CORE project, projects associated with CORE.

3.

**Q. Attachment 5. b.6. - Is this associated with the technical grantee questions from above? Or can you provide more clarity on what a Critical Project Review is?**

**A.** There are many points as we move forward with CORE where we can make improvements. These improvements may be to streamline processes, make adjustments to errors or questions, or other project adjustments.

4.

**Q. (From printed page number 3 of the Solicitation) The solicitation caps admin at 7% but the sample grant agreement caps admin at 5% - What is the admin cap?**

**A.** The sample grant agreement is a sample of what the grant agreement could look like, not an exact grant agreement.

5.

**Q. (From printed page number 30 of the Solicitation) Is CARB requiring that the Program Administrator provide a total of over \$1,000,000 (in match or potential administration and outreach funding) to be used for eligible equipment? Is CARB requiring that the**

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**A.** There is not a requirement, but to add additional points to your scoring this would be required to receive additional scoring points.

6.

**Q. Can you provide what the CORE Solicitation Scoring Points breakdown.**

**A.** The Scoring Criteria and Total Possible Points are listed in the current CORE Solicitation on page 27.