TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: GRANT SOLICITATION FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSPORTATION GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND (GGRF) INVESTMENTS AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AQIP) FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 CLEAN VEHICLE REBATE PROJECT AND OPTION FOR A NEW GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 AND FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) is pleased to announce its grant solicitation for an administrator to implement the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP) and Increased Incentives for Public Fleets in Disadvantaged Communities (Public Fleet Pilot Project) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17. The solicitation includes the option for new Grant Agreements for each of the following two fiscal years (FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19). Contingent upon Board approval to implement the modifications to the FY 2016-17 Funding Plan for the Low Carbon Transportation Investments and Air Quality Improvement Program (Funding Plan), the current funding available for FY 2016-17 is $78 million for CVRP and up to $3 million for the Public Fleet Pilot Project, with a total of up to $81 million. The inclusion of the Public Fleet Pilot Project is specifically contingent upon the Board allocating up to $3 million to the Public Fleet Pilot Project.

CVRP is intended to encourage and accelerate zero- and near-zero emission, on-road light-duty vehicle deployment and technology innovation. This project currently provides rebates for California purchasers and lessees of up to $6,500 for fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs), up to $4,000 for battery-electric vehicles (BEVs), up to $3,000 for plug-in hybrid electric light-duty vehicles (PHEVs), and up to $900 for zero-emission motorcycles (ZEMs) on a first-come, first-served basis. These rebate amounts have not been updated to reflect recently adopted legislation and are subject to change. In addition, the Public Fleet Pilot Project provides increased incentives for public fleets located in or serving disadvantaged communities. Rebates offered to public fleets located in or serving disadvantaged communities are up to $15,000 for FCEVs, $10,000 for BEVs, and $5,250 for PHEVs.

Federal, state or local government entities or agencies, and California nonprofit organizations with expertise implementing a grant program and general knowledge of ARB’s clean vehicle programs may apply via this solicitation to become the CVRP Administrator.
Grantee. Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. (PST), November 4, 2016. The grant solicitation and all associated documents can be found on ARB’s webpage at http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm.

ARB will hold two Applicant Teleconferences, at which time staff will be available to answer questions potential applicants may have regarding eligibility, application completion, and other requirements. The first teleconference is to address preliminary questions. The second teleconference will confirm Board approval of the inclusion of the Public Fleet Pilot Project and address any other final questions.

Please see details for Applicant Teleconferences below:

**Preliminary Applicant Teleconference**
Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2016
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PST)
*Call-In Number: (888) 946-4714
*Passcode: 69739

**Final Applicant Teleconference**
Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2016
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PST)
*Call-In Number: (800) 369-3314
*Passcode: 51271

The questions and answers from both Applicant Teleconferences and any questions received via email will be posted on the ARB webpage at http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm. ARB will not respond to questions regarding this solicitation after the Final Applicant Teleconference has taken place.

**Contact**

If you have any questions regarding CVRP or the Applicant Teleconferences, please contact Ms. Sara Dastoum, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-1696 or by email at sara.dastoum@arb.ca.gov.

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*Note: Call-in numbers and passcodes may change. Should a change occur, the new call-in number and passcode will be listed on ARB’s webpage at https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/meetings.htm. Potential applicants are encouraged to confirm the call-number and passcode by visiting the listed website prior to each teleconference.*
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If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (i.e., Braille, large print), please visit http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm for assistance or contact the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator by telephone at (916) 323-4916 no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please visit www.arb.ca.gov/eeo/bilingual-services.htm or contact the Bilingual Coordinator by telephone at (916) 322-0473 no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia.
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma.
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Sincerely,

/s/
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