



## **Additional information regarding the F-gas Reduction Program (FRIP)**

**Question. Will the information in the FRIP application be made public and will applicants be able to maintain confidentiality of certain items?**

Answer. As indicated in the FRIP Guidelines and Solicitation Manual, FRIP applicants may label information contained in the application as confidential business information. CARB treats confidential business information in accordance with CARB's regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, §§ 91000 to 91022), statutes, such as the California Public Records Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 6250 et seq.), and to the extent permitted by other applicable laws. Per CARB's regulations, applicants may signal which information they believe is confidential by marking the information; CARB can also identify information that is confidential on its own. CARB takes no position, however, on whether information marked so is in fact confidential.

In the event CARB receives a request for such information, at that time, CARB would follow up with the applicant in accordance with the procedures outlined in our regulation. In the event CARB determines that it is going to disclose the contents of the confidential business information to the public, under the Public Records Act, CARB will notify the applicant of its intent and the reason for the requested disclosure. CARB would, to the extent permitted by law, provide such notice within 10 days prior to the planned disclosure in order that the applicant may take further action at its own expense to protect its confidential business information, if the applicant so desires.

CARB may publish the information provided in the application package in aggregated form without individual applicant identification and without sharing the detailed confidential information that could be accessed by a competitor. Reports prepared by FRIP Grantees and submitted to CARB will be shared publicly and must adhere to the requirements defined in the FRIP Guidelines and final grant agreement. Grantees may wish to consult the Southern California Edison Emerging Technology Program's guidelines and policies for their requirements on using energy data collected during the measurement & verification phase of the project and published in the final report prepared by the Emerging Technology Program.