

**2013 MULTIDISTRICT PROJECT SOLICITATION
OPEN TO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS AND AIR POLLUTION
CONTROL DISTRICTS**

THE CARL MOYER TIMBER PROGRAM

California Air Resources Board
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BACKGROUND

The Carl Moyer Program provides monetary grants for the incremental cost of cleaner than required technology. While the Air Resources Board (ARB) is responsible for developing the Carl Moyer Program guidelines, the participating California air pollution control districts and air quality management districts (air districts) are in charge of administering the program. Section 44286 of the Health and Safety Code gives ARB the authority to reserve up to 10 percent of Carl Moyer Program funding for projects that are multidistrict in nature. ARB reserves the sole authority to distribute the funding. This year a portion of the multidistrict funds has been committed to the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) and the remaining portion has been allocated towards the Carl Moyer Truck Improvement/Modernization Benefitting Emission Reductions (TIMBER) program. This solicitation is solely for the grant funds dedicated to the TIMBER program.

This pilot phase of the TIMBER program will use criteria from the Carl Moyer On-Road Fleet Modernization and Voucher Incentive Program guidelines to implement an on-road heavy-duty program, specific to the replacement of logging trucks. The goal of the program is to provide incentive funding opportunities for any fleet utilizing the Truck and Bus Regulation log truck phase-in replacement option. In order to be eligible for funding, fleet owners will be required to have selected this compliance option using the Truck Regulation Upload, Compliance, and Reporting System (TRUCRS) and be compliant throughout the voucher term. The TIMBER program will provide vouchers up to \$60,000 per new model year 2010 vehicle replacement.

All air districts will be eligible to implement the TIMBER program, but will not have the discretion to set more stringent requirements based on local priorities. As a statewide program, TIMBER applicants located outside the boundaries of a participating air district will be eligible to apply for funding, so long as they meet all eligibility requirements*. Given the development of the TIMBER program is in its pilot phase, participating air districts are expected to work with ARB and the logging industry to facilitate future program development.

*TIMBER guidelines are currently under development, but will be consistent with the provisions noted above. All funding is contingent upon the TIMBER guidelines being finalized.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Air districts that are willing and able to administer the TIMBER program and meet the requirements listed below are eligible to apply for the 2013 Multidistrict Project Solicitation.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The 2013 Multidistrict Project Solicitation is directed at providing monetary grants to offset the incremental cost of reduced emission technologies for log trucks. The funding this year will be used for projects under the TIMBER program.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

Currently, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013, ARB has approximately \$5.96 million for multidistrict projects. Of this, ARB is reserving 50 percent of the multidistrict funds (\$2.98 million) for projects implemented under the direction of CAPCOA. The remaining \$2.98 million has been allocated towards the Carl Moyer TIMBER program. The Executive Officer has the right to reallocate funds if there are not applications sufficient to encumber all funds by the statutory June 30, 2013 deadline.

DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE

All districts must meet these specific requirements listed below to participate.

The air district must agree and obtain a board resolution that states the air district is able to:

1. Receive and expend FY 2012-2013 funds towards the TIMBER program.
2. Comply with all TIMBER program guidelines, mailouts/advisories, and other written guidance by ARB.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be complete and accurate and will be reviewed based on the requirements listed above. An air district that applies and agrees to the above requirements is eligible to receive funds. The main factor in determining the grant award amounts is the number of air districts that apply. If multiple districts apply, then the number of log trucks registered in TRUCRS by the air district will also be considered. Additionally, log trucks in neighboring districts will factor into an air district's grant allocation if the neighboring districts do not apply for multidistrict funds through this solicitation. ARB recommends each district apply for the maximum amount of funding the district anticipates it can reasonably expend by the deadline of June 30, 2015. Administration fees of 5 percent will also be awarded to assist districts in completing the necessary tasks for establishing the program such as executing contracts with dealers and dismantlers. Final allocations will be adjusted to ensure a minimum grant of \$63,000 (administration fees included).

The application must be completed and signed by the air district and must be received by ARB **no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 14, 2013**. Please note that postmark dates will not suffice to meet the stated deadline. Late applications will **not** be accepted. Applications that are not signed by the air district or that are sent via facsimile or email will **not** be accepted. Applications can be mailed or hand delivered to the following address:

U.S. Postal Service Deliveries

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MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The reporting requirements will be located in the TIMBER program guidelines and are to be followed accordingly. All funds must be expended no later than June 30, 2015.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Application review will be completed by May 16, 2013, and successful air districts will be notified shortly thereafter via email. A grant award will be made through a Grant Agreement between ARB and the participating air district. Once the Grant Agreement has been executed and all requirements have been met, payments will be made upon submission of a grant disbursement request by the participating air district. Districts awarded a grant amount of \$200,000 or less will receive the full grant amount for the initial disbursement. For districts receiving more than \$200,000, the initial disbursement request is capped at 75 percent of the district's total grant award (project and administration funds included). Once an air district has issued vouchers totaling 50 percent of the projects portion of the initial disbursement, the remaining grant award may be requested.

Example: An air district is allocated \$1,050,000 for its total Year 15 Multidistrict Grant. The maximum initial disbursement is \$787,500 (\$750,000 for projects, \$37,500 for administration). The district can request the remaining \$262,500 only after issuing vouchers totaling at least \$375,000 (50 percent of the \$750,000 for projects).

If, by January 1, 2015, a district has not requested the remaining grant award, then those funds may be reallocated to interested districts that have been disbursed their entire grant amount. Additionally, because the development of the TIMBER program is in its pilot phase, any disbursed funds that have not been dedicated to an issued voucher may, at ARB's request, be required to be sent to another participating air district (including the equivalent 5 percent in administrative funds) to fund TIMBER program eligible projects.

CONTACT PERSON

Please contact Aaron Hilliard for questions relating to the TIMBER program and Dinh Quach for questions relating to the administration and processing of this solicitation.

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