

2014 MULTIDISTRICT 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 TIMBER program provides 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 provides vouchers up to \$60,000 per new model year 2010 or later vehicle replacement.

All air districts are eligible to implement the TIMBER program, but do 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.

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 2014 Multidistrict Project Solicitation.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

This 2014 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) 2013-2014, ARB has approximately \$6.24 million for multidistrict projects. Of this, ARB is reserving \$3 million of the multidistrict funds for projects implemented under the direction of CAPCOA. The remaining \$3.24 million has been allocated towards the Carl Moyer TIMBER program. If there are not sufficient applications to encumber funds, the Executive Officer may reallocate the funds.

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 2013-2014 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 and the amount of log trucks registered in TRUCRS within those districts. Funding for the remaining log trucks registered in TRUCRS within districts that do not apply will be distributed through a progress-based method. Currently participating TIMBER districts that have signed agreements with dealers and dismantlers or have issued at least one disbursement voucher by the end of the solicitation period will receive special consideration in the allocation of the remaining log trucks. ARB recommends each district apply for the maximum amount of funding the district anticipates it can reasonably expend by the deadline of June 30, 2016. Administration fees will also be awarded to assist districts in completing the necessary tasks for establishing the program such as executing contracts with dealers and dismantlers (Health & Safety Code §44299.1). Final allocations will be adjusted to ensure a minimum grant of \$126,316 (administration fees included), provided that there are sufficient funds. If there are insufficient funds to allocate at least the minimum grant to all interested districts, then the \$3.24 million will be distributed equally among all qualifying districts.

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 13, 2014**. Please note that postmark dates will not suffice to meet the stated deadline. 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 addresses:

U.S. Postal Service Deliveries

Dinh Quach
Air Resources Board
9480 Telstar Ave, Suite 4
El Monte, CA 91731

Hand Deliveries and Common Carrier

Dinh Quach
Air Resources Board
9258 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The reporting requirements are located in the TIMBER program guidelines and are to be followed accordingly. All funds must be expended no later than June 30, 2016.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Application review will be completed by May 16, 2014, 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 may request their entire grant award in the initial disbursement. Any disbursed funds that have not been dedicated to an issued voucher by January 1, 2016, may, at ARB's request, be required to be sent to another participating air district (including the equivalent 5 percent or 10 percent (as applicable) in administrative funds) to fund TIMBER program eligible projects.

CONTACT PERSON

Please contact Nancy Noble 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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