

**Questions and Answers for the Off-Road Mobile Agricultural Equipment Trade-Up
Pilot Project in the San Joaquin Valley (Trade-Up Pilot Project) Applicant
Teleconference
April 14, 2017**

On April 14, 2017, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) held the Off-Road Mobile Agricultural Equipment Trade-Up Pilot Project in the San Joaquin Valley (Trade-Up Pilot Project) Applicant Teleconference to answer questions regarding the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 Trade-Up Pilot Project Grant Solicitation (solicitation). Staff encourages applicants to read through this document as CARB has provided more written detail in their responses to stakeholder questions than what was discussed during the teleconference. In the event of any differences, the following written responses take precedence over verbal responses provided at the teleconference.

Please note that staff cannot respond to any questions during the solicitation period except during the Applicant Teleconference.

Eligibility Questions

1. What is a California-based public entity?

Answer: A public entity is a government entity. Some examples of California-based public entities include, but are not limited to, local municipalities (city and county government), special districts (such as local water districts or air districts), and the University of California and California State University systems.

2. Can growers/farmers/producers apply for funding under this grant? Would growers/farmers/producers apply individually or under another entity?

Answer: This solicitation is specifically for a project administrator. On page 3 in the grant solicitation under “Eligible Grantees,” it states that, “this competitive solicitation is open to California-based public entities.”

3. What types of equipment are eligible? Do water trucks, graders, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) used for agricultural purposes, and agricultural tractors qualify to be replaced?

Answer: Mobile agricultural equipment are eligible as stated in the grant solicitation, and it is defined as, “diesel-fueled, self-propelled, off-road equipment or vehicles with greater than 25 horsepower that are used in agricultural operations” on page 10 in the grant solicitation. However, project administrator applicants have the flexibility to refine the eligibility criteria, which may limit some equipment types.

4. In order to participate, do you have to qualify for all three equipment categories?

Answer: For last year's project, as an individual farmer applying for funding, the transaction was broken into two parts and you could either apply as someone who owns high-emitting equipment that is eligible to be scrapped or as someone who has used equipment that is looking to receive an incentive for a new equipment purchase. However, until a project administrator is selected, project details for the FY 2016-17 Trade-Up Pilot Project are not available.

General Project Questions

5. How do I submit an application?

Answer: Applications must be submitted through mail, a delivery service provider, or hand-delivered to CARB, so that they are received by CARB no later than 5 p.m. on April 21, 2017. No applications may be submitted by fax or email. Instructions on how to submit an application are listed in Section IX, Application Instructions, on page 11 of the grant solicitation.

6. Is this project specific to the San Joaquin Valley?

Answer: Yes, this project is limited to the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, as stated in Section I, Project Summary, on page 1 of the grant solicitation.

7. What is the function of the grant administrator?

Answer: The grant administrator is responsible for tasks such as developing a project implementation plan, running the project (i.e., handling the day-to-day implementation), and overseeing the project budget and funds. The minimum duties and requirements for the grant administrator are listed in Section VII, Scope of Work, on page 4 of the grant solicitation.

8. Who is responsible for choosing who will be awarded funding for tractor replacements?

Answer: The grant administrator is responsible for working with CARB to develop eligibility criteria for the project and will ultimately decide who is awarded funding.

9. On the grant solicitation part VII, section A under "Mobile Agricultural Equipment Eligibility," it states three equipment categories. Would there be funding allocated for these three categories? More specifically, is there a possibility that there could be funding to just scrap high-emitting agricultural equipment?

Answer: All three of these equipment categories (i.e., the new equipment for incentivized purchase, the used equipment for trade-up, and the high-emitting

equipment for scrap) must be part of the transaction. This project is for multi-step transactions, so it would not include scrapping high-emitting equipment without the trade-up component.

10. How long will it take to designate the project administrator?

Answer: This grant solicitation is open until April 21, 2017 and CARB anticipates that the project administrator (or grantee) will be selected by May 1, 2017, according to the solicitation timeline on page 12 of the grant solicitation. However, as stated on page 12 of the grant solicitation, timelines are subject to change at CARB's sole discretion.

11. How will we find out who is selected as the project administrator?

Answer: Once a grantee is selected, it will be posted on the CARB website, along with the solicitation materials that are already posted, at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm>.

12. How long will we have to apply for funding once an administrator is selected?

Answer: Applicants will develop a project implementation plan when applying for this solicitation, which will guide the process. The timeframe to apply for funding for mobile agricultural equipment is dependent on the CARB-approved implementation plan developed by the selected grantee.

13. Who was the administrator last year (for the FY 2015-16 project)?

Answer: The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District was selected as the Grantee.

14. Is there funding available from last year?

Answer: No. Last year's project was awarded \$500,000 and the funding has been spent.

15. As a grower, is the incentive a dollar per dollar match?

Answer: The incentive amount will be determined once a project administrator (or Grantee) is selected. As part of the application, project administrator applicants must submit a sample budget with the incentive amounts.

16. I've heard there is a similar program in place through the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. Do you know about that program and how is this one different?

Answer: The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District has tractor replacement projects in place through programs like the Carl Moyer Air Quality Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program or Moyer). This project is different because it is a two-step transaction, whereas Moyer currently funds single-step transactions where equipment is scrapped in exchange for an incentive for the purchase of new equipment.

17. If you qualify for this program, are you disqualified from Moyer?

Answer: No. However, one tractor may not receive funding from both programs, so you may want to discuss further with Moyer program staff and/or the selected project administrator to see which program will suit you best.

18. Are Verified Diesel Emission Control Strategies (VDECS) something that could be funded?

Answer: VDECS will not be funded on its own since the use of VDECS is not the primary goal of this project. However, the project administrator develops the guidelines with CARB on what will be funded and the solicitation does not limit the scope on how to maximize the project's capability to achieve cost-effective emission reductions.