Date: October 4, 2019
To: All Interested Parties
Subject: GRANT SOLICITATION FOR THE HYBRID AND ZERO-EMISSION TRUCK AND BUS VOUCHER INCENTIVE PROJECT

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is pleased to announce a competitive grant solicitation for an administrator to implement the Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20. This solicitation includes an option for new Grant Agreements for fiscal years FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22, if additional funds become available. It is expected that between $132 million and $152 million will be allocated to HVIP for FY 2019-20. The final funding amount is pending Board approval on October 24, 2019.

HVIP is intended to encourage and accelerate the deployment of zero-emission and other clean heavy-duty vehicle technology in California. HVIP provides vouchers for California purchasers and lessees for eligible vehicles on a first come, first-served basis. In addition, HVIP provides increased incentives for fleets purchasing zero-emission vehicles located in disadvantaged communities with a goal of at least 50 percent of HVIP funding supporting vehicles domiciled in disadvantaged communities.

This solicitation is open to local air districts, other California-based public entities, or California-based non-profit organizations with California heavy-duty vehicle, vehicle incentive project, and/or air quality expertise.

Applications submitted in person or via a delivery service provider (United States Postal Service, United Parcel Service, FedEx, etc.) must be delivered to CARB no later than 5:00 p.m. (PDT), Monday, November 18, 2019. The grant solicitation and all associated documents can be found on CARB’s webpage at https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/low-carbon-transportation-investments-and-air-quality-improvement-program/low

CARB 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.

First Applicant Teleconference
Date: October 14, 2019
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Call-In #: 1-888-949-2618
Passcode: 3649164
Final Applicant Teleconference
Date: October 30, 2019
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Call-In #: 1-888-949-2618
Passcode: 3649164

CARB will collect questions via email. However, staff will only respond to questions regarding this solicitation during the Applicant Teleconferences and will not respond to questions after the Final Applicant Teleconference has taken place. The questions and answers from the Applicant Teleconferences and any questions received via email will be posted on the CARB webpage at https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/low-carbon-transportation-investments-and-air-quality-improvement-program/low

Background

For FY 2019-20, the Legislature appropriated $182 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for clean trucks, buses, and off-road freight equipment including HVIP and advanced technology freight demonstration and pilot commercial deployment projects. The Board will determine how to split the $182 million between HVIP and demonstration and pilot projects on October 24, 2019. This solicitation is issued under the Assembly Bill 118 Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) and Low Carbon Transportation Investments, with all project funds coming from the Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds deposited into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF).

HVIP is part of the Low Carbon Transportation Investments as part of the California Climate Investments (CCI), a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment, particularly in disadvantaged communities. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within, and benefit residents of, disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the CCI website at http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding HVIP or the Applicant Teleconferences, please contact Andrea Morgan, Air Resources Engineer, at (916) 323-6169 or by email at Andrea.Morgan@arb.ca.gov.
Special Accommodations

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (i.e., Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Stella Ling-Taylor, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-6369 or by email at Stella.LingTaylor@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled Applicant Teleconference. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Consecuente con la sección 7296.2 del Código de Gobierno de California, una acomodación especial o necesidades lingüísticas pueden ser suministradas paracualquiera de los siguientes:

- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia.
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma.
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, por favor llame a la oficina del Consejo al (916) 324-0342 o envié un fax a (916) 327-8524 lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de 10 días de trabajo antes del día programado para la audiencia del Consejo. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jack Kitowski, Chief
Mobile Source Control Division

Attachments (3)

cc: See next page.
cc: Andrea Morgan
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   Stella Ling-Taylor
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