



Staff Workshop on the Alternative and Renewable Fuels and Vehicle Technology Program Grant Solicitation Process

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to share information and answer questions about the Alternative and Renewable Fuels and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP) grant funding process.

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Beginning at 1:00 p.m.

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(Wheelchair Accessible)

Purpose

The purpose of this staff workshop is to reach a broad and diverse set of potential applicants, and to assist them in understanding how to find and apply for ARFVTP grant funding opportunities from the California Energy Commission, and to serve as a forum for questions and answers relating to the general ARFVTP grant solicitation process.

Energy Commission staff will provide an explanation of the following:

1. ARFVT Program and current solicitations;
2. requirements of potential applicants;
3. solicitation timeline and application process;
4. evaluation process, including scoring criteria and potential hurdles;
5. the agreement development process for funding awardees; and
6. general tips for application development.

Participation in this workshop is encouraged, but not required for application to any ARFVTP grant solicitations. Additional workshops will be held for the Bay Area, the Central Valley, and in Sacramento.

Background

Assembly Bill 118 (Núñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007) created the ARFVTP. The statute, subsequently amended by AB 109 (Núñez, Chapter 313, Statutes of 2008) and AB 8 (Perea, Chapter 401, Statutes of 2013), authorizes the Energy Commission to develop and deploy alternative and renewable fuels and advanced transportation technologies to help attain the state's climate change policies.

The ARFVTP has an annual budget of approximately \$100 million and provides financial support for projects that:

1. Reduce California's use and dependence on petroleum transportation fuels and increase the use of alternative and renewable fuels and advanced vehicle technologies.
2. Produce sustainable alternative and renewable low-carbon fuels in California.
3. Expand alternative fueling infrastructure and fueling stations.
4. Improve the efficiency, performance and market viability of alternative light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicle technologies.
5. Retrofit medium- and heavy-duty on-road and non-road vehicle fleets to alternative technologies or fuel use.
6. Expand the alternative fueling infrastructure available to existing fleets, public transit, and transportation corridors.
7. Establish workforce training programs and conduct public outreach on the benefits of alternative transportation fuels and vehicle technologies.

Public Comment

Staff will accept oral comments and questions during the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments may become part of the public record for this proceeding.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by email. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® (.pdf). Indicate the title of the workshop in the subject line. Send comments to:

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If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

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Special instructions for participation at the San Bernardino facility: The entrance to the building is on the Metrolink track side of the building. The parking lot will be under construction on October 8, 2014, so you will want to park in the Metrolink structure, which is just southwest of the building. Because of this situation, you may want to allow five to ten extra minutes to park and walk over.

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