



# Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program

## **Block Grant for Electric Vehicle Incentive Projects Pre-Application Workshop (GFO-16-603)**

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# AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Solicitation Overview
- Questions and Answers
- Adjourn



## ARFVTP's Commitment to Diversity

The Energy Commission adopted a resolution on April 8, 2015, to firmly commit to:

- Increase participation of women, minority, disabled veteran and LGBT business enterprises in program funding opportunities
- Increase outreach and participation by disadvantaged communities
- Increase diversity in participation at Energy Commission proceedings
- Increase diversity in employment and promotional opportunities



## Commitment to Diversity

**Fairness** – Increase funding accessibility to all Californians.

**Inclusion** – Small businesses make up a significant portion of the U.S. economy.

**Job Creation** – Projects can create jobs for residents of the under-served communities.

**Diversity of Ideas** – Great ideas occur in a variety of areas.

**Diversity in Communities' Needs** – Needs vary widely from one area to the next (air quality, socioeconomic, etc.).



# Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP)

- AB 8 (*Perea, Chapter 401, Statutes of 2013*) extends ARFVTP through January 1, 2024.
- Receives up to \$100 million per year to:
  - ✓ Transform California's transportation market into a diverse collection of alternative fuels and technologies and reduce California's dependence on petroleum.
  - ✓ Develop and deploy innovative technologies that transform California's fuel and vehicle types to help attain the state's climate change policies.





# Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP)

- “Existing law specifies that only certain projects or programs are eligible for funding, including block grants administered by public entities or not-for-profit technology entities for multiple projects ...”
- California Health and Safety Code Section 44272(d) All of the following shall be eligible for funding: “... (11) Block grants administered by ... not-for-profit technology consortia for multiple projects ...”





## Solicitation Purpose

To select a block grant recipient to receive up to \$200 million in funding to design and implement various electric vehicle charger incentive projects throughout California.



# Funding

- Approximately \$14 million total funding is currently available.
- Additional funds contingent upon funds becoming available and allocated to the block grant. Additional funds may originate from non-CEC sources.
- No match funding requirement for the block grant recipient.
- Administrative costs to implement the block grant project(s) are capped at 7% of funds available under the resulting agreement.
- Energy Commission reserves the right to increase/decrease total funding available under this solicitation.





## Eligible Applicants

- Must be a not-for-profit technology entity located in California.



## Project Requirements

- Identify EV charger incentive projects.
- Develop simple user-friendly application documents.
- Develop an outreach and advertisement plan for each approved incentive project.
- Conduct outreach.
- Develop user-friendly, public access webpages for project applicants and public.



## Project Requirements (cont.)

- Develop a plan to minimize errors, fraud, waste and abuse.
- Develop processes and procedures to issue incentives to projects within 15 working days.
- Develop processes and procedures to allow third parties to provide funding.
- Collect information and data.



## Project Requirements (cont.)

- Establish, maintain, and submit all incentive project records to the Energy Commission.
- Establish separate accounts and implement procedures to separately accept, track, disperse and report on funding from sources other than the Energy Commission.



## Project Selection and Award

- Competitive grant application process.
- Must pass administrative and technical screening.
- Must achieve a score of at least 70% (112 of 160 points) to be considered for funding.
- One application will be recommended for funding.



## Project Selection and Award (cont.)

- Proposals are ranked and recommended for funding according to final overall score.
- Results released through a published Notice of Proposed Award (NOPA).
- Energy Commission will finalize agreement documents.
- Agreement presented at a Business Meeting for approval.



# Application Submittal Requirements

- Electronic Submittals (preferred)
  - Via Grant Solicitation System (GSS): <https://gss.energy.ca.gov>
  - GSS Tutorial:  
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/transportation.html#GFO-16-603>
- Hard Copy Submittals
  - Number of Copies – 1 original only.
  - Hard copy submittal via U.S. Mail, in person, or any courier service.
  - Must include electronic application files on CD-ROM or USB memory stick adhering to file format requirements.
- All submittals must be *received* by the Energy Commission before the due date and time specified in the solicitation.



## Application Elements

- **Application Form:** Applicants must complete and submit an Application Form (Attachment 1).
- **Project Narrative:**
  - Detailed description of the approach to be undertaken to implement EV charger incentive projects.
  - Applicants should address each of the scoring criteria described in Section IV.E.
  - Limited to 20 pages.





## Application Elements (cont.)

- **Scope of Work:** Complete and submit a Scope of Work (Attachment 2).
- **Schedule of Products and Due Dates:** Complete and submit a schedule (Attachment 4).
- **Budget:** Complete budget forms with all requested budget details (Attachment 5).
- **Contact List:** Complete contact list (Attachment 6).



## Application Elements (cont.)

- **Letters of Support/Commitment**
- **CEQA Worksheet:** Must complete the CEQA Worksheet (Attachment 7).
- **Localized Health Impacts (LHI) Information:** Applicants must complete the LHI form (Attachment 8).



## Grounds for Rejection

- The application is not *received* by the Contracts, Grants and Loans Office by the specified due date and time.
- The applicant is not an Eligible Applicant (Section II).
- The project is not an Eligible Project (Section II).
- The applicant does not provide the required authorizations and certifications via GSS or Attachment 1.
- The application contains confidential information.



## Grounds for Rejection (continued)

- The application contains false or intentionally misleading statements or references or is intended to mislead the State in its evaluation of the Application.
- The application does not literally comply, or contains caveats that conflict, with the solicitation.
- The application is not complete or prepared in the format described.



## Scoring Criteria

Team Resources, Qualifications and Experience	40
Implementation and Technical Readiness	50
Budget	40
Innovation	30
<b>Total Possible Points:</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Minimum Passing Score (70%)</b>	<b>112</b>



## Current Schedule

- Solicitation Release November 29, 2016
- Pre-Application Workshop December 13, 2016
- Deadline for Questions December 13, 2016 @ 5:00pm
- Distribute Answers December 23, 2016
- **Application Deadline January 20, 2017 by 5:00pm**
- Post Notice of Proposed Awards February 2017
- Commission Business Meeting April 2017



## Questions

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*All questions should be submitted in writing and emailed.*