



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
Total Possible Points:	160
Minimum Passing Score (70%)	112



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.