



CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

AB118 Pre-Application Workshop for Centers for Alternative Fuels and Advanced Vehicle Technology

California Energy Commission

Hearing Room A

September 6, 2013

Miki Crowell

Emerging Fuels & Technologies Office

Fuels and Transportation Division



Workshop Introduction and Overview

- Welcome and Introductions
- Housekeeping/Logistics
 - Bathrooms
 - 2nd Floor Snack Shop
 - In case of emergency



Agenda and Goals

- Overview of the Solicitation
- Application Format and Required Documents
- Evaluation Process and Criteria
- Questions and Answers
- Adjourn



Solicitation Purpose

To unify activities that may provide future development and expansion of alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies through collaboration with existing and new centers throughout the state.



Key Activities

ACTIVITY	ACTION DATE
Solicitation Release	August 23, 2013
Deadline for Written Questions	September 9, 2013
Pre-Application Workshop*	September 6, 2013
Distribute Questions/Answers and Addenda (if any) to solicitation	October 4, 2013
Deadline to Submit Applications by 3:00 p.m.	October 25, 2013
Anticipated Notice of Proposed Award Posting Date	December 6, 2013
Anticipated Commission Business Meeting Date	April/May 2014
Anticipated Agreement Start Date	June 2014



Available Funding and How Award is Determined

- Up to \$4.7 million total available.
- At least three awards of up to \$1,566,667 each.
- Awards distributed among Northern, Central, and Southern California.



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Eligible Applicants

- Public and private entities.
- An applicant can only apply for one region (Northern, Central, or Southern California).
- Must have a business presence in California.



Eligible Projects

The proposed center must:

1. Be located in one of the three defined geographic regions within California.
2. Support two or more local agencies and businesses within the region.

AND ...



Eligible Projects (cont'd.)

3. Accomplish one or more of the following:
 - Identify strategic opportunities to develop/demonstrate advanced technology vehicles.
 - Provide a neutral site to collaborate on technology demonstrations.
 - Centralize the attention of fleet managers.
 - Integrate vehicle technology development with workforce training efforts.
 - Serve multiple functions to support and promote local and regional alternative fuel vehicles.
 - Provide a central location for local and regional planning.



Eligible Projects (cont'd.)

A center can be either a physical facility or a virtual center.



Eligible Projects (cont'd.)

Eligible expenditures include, but are not limited to costs to develop, construct, expand, rent/lease, and/or operate the proposed center.



Eligible Projects (cont'd.)

The following project types ARE NOT eligible for funding under this solicitation:

- Feasibility studies
- Surveys
- Center solely developing research projects and/or conducting research.
- Vehicle demonstration.



Partnership Requirements

- Each proposal should contain a plan to recruit key partners along with a list of expected partnerships.



Match Funding Requirements

- Minimum of 50% of total project costs.
- Greater percentage in match share funding will be scored higher.
- Applications that do not meet the minimum match share requirement will be disqualified.



Application Format

- Typed or printed, 11-point font, single-spaced, and a blank line between paragraphs.
- Other characteristics, as listed in PON-13-605.
- 1 original and 5 copies of the application.
- Electronic copies on USB stick or CD ROM; files in Microsoft Word XP .doc and Excel Office Suite formats.
- Project Narrative maximum 30 pages.



Required Documents

- Table of Contents
- Application Form (Attachment 01)
- Project Narrative
- Scope of Work (Attachment 02)
- Schedule of Products and Due Dates (Attachment 04)
- Resumes
- Letter(s) of Support/Commitment
- Budget Forms (Attachment 05)
- Contacts (Attachment 06)
- ARFVTP Funding Restrictions Certification (Attachment 09)
- CEQA Worksheet (Attachment 10)
- Local Health Impacts Information (Attachment 11)



Evaluation Process

- Stage One: Screening
 - Administrative Screening
 - Technical Screening
- Stage Two: Technical and Cost Evaluation
 - Total score average of combined scores.
 - Minimum passing score is 70%.
 - Applications recommended for funding in ranked order (by region) until available funding is exhausted.



Screening Criteria

- Application **MUST** be received by due date and time stated in solicitation. (No exceptions)
- Application form **MUST** be completed and signed by Applicant's authorized representative.
- Minimum 50% match share funding committed.
- Applications with confidential information, in whole or in part, will be disqualified.
- See pages 16-17 for additional screening criteria and grounds for rejection.



Evaluation Criteria

- Contained on pages 19-20 of solicitation.
- Applicants should ensure Applications:
 - Fully and clearly address each criterion, including all sub bullets.
 - Carefully organize information to facilitate review and evaluation.
 - Include all assumptions and calculations (as applicable) utilized.



Questions and Answers

- Accepting oral questions during this workshop.
- Accepting written questions until September 9, 2013.
- Please send your questions to:

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Thank you for your participation in today's workshop.