



Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program

Natural Gas Fueling Infrastructure Pre-Application Workshop (PON-14-608)

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AGENDA

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



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.





ARFVTP's Commitment to Diversity

The Energy Commission is committed to ensuring participation in its ARFVT Program reflect the rich and diverse characteristics of California and its people.

To meet this commitment, Energy Commission staff conducts outreach efforts and activities to:

- Ensure potential new applicants throughout the state are aware of the Energy Commission's ARFVT Program and the funding opportunities the program provides.
- Encourage greater participation by underrepresented groups including disabled veteran-, women-, minority-, and LGBT-owned small businesses.
- Assist applicants in understanding how to apply for funding from the Energy Commission's ARFVT Program.



Solicitation Purpose

- The Energy Commission is seeking applications from public K-12 school districts and other public entities for natural gas fueling infrastructure projects.
- Eligible projects that establish or expand infrastructure necessary to store, distribute and dispense compressed natural gas (CNG) for use in natural gas vehicles.



Funding

- \$1,500,000 total funding available.
 - \$500,000 maximum funding request per public K-12 school districts.
 - \$250,000 maximum funding request for other public entities.
 - No match funding requirement for public K-12 school districts.
 - For other public entities, 25% match share of the total project costs is required - can include cash, or cash and in-kind.
- NOTE: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) monies and Energy Commission funding may *not be used*.**
- Commission reserves the right to increase/decrease total funding amount.



Eligible Applicants

- California public K-12 school districts and other public entities located in California.
- Business presence in California.
- Registered and in good standing with the California Secretary of State.



Eligible Projects

- Located in California.
- New CNG fueling infrastructure.
- Upgrade to existing CNG infrastructure.



Disadvantaged Communities

- Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has developed the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool: CalEnviroScreen Version 2.0 (CalEnviroScreen 2.0). CalEnviroScreen 2.0 will be used by the Energy Commission to identify Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) and maximize the benefits to DACs.
- Disadvantaged communities are defined as areas identified by CalEnviroScreen and scored at or above the 75th percentile.



Bonus Points

- Projects located in a disadvantaged community will receive 5 (five) bonus points.
- California public K-12 school districts will receive 10 (ten) bonus points.



Project Selection and Award

- Competitive grant application process.
- Must pass Screening and Scoring Criteria.
- Must achieve a score of at least 70% (70 of 100 points) to be considered for funding.
- Bonus Points will only be applied to projects that meet the minimum 70% passing score.



Project Selection and Award (cont.)

- Proposals are ranked and recommended for funding according to 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.



California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- All projects are subject to CEQA review.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to identify the appropriate Lead Agency with authority to determine CEQA compliance.
- Applicants must comply with CEQA within 6 months of NOPA release.
- The extent of CEQA compliance will be evaluated in Technical Scoring Criteria.
- No project can be approved at an Energy Commission Business Meeting without documented CEQA compliance.



Application Requirements

- **Proposal Cover Page:** Must include a complete and signed cover page shown in Attachment 1.
- **Executive Summary:** Must include project description, project goals, and measurable objectives to be achieved (1 page limit).
- **Project Narrative:** Detailed description of the proposed project, operational goals and objectives, implementation of work tasks, and responses to scoring criteria. (10 page limit)



Application Requirements (cont.)

- **Scope of Work and Schedule:** Complete Attachments 2 and 4. All work must be scheduled for completion by **March 31, 2019**.
- **Project Team:** Identify all personnel assigned to the project and their areas of responsibility including resumes of key personnel. Provide letters of commitment from project partners.
- **Budget:** Complete budget forms contained in Attachment 5 with all requested budget details.



Application Requirements (cont.)

- **CEQA Compliance Form:** Must complete Attachment 7. The Energy Commission requires this information to assist its own determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.
- **Local Health Impacts Information:** Must complete Attachment 8. The Energy Commission requires this information to comply with the Air Quality Guidelines for the ARFVTP.



Applications WILL be Rejected if...

- Application not received by the Grants and Loans Office by the specified due date and time.
- Cover Page (Attachment 1) not signed by authorized representative.
- Minimum 25% match funding not reflected in budget.
- Contains false or intentionally misleading statements or references or intended to mislead the State in its evaluation of the Application.
- Project partners are not identified or documentation confirming their participation is not provided.
- Project is not an Eligible Project (Section II).
- Application contains confidential information.



Applications **MAY** be Rejected if...

- Application not prepared in the format described.
- Any Application Requirement (Section III) items listed are missing or incomplete.
- Budget (Attachment 5) or Scope of Work (Attachment 2) forms are missing or incomplete.
- CEQA Worksheet (Attachment 7) is incomplete or missing.
- **Read the complete Program Opportunity Notice for full application requirements.**



Scoring Criteria

• Qualifications of the Project Team	10
• Project Summary	30
• Implementation	20
• Project Readiness	10
• Budget	20
• Expected Economic Benefits	10
Subtotal:	100
Minimum Passing (70%)	70
• School District Bonus Points	10
• Disadvantaged Community Bonus Points	5



Tentative Schedule

- Solicitation Release March 18, 2015
- Pre-Application Workshop April 1, 2015
- Deadline for Questions April 2, 2015
- Distribute Answers April 13, 2015
- **Application Deadline by 3:00 pm June 11, 2015**
- Post Notice of Proposed Awards July 2015
- Commission Business Meeting August 2015



Questions

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***Recommend all questions be submitted in writing
and emailed.***