



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
<b>Deadline to Submit Applications by 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>October 25, 2013</b>
Anticipated Notice of Proposed Award Posting Date	<b>December 6, 2013</b>
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.



## Grant Officer Contact Information

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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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## Adjourn

Thank you for your participation in today's workshop.