School Bus Replacement Program

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School Bus Program Overview

- $75 million in grant funds for replacement of oldest school buses in CA.
- Eligible applicants: school districts, county offices of education (COE) and joint power authorities (JPA) in CA.
- Priority given to oldest school buses, or buses operating in disadvantaged communities and schools that have majority of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
- All new school buses must be cost effective.
Program Design

1. School bus replacement (2 phases)

- Phase 1: Solicit public school districts/COEs/JPAs to establish a list of buses eligible for replacement based on applications received.

- Phase 2: Solicit manufacturers to design, construct, and deliver the replacement electric buses to school districts/COEs/JPAs awarded in Phase 1. This phase is a separate solicitation which is planned for release in late 2018.
2. Provide fueling infrastructure to support awarded school buses.

3. Provide workforce training and development opportunities and resources to support electric school bus maintenance, charging, and operations.
Distribution of Funds

**School Bus Funds**
- $75 million (SB 110 Funds) will fund EV school buses.
  - $18.75 evenly distributed between 4 regions (Northern, Central, LA County, and Southern).
- $3.7 million (ARFVTP Funds) will fund CNG buses.
  - $165,000 per bus awarded to the Applicants who have the highest ranked buses in California and have justified their need for CNG bus.
  - Renewable CNG not a requirement.

**Infrastructure Funds**
- $13 million (ARFVTP) for EV infrastructure.
  - $60k per awarded school bus.
- $2.4 million (ARFVTP) for CNG infrastructure.
  - $500k for CNG bus.
## Evaluation Criteria

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<td>Age of School Bus</td>
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<td>Free and Reduced Priced Meals (FRPN)</td>
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<td>Benefits of Disadvantaged Communities (DAC)</td>
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Energy Commission to procure workforce development and training resources for school districts/COEs/JPAs that are awarded funds for an electric school bus.

Once awardees are selected, staff will develop a plan to provide the necessary resources.

These resources will include:
- EV Charging- best practices
- Operations of an EV bus
- Training for EV school bus maintenance
Pre-Solicitation Workshop- July 24, 2018

- Request comments and feedback from school districts/COEs/JPAs and Bus Manufacturers regarding solicitation concepts.

Concepts:
- Bulk pricing
- Scoring Criteria (preference points for California presence)
- Battery range
- Warranty and Service
- Training and Infrastructure Support
## Schedule

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<td>School District Solicitation Released</td>
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<td>School District Pre-Application Workshop</td>
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<td>Pre-Solicitation Workshop to Establish Bulk Purchase Pricing</td>
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<td>Deadline to Submit Applications by 5:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Establish Bulk Pricing for Electric Buses Solicitation Release</td>
<td>October 2018</td>
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<td>Award Buses</td>
<td>February 2019</td>
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<td>Install infrastructure</td>
<td>April- December 2019</td>
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<td>Begin Delivering buses</td>
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School Bus Replacement Application:
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School Bus Website:
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