The primary objective of the School Bus Replacement Program is to replace old diesel school buses with new electric school buses. However, there may be eligible applicants with bus route profiles not suited for an electric school bus. To be considered for a new CNG school bus, eligible applicants must: (1) complete the CNG Application Questions below and (2) provide a Route Profile Evaluation completed by an independent third party. The applicant’s answers to the CNG Application Questions and the Route Profile Evaluation must meet at least 2 of the CNG Bus Selection Criteria.

**CNG Bus selection criteria:**

To be eligible for a CNG school bus an applicant must demonstrate that an electric bus would not be sufficient to meet the needs of the applicant’s regular school bus routes. To demonstrate this, the applicant’s Route Profile Evaluation and the applicant’s answers to the CNG Application Questions must establish at least 2 of the following criteria for the school district/COE**/JPA** total bus fleet:

* Average route distance traveled daily exceeds 90 miles
* More than 20% of service days have temperatures above 80 degrees Fahrenheit, or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit during the hours the bus is operated.
* 40% of routes are on roads with speed limits of 45 mph or higher.
* 50% of routes include a 15% grade.

**CNG Application Questions:**

The applicant’s answers to the following questions, along with the applicant’s Route Profile Evaluation, will be used to determine eligibility for a CNG school bus.

1. What is the average bus route length (in miles) per bus per day?
2. Percent of time with extreme temperatures:
	1. How many days are buses in service during the calendar year?
	2. How many of those days are usually above 80 degrees Fahrenheit?

Days:\_\_\_\_\_ Percent: \_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. How many of those days are usually below 32 degrees Fahrenheit?

Days:\_\_\_\_\_ Percent: \_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What percentage of routes are on roads with speed limits of 45 mph or higher?
2. What percentage of routes include a 15% grade?

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| Would you like to apply for up to $500,000 for CNG fueling infrastructure? If yes, how much funding would you like to apply for? (This question is not used to determine eligibility) **Certifications:**I hereby authorize the California Energy Commission to make any inquiries necessary to verify the information I have presented in my Application.I hereby certify that this application does not contain any confidential or proprietary information.I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge, and under penalty of perjury, that the information contained in this Application is correct and complete.I hereby certify that I am authorized to complete and sign this form on behalf of the applicant. |
| Signature of Authorized Representative |  | Date: |       |