

CEC Staff Webinar to Discuss Two Draft Solicitation Concepts - Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicles

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On April 2, the California Energy Commission (CEC) staff held a pre-solicitation workshop to solicit feedback on two draft concepts: Blueprints for Medium- and Heavy-Duty (MD/HD) Zero-Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) and ZEV Infrastructure, and Block Grant for MD/HD ZEV Infrastructure Incentive Projects. CEC staff has released "Draft Solicitation Concept" documents, which detail the concepts under consideration for competitive grant solicitations to be issued by the CEC's Clean Transportation Program. The purpose of these solicitations is to provide grant funds to support MD/HD ZEV fleets.

For the Blueprints for Medium- and Heavy-Duty (MD/HD) Zero-Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) and ZEV Infrastructure grant the following information was mentioned during the webinar:

- \$3 million is available for this grant.
- Blueprints will identify actions and milestones needed for implementation of MD/HD ZEV EV or hydrogen refueling infrastructure projects.
- Funds must be used to develop or expand on a MD/HD ZEV blueprint planning document.
- The blueprint should identify goals to reduce GHGs, criteria air pollutants, air toxic containments and the emitter at the local level that would need to be targeted.
- Blueprints should benefit disadvantaged communities.
- Projects are eligible for 100% project cost, or up to \$200,000.
- Expected solicitation release in May 2020; applications accepted until July 2020 when the NOPA will come out. Agreement execution starting in October 2020.
- Blueprint can be for single station fleet projects and multi-site regional projects.

For the Block Grant for MD/HD ZEV Infrastructure Incentive Projects grant the following information was mentioned during the webinar:

- \$50 million block grant for zero emission MD/HD charging or hydrogen refueling infrastructure incentive funding.
- No match funding required for the recipient; administrative costs are 7% of available funds. Website development activities may not exceed \$1 million.
- Eligible applicants are a not-for-profit entity located in California.
- Block grant recipient will be responsible for identifying and implementing projects based on: ZE fuel type, site-locational requirements, geographic region, locational requirements, community needs assessment etc.
- Awardee needs to develop user friendly application documents for each project. Outreach and advertisement plan for each incentive project.
- Webpages will need to be developed for project applicants and public that include online application forms, ability to submit applications, applicable documents and forms, ability to track total funds, both available and expended in real-time; and ability to provide information on disbursements, such as a heat map etc.
- Deadline to submit applications is August 2020; NOPA in October 2020; Agreement execution in January 2021.

More information from this webinar (including the presentation) can be found [here on the CEC's website](#). The contact persons at the CEC for the draft solicitations are:

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