



## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S (FTA) FY 2015 LOW OR NO EMISSION (LoNo) VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is now accepting applications for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Fiscal Year 2014-15 Low or No (LoNo) Emission Vehicle Deployment Program. FTA plans to award a minimum of \$22.5 million in funding to carry out the LoNo Program. The program is discretionary and FTA plans to award the funds by the following categories:

- \$19.5 million is available for buses; and
- \$3.0 million minimum available for supporting facilities and related equipment.

The main purpose of the LoNo Program is to deploy the cleanest and most energy efficient U.S.-made transit buses that have been largely proven in testing and demonstrations but are not yet widely deployed in transit fleets. The LoNo Program provides funding for capital acquisitions and leases of zero emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities such as recharging, refueling, and maintenance facilities. The LoNo Program is a capital program focused on deploying new production vehicles that are market-ready or near market-ready. It is not a program for designing and developing prototypes. The program gives priority consideration to the deployment of buses with the lowest energy consumption and least harmful emissions, including direct carbon emissions.

### **ELIGIBLE LEAD APPLICANTS/DIRECT RECIPIENTS:**

Due to FTA requirements, the eligible Lead Applicants/Direct Recipients are limited to the following:

- A recipient for an eligible area and designated, in accordance with the planning process under section 5303 and 5304, by a Governor of a State, responsible local officials, and publicly owned operators of public transportation, to receive and apportion amounts under section 5336 to urbanized areas of 200,000 or more in population; or
- A State, for an urbanized area in which an "eligible area" as defined under section 5312(d)(5)(A)(i) is located that also has a population under 200,000 individuals, as determined

Given this, for the SCAG Region, SCAG would be required to submit an application on behalf of the following large urbanized areas (UZAs):

- Indio / Cathedral City
- Los Angeles / Long Beach / Anaheim
- Riverside / San Bernardino
- Murrieta / Temecula
- Lancaster / Palmdale
- Santa Clarita

For interested applicants in UZAs under 200,000 in population, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) must apply on behalf of interested applicants. Please contact Caltrans' Office of Federal Transit Grants at (916) 654-8811.

### **ELIGIBLE SUBRECIPIENTS AND TEAM MEMBERS INCLUDE:**

- Public transportation providers, tribes, and project team members identified in the proposal and deemed a "Key Party" by FTA. Project team members may include consultants, manufacturers, vendors, systems integrators and facilities providers.
- For all interested sub-recipients and team members, please ensure your entity is registered on SAM.gov and has an active Dun & Bradstreet (DUNS) Number, which is a unique nine digit ID number. DUNS number assignments are free and required to register with the US Federal government for contracts or grants.

### **ELIGIBLE AREAS:**

An eligible area is defined under section 5312(d)(5)(A)(i) as an area that is:

- Designated as a nonattainment area for ozone or carbon monoxide under section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7407(d)); or
- A maintenance area, as defined in section 5303, for ozone or carbon monoxide.

### **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:**

The following projects are eligible for funding, in accordance with section 5312(d)(5)(A)(ii):

- Acquiring or leasing a minimum of five (5) low or no emission transit buses (FTA asks that proposals be scalable upwards in increments of 1 or 2 transit buses);
- Constructing or leasing facilities and related equipment for low or no emission transit buses;
- Constructing new public transportation facilities to accommodate low or no emission transit buses;
- Rehabilitating or improving existing public transportation facilities to accommodate low or no emission transit buses.

The LoNo Program strongly encourages proposals that leverage other funds such that LoNo Program funds are used to cover only the incremental cost of procuring the proposed transit bus model above that of a more conventional higher-emission transit bus. Additional information regarding the LoNo Program, including eligible projects/vehicles, cost sharing, project requirements, and application content information, is available at: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077\\_16577.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077_16577.html).

### **APPLICATION FOR SCAG REGION:**

Interested, eligible sub-recipients in the SCAG Region (specifically in the UZAs identified above) must submit their applications to SCAG by **5:00 pm (PST) on November 16, 2015**. SCAG will review the applications on behalf of the region and submit each sub-recipients' application to FTA by the November 23, 2015 deadline.

Please find the following required materials related to the grant application, attached:

Attachment 1: Applicant and Proposal Profile (FTA Supplemental Form). Please identify one (1) primary entity to implement the project.

If applicable, the following additional information is recommended with application package in separate individual files (these files will be created by sub-recipients in their desired format/structure):

Attachment 2: Project Management Plan

Attachment 3: List of Project Team Members; by organization name, address and roles/responsibilities.

Attachment 4: Letter(s) of Commitment from each organizational member of the Project Team.

Attachment 5: Scalability Plan (if applicable)

Please send the grant application package, including the completed Applicant and Proposal Profile via email to: Alfonso Hernandez, Grants Administrator at [grants@scag.ca.gov](mailto:grants@scag.ca.gov). Please also feel free to submit any questions and/or concerns at [hernande@scag.ca.gov](mailto:hernande@scag.ca.gov) or (213) 236-1897.