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*IN THE MATTER OF:*

ZEV Battery Manufacturing Block Grant
Workshop

Docket No. 21-TRAN-05

NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS
WORKSHOP

RE: Pre-Solicitation Workshop for ZEV
Battery Manufacturing Block Grant

Pre-Solicitation Workshop for a Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Battery Manufacturing Block Grant

January 25, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. PST

Remote Access Only

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a remote-access workshop to discuss and receive feedback on a draft solicitation concept for a block grant implementer for in-state zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) battery manufacturing and production projects in the clean transportation sector.

The workshop will be held remotely, consistent with Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021), to improve and enhance public access to state agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options. The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the direction provided below. Please note that the CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the agenda proposed. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time depending on various factors.

A quorum of commissioners may participate, but no votes will be taken.

Agenda

- Overview of the Clean Transportation Program
- Review of past and current block grants and battery manufacturing projects
- Presentation of:

- Proposed eligibility and project requirements
- Proposed evaluation process and criteria
- Public comment

A detailed meeting agenda will be available prior to the workshop within [CEC Docket Log 21-TRAN-05](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-TRAN-05), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-TRAN-05>.

Background

The California Budget Act of 2021 includes \$3.9 billion in General Fund monies over three fiscal years (FYs) for the purpose of continuing the transition of the state’s transportation sector toward ZEV technologies, including \$1.165 billion to be administered by the CEC.¹ For FY 2021-22, this includes \$125 million to increase in-state manufacturing of ZEVs, ZEV components (including batteries), and ZEV charging or refueling equipment.² An additional \$125 million is anticipated for FY 2022-23, pending appropriation in that year’s budget. As described in the Budget Act of 2021, the CEC’s selection criteria for manufacturing grants should include the following:

- Likelihood that manufacturing activities would not have otherwise occurred in-state either in terms of the entity’s presence in California or at the scale that may not otherwise be achieved without the manufacturing grant.
- Number and quality of direct and indirect jobs created.
- Economic impact to the state.
- Ability of the project to contribute to California’s goals of zero-emission transportation.

CEC staff held a [pre-solicitation workshop on October 29, 2021](#) related to the development of a ZEV and ZEV-Related Manufacturing solicitation.³ Based on the workshop and stakeholder feedback, the CEC is planning to release two funding solicitations. One of the solicitations will be managed and implemented in-house with \$60 million initially available.⁴ The CEC is examining a second solicitation which is planned to be implemented by a third-party implementer and will focus on in-state ZEV battery manufacturing. The second solicitation is the focus of this workshop.

The pre-solicitation workshop on January 25, 2022 will seek feedback on a second solicitation for selecting a block grant implementer to fund ZEV battery manufacturing projects. The block grant solicitation will provide funding for one or more implementers, who will solicit, evaluate, award, and manage sub-grants to promote and facilitate manufacturing⁵ of batteries intended for

¹ California Department of Finance, [California State Budget – 2021-2022: Climate Change](http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/2021-22/pdf/Enacted/BudgetSummary/ClimateChange.pdf). Available at: <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/2021-22/pdf/Enacted/BudgetSummary/ClimateChange.pdf>

² [Senate Bill 129](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=20210220SB129) (Skinner, Chapter 69, Statutes of 2021) as amended by [Assembly Bill 170](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=20210220AB170). Available at: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=20210220SB129 and https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=20210220AB170

³ More information on the October 29, 2021 [Staff Pre-Solicitation Workshop for Zero-Emission Vehicles and Zero-Emission Vehicle-Related Manufacturing](https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/workshop/2021-10/staff-pre-solicitation-workshop-zero-emission-vehicles-and-zero-emission) is available at: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/workshop/2021-10/staff-pre-solicitation-workshop-zero-emission-vehicles-and-zero-emission>

⁴ The CEC may allocate additional funding based on applications received and additional funding appropriated for 2022-23.

⁵ Including pilot, pre-commercial, and commercial manufacturing.

installation in, or to facilitate the use of, ZEVs. There is \$25 million initially available for this solicitation.⁶

The two solicitations are intended to be complementary of one another, other in-state manufacturing and ZEV incentives, as well as support the objectives of Lithium Valley and the Lithium Valley Commission.⁷

Remote Attendance Instructions

The workshop may be accessed by clicking the Zoom link below or visiting [Zoom](#) at <https://join.zoom.us> and entering the ID and password for the workshop listed below. If you experience difficulties joining, contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2 or the Public Advisor's Office at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 957-7910.

Link to Workshop: The [Zoom link](#) for the workshop is available at:

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/94942937610?pwd=cUVBS0VyUUloNFFCR0poVklPMWZRZz09>

Workshop ID: 949 4293 7610

Workshop Password: 209192

Use the "raise hand feature" to indicate you want to speak and the event facilitator will indicate when your line is open and ready for you to make comment.

To Participate by Telephone, dial (669) 219-2599 or toll-free at (877) 853-5257. When prompted, enter the ID: 949 4293 7610. To comment, dial *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute your phone line. International numbers are available at <https://energy.zoom.us/u/abnrqDBSWx>.

Zoom's closed captioning service will be enabled for the meeting. Attendees can use the service by clicking on the "live transcript" icon and then choosing either "show subtitle" or "view full transcript". The closed captioning service can be stopped by exiting out of the "live transcript" or selecting the "hide subtitle" icon. Closed captioning cannot be exited by phone.

Public Comment

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. If participating via Zoom's online platform, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. If you are participating by telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on **February 9, 2022**.

⁶ The CEC may allocate additional funding based on applications received and additional funding appropriated for 2022-23.

⁷ More information about the [Blue-Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium-valley) (Lithium Valley Commission) is available at: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium-valley>

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page [21-TRAN-05](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=21-TRAN-05) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=21-TRAN-05>, which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 21-TRAN-05 and "Zero-Emission Vehicle Battery Manufacturing Block Grant" in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be sent to:

California Energy Commission Docket Unit
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Public Advisor and Other CEC Contacts

The CEC's Public Advisor provides the public with assistance in participating in CEC proceedings. For information about how to participate in this workshop or to request interpreting services or other reasonable modification and accommodations, reach out via email at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 957-7910. Requests should be made for interpreting services, reasonable modifications and accommodations as soon as possible but at least five days in advance of the workshop. However, the CEC will work diligently to meet all requests based on the availability of the service or resource requested.

Direct media inquiries to mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Direct technical and funding subject inquiries to Chris Jenks at chris.jenks@energy.ca.gov or (916) 477-1594.

Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this workshop will be available within [CEC Docket Log 21-TRAN-05](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-TRAN-05), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-TRAN-05>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those on the Opportunity, Transportation, DCAG, and Altfuels list servers. Manage existing list servers or sign up for others at [CEC List Servers](https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index_cms.html), at https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index_cms.html.

Dated: January 14, 2022, at Sacramento, California

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List Servers: Funding Opportunity, Altfuels, Transportation, DCAG