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IN THE MATTER OF:

*GFO-21-606 Zero-Emission Vehicle Battery
Manufacturing Block Grant*

Docket No. 21-TRAN-05

NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS
WORKSHOP

RE: Pre-Application Workshop - GFO-
21-606 Zero-Emission Vehicle Battery
Manufacturing Block Grant Solicitation

Notice of Pre-Application Workshop for Zero-Emission Vehicle Battery Manufacturing Block Grant Solicitation

September 1, 2022 September 28, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Remote Access Only (via Zoom)
See instructions below.**

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a pre-application workshop for GFO-21-606 Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Battery Manufacturing Block Grant solicitation. The solicitation will fund a block grant for projects that will promote and fund in-state battery manufacturing for ZEVs and related infrastructure. The workshop will be held remotely. The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time. No CEC commissioners are expected to attend.

Agenda

CEC staff will introduce themselves and present general information about the solicitation, and then open to a question and answer session.

Information to be provided will include:

- Solicitation Overview
- Eligible Applicants
- Application Components
- Application Evaluation Criteria
- Application Submittal

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

Background

CEC staff has developed a competitive block grant funding opportunity that will provide up to \$100 million of General Fund monies for projects that will support in-state ZEV battery manufacturing. Funding for the block grant and this solicitation may be less than \$100 million based on multiple factors. The Budget Act of 2021 included \$3.9 billion to support the transition to ZEVs, support in-state manufacturing, and create jobs. The funding is over three fiscal years (FY) and includes \$1.165 billion to be administered by the CEC.¹ FY 2021-2022 included \$125 million to increase in-state manufacturing of ZEVs, ZEV components and batteries, and ZEV charging or refueling equipment.² An additional \$125 million was appropriated to the CEC in the Budget Act of 2022.³ 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.

The CEC intends to administer these one-time manufacturing funds through the Clean Transportation Program. Established in 2007 by Assembly Bill 118 (Nunez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007), the CEC's Clean Transportation Program provides funds for projects to develop and deploy innovative technologies that transform California's fuel and vehicle types to help attain the state's climate change policies. The Clean Transportation Program has previously issued funding solicitations related to ZEVs, ZEV components, and ZEV infrastructure manufacturing.

Remote Attendance Instructions

The pre-application 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 CEC Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov or at (916) 957-7910.

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

² [Senate Bill 129](#) (Skinner, Chapter 69, Statutes of 2021) available at https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB129

³ [Senate Bill 154](#) (Skinner, Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022) available at https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB154

Link to Workshop: [Zoom](https://energy.zoom.us/j/93852363995?pwd=Vzh1WUg3SlZlZV3luZlAvbnE3NlF0QT09) at

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/93852363995?pwd=Vzh1WUg3SlZlZV3luZlAvbnE3NlF0QT09>

Workshop ID: 938 5236 3995

Workshop Password: 542042

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.

Participate by Telephone. To join the meeting, dial (888) 475-4499 (toll-free) and (669) 219-2599 (toll). When prompted, enter the ID: 938 5236 3995. To comment, dial *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute your phone line.

Zoom's Closed Captioning Service. At the bottom of the screen, click the Live Transcript CC icon and choose "Show Subtitle" or "View Full Transcript" from the pop-up menu. To stop closed captioning, close the "Live Transcript" or select "Hide Subtitle" from the pop-up menu. If joining by phone, closed captioning is automatic and cannot be turned off. While closed captioning is available in real-time, it can include errors. A more accurate transcript of the workshop will be docketed and posted as soon as possible after the meeting concludes.

Zoom Spanish Interpreting Services. Open the Zoom meeting. In the "Navigation" panel, click "Settings," then click the "Meeting" tab. Under "In Meeting (Advanced)," click "Language Interpretation" toggle to enable/ disable. If a verification dialog displays, click "Enable" or "Disable" to verify the change. If the option is grayed out, it has been locked and you will need to contact your Zoom admin. Click "Mute Original Audio" to reduce background noise.

Public Comment

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [CEC's e-filing system](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 (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) file. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

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 may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on ~~September 9, 2022~~ **October 7, 2022.**

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.

Written comments may be submitted by email. Include docket number 21-TRAN-05 and "GFO-21-606 Zero Emission Vehicle Battery Manufacturing Block Grant – Pre-Application Workshop" in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:

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Availability of Documents. Documents and presentations for this workshop will be available within [CEC Docket Log 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 **RFP, solicitations, contracts, funding announcements; Clean Transportation Program; and Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group** list subscriptions. Manage existing list subscriptions or sign up for others at [CEC List Subscriptions](#), <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CNRA/signup/31719>.

Dated: [August 26, 2022](#), at Sacramento, California

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