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**GNA comments on Blueprint and Block Grant Solicitation Concepts**

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**RE:** Comments on Blueprint and Block Grant Draft Solicitation Concepts under Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicles and Infrastructure

Dear Ms. Herter,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft solicitation concepts for the Medium- and Heavy-Duty (MD/HD) Zero-Emission Vehicles and Infrastructure category. We appreciate all of the Energy Commission's effort to support the advancement of the ZEV market in order to reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality. We respectfully request that the Commission consider the following questions and comments while finalizing the development of the draft solicitation concepts:

Blueprints

- We strongly believe that this solicitation should recognize that regional needs will vary significantly and certain high-cost requirements (e.g the need to develop new analytical tools, geospatial models, etc.) should be minimized to allow local organizations to pursue strategies and planning activities tailored to the needs of their own region.
- Can the Energy Commission further describe the submittal process under the first come first serve application process, for example, will there be a portal set up for online submission?
  - Is the applicant's place in the first-come, first-served queue simply based upon the time stamp of each submittal or, for example, based on the verification/approval of all application materials?
- Will this solicitation also fund planning for the electrification of transportation refrigeration units (TRUs)?
- Would planning for a fleet with a single infrastructure site without a regional focus still be an eligible project?
- Can a public agency apply for funding to support planning efforts for one or more entities?
  - Do applicants have to identify which specific fleets and/or entities these plans will serve in the original application or is there any flexibility?
- What is the expected role that an applicant will play in the infrastructure ultimately developed as a result of this blueprint effort?
  - Is the CEC looking for the applicant to this blueprint RFP to be the ultimate owner/operator/user of the infrastructure, or just a part of the project team and/or project partner?

Block Grant

- Does providing match funding enable an applicant to score higher in the evaluation process?

Thank you very much for your consideration of these questions. We look forward to the release of the solicitations and seeing the implementation of critical projects that are supported by this funding. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or clarifications.

All the best,



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