

**Heim Bridge Replacement Mitigation Truck Program
Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority
Frequently Asked Questions**

General Questions:

Q1: Where can I go for more information and download the Grant Application?

A: Please refer to Section 3, Application Submission & Selection Process of the Heim Bridge Mitigation Truck Program Grant Solicitation (Solicitation).

Q2: Who should I contact if I have any questions about the application or program?

A: Submit questions to truckgrant@acta.org. Questions submitted by Thursday will be answered on Friday of each week through May 23, 2014.

Q3: How do I contact the Grant Administrator?

A: The Grant Administrator can be reached by phone at (323) 989-ACTA (2282) or by email at truckgrant@acta.org. Applicants can receive support at the Application Workshop to be held on April 16, 2014. Feel free to submit your questions via email or phone calls. Hablamos Español.

Q4: What qualifies as an “Eligible Truck”?

A: An Eligible Truck is defined according to the CARB Drayage Truck Regulation Exemption in addition to other requirements. Please refer to the Solicitation, Section 2.2 for more details regarding an Eligible Truck.

Q5: Can I select a Replacement Truck model year now, and change my mind later?

A: No. You must carefully consider the mileage you have driven on an annual basis in the past, how much mileage you can achieve, AND how much you can afford to pay for the Replacement Truck. You must also consider Cal EPA Air Resources Board Truck and Bus Regulation for On-Road Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicles (In-Use). You will be asked to choose a Replacement Truck Engine Model year on the first form of the electronic application, Form A, and you will be required to stay with that choice through the purchase process.

Q6: How many trucks can I replace?

A: You may replace up to three (3) trucks. Applicants can submit up to three (3) Truck Replacement Projects in the same application, but are limited to one application, therefore, three total Truck Replacement Projects. Scrapping an Existing Truck and purchasing a Replacement Truck is one Truck Replacement Project.

Q7: Can I submit multiple applications?

A: No, only one application per applicant is permitted.

Q8: If I submit multiple Truck Replacement Projects in one application, will they all be approved or denied together?

A: No, each Truck Replacement Project, whether you submit one, two or three, is given its own unique identifier number. Each Truck Replacement Project is reviewed against the eligibility requirements. So,

for example, if you submitted three Truck Replacement Projects, two (2) might be approved and one (1) might be denied. Each qualifying Truck Replacement Project is entered into the lottery by its unique identifier number. Qualifying Truck Replacement Projects will be chosen from the lottery via a random number drawing.

Q9: Do I need to meet specific conditions for my application to go into the lottery?

A: Yes, please refer to the Solicitation, Section 2 for more information.

Q10: Will I be required to scrap a truck in order to receive funding?

A: Yes, Grantees will be required to scrap the Existing Truck used in the application in order to receive funding. You will be required to submit proof that the truck has been scrapped. Please refer to Section 2.3 of the Solicitation.

Q11: Will I need to provide documentation that the Existing Truck was scrapped?

A: Yes, Grantee must obtain documentation from a California state certified dismantler or recycler verifying the Existing Truck used in the application was scrapped. An Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) representative must be present at the time of scrapping the vehicle and the ACTA representative will receive the certification documentation in exchange for the Grant funds.

Q12: Is there a specific place to scrap the Existing Truck?

A: Yes, Grantees should refer to the South Coast Air Quality Management District website to find the most current list of approved dismantlers. The web address is as follows:

http://www.aqmd.gov/tao/implementation/VIP_Dismantlers.pdf.

Application Questions:

Q13: Do I have to submit an application online or can I mail one in?

*A: **All applications MUST be submitted electronically.** If you do not have use of a computer, please contact the Grant Administrator at (323) 989 – ACTA (2282) to set up an appointment to use a computer.*

Q14: Can I go back and change my application online?

A: Yes, applications can be edited at any point until they are submitted AND until the deadline.

Q15: When are grant applications due?

*A: All applications are due **no later than 4:00 p.m. PST on May 27, 2014.***

Q16: Where should I submit my completed application?

A: You may only submit the application online, and only after you have filled out all the required online forms. Please refer to Section 3 of the Solicitation.

Q17: What information do I need in order to submit an application?

A: You will need to submit information on your current truck you plan to use for this project, miles you travel annually around the ports, insurance, registration and lien information to name a few. Please refer to the Solicitation, Section 3 and Appendix B for the complete list of requirements.

Grant Questions:

Q18: When should I expect to receive funding?

A: Funding will be issued to the selected Grantees after the Existing Truck is scrapped and documentation proving the Grantee can purchase the Replacement Truck has been received.

Q19: My Truck Replacement Project was chosen as one of the 15. What do I do now?

A: You have made it to Phase 2 and will receive an email with a web link to access additional forms, Forms D and E, which must be filled out and submitted by the deadline given to you. Please refer to Section 3 of the Solicitation for more details regarding Phase 2.

Q20: Why do I have to fill out more forms in Phase 2?

A: The Forms in Phase 2 are different from the forms in Phase 1. Phase 2 forms request detailed information related to your existing truck as well as financing information. Please refer to the Solicitation, Section 3, for more details regarding Phase 2.

Q21: I was chosen to receive the grant from ACTA. Can I edit or change my previously submitted Forms A, B, and C?

A: No, applicants will only be able to access forms D and E. Previously submitted forms will not be available to change or edit.

Q22: What is a Grant Agreement?

A: A Grant Agreement is a legally binding document that you will be required to sign if you plan to participate in the Grant Program. This agreement will contain and explain your obligations during the grant period of 42 months. It is recommended that you have your legal professional review the Grant Agreement with you so that you understand all the terms of the agreement. Please refer to the Solicitation, Attachment A: Grant Agreement.

Q23: What do I need to do after I receive the grant?

A: There is a list of Grantee obligations; they are included in the Grant Agreement. Please refer to Attachment A: Grant Agreement of the Solicitation Document for a comprehensive list of Grantee obligations.

Q24: Will I have to pay taxes on the Grant?

A: Yes, the ACTA will issue an IRS Form 1099-G to the Grantee. Grantees will also have to submit an IRS Form W9 in order to receive the grant funds.

Q25: How long is the Agreement? What is the term of the Agreement?

A: The Grant Agreement is for a period of 42 months (three and a half years) in duration. Please refer to the Section 2.3, Program Term of the Solicitation Document.

Q26: How many Service Trips need to be made for the Agreement?

A: The Program requires 150 Service Trips per year. Please refer to Section 2.3, Program Requirements, of the Solicitation Document for a comprehensive list of all requirements.

Q27: What are the requirements for the Truck Replacement Projects?

A: Please refer to Section 2.3, Program Requirements, of the Solicitation Document.

Q28: How often do I need to create Reports?

A: Filing reports is a requirement of the Program, and reports must be submitted based on a schedule. Please refer to Section 2.4, Reporting Requirements, of the Solicitation Document, and Appendix, A Grant Agreement.

Q29: What information do I need to submit in the Reports?

A: The required information for reporting is listed in the Grant Agreement. Please refer to the Solicitation, Attachment A: Grant Agreement, for a comprehensive list of obligations and reporting requirements.