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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Clean Fuels Grant Program, Augmented With Discretionary Bus and Bus Facilities

Program Funds

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Clean Fuels Grant Program: Announcement of Project Selections

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects for the Clean Fuels Grant program enhanced with Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities program funds. On February 7, 2012, FTA published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for its Clean Fuels Grant program (*77 Fed. Reg.* 6178). The NOFA explained the requirements and procedures for eligible applicants to apply for the funds made available by the Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act of 2011. In sum, the FY 2012 Clean Fuels Grant Program made available approximately \$51.5 million in unallocated Section 5308 Clean Fuels Grant Program funds. As outlined in the NOFA, the Section 5308 funds would be awarded to fund projects in non-attainment and maintenance areas in achieving or maintaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and carbon monoxide and supports emerging clean fuel and advanced propulsion technologies for transit buses and markets for those technologies. Projects in attainment areas were also eligible to apply and if funding was available, would be funded with Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Successful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional office for specific information regarding applying for the funds. A list of Regional offices can be found at www.fta.dot.gov. Unsuccessful applicants may contact Vanessa

Williams, Office of Program Management at (202) 366-4818, email: vanessa.williams@dot.gov to arrange a proposal debriefing within 30 days of this announcement. For general program information on the Clean Fuels Grant Program, contact Vanessa Williams, a TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In response to the NOFA, FTA received 146 eligible proposals requesting \$516 million in federal funds, indicating significant demand for funds. Of the proposals submitted, 46 were from attainment areas requesting \$124 million and were only considered for Bus and Bus Facilities program funds. Project proposals were evaluated based on the criteria detailed in the February 7, 2012 NOFA. FTA is funding 21 projects in non-attainment and maintenance areas as shown in Table 1 for a total of \$51.5 million, and 6 projects in attainment areas as shown in Table 2 for a total of \$7.8 million with prior year Section 5309 funds.

Grantees selected for competitive discretionary funding should work with their FTA regional office to finalize the grant application in FTA's Transportation Electronic Award Management system (TEAM) so that funds can be obligated expeditiously. Grant applications must only include eligible activities applied for in the original project application. Funds must be used consistent with the competitive proposal and for the eligible purposes defined under 49 U.S.C. 5308(a)(2) and 5309. In cases where the allocation amount is less than the proposer's requested amount, grantees should work with the regional office to reduce scope or scale the project such that a complete phase or project is accomplished. Grantees are reminded that the 90% provision for biodiesel buses is not available this year, as the language permitting this higher federal share was not included in the 2012 appropriations bill. This change was highlighted in [FTA's January 2012 Apportionment Notice](#), Section III (C). Biodiesel buses remain eligible for an 83% Federal

share. A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes and must be used in the TEAM application. Selected projects have pre-award authority no earlier than September 14, 2012. Pre-award authority is also contingent upon other requirements, such as planning and environmental, having been met. For more about FTA's policy on pre-award authority, please see the FTA Fiscal Year 2012 Apportionments, Allocations, and Program notice found in 77 *Fed. Reg.* 1785 (January 11, 2012). Post-award reporting requirements include submission of the Federal Financial Report and Milestone reports in TEAM as appropriate (see FTA.C.5010.1D). The grantee must comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal administrative requirements in carrying out the project supported by the FTA grant. FTA emphasizes that grantees must follow all third-party procurement guidance, as described in FTA.C.4220.1F. Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2014.

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Table 1
FY 2012 Clean Fuels Project Selections

State	Recipient	Project ID	Project Description	Allocation
AL	Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority	D2012-CLNF-001	Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Replacement of Buses	\$2,500,000
CA	Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)	D2012-CLNF-002	Replace Diesel Trolleys with Electric Trolley Buses	\$4,320,000
CA	Riverside Transit Agency	D2012-CLNF-003	Heavy-Duty CNG Bus Replacement	\$2,400,000
CO	Colorado Department of Transportation	D2012-CLNF-004	Via Mobility Services (formerly Special Transit) - CNG-Fueled Universal Design Paratransit Vehicles Purchase	\$136,950
CT	Greater Hartford Transit District	D2012-CLNF-005	Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase	\$165,000
FL	Miami-Dade County	D2012-CLNF-006	Transit Electric Engine Cooling System	\$2,512,500
GA	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority	D2012-CLNF-007	Vehicle Replacements	\$3,896,160
IL	Chicago Transit Authority	D2012-CLNF-008	Sixty-foot Diesel-Electric Hybrid Articulated Bus Purchase	\$4,725,000
KY	Transit Authority of River City	D2012-CLNF-009	TARC Historic Replica Trolley Replacement	\$4,369,000
MA	Worcester Regional Transit Authority	D2012-CLNF-010	WRTA "Green Fleet" Electric Bus Procurement Project	\$4,464,000

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MD	Maryland Transit Administration	D2012-CLNF-011	Hybrid Bus Battery Replacements	\$402,500
MN	St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission	D2012-CLNF-012	Operations Center building renovation and CNG fueling station construction	\$3,354,335
MO	Kansas City Area Transportation Authority	D2012-CLNF-013	CNG Vehicle Purchase	\$1,394,400
NY	Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA)	D2012-CLNF-014	Compressed Natural Gas fueling station at the Frontier Bus Facility in Buffalo, New York	\$1,960,808
OH	Central Ohio Transit Authority	D2012-CLNF-015	CNG Monitoring System for McKinley Avenue facility renovation	\$1,023,000
OR	City of Wilsonville -- SMART Transit	D2012-CLNF-016	SMART Bus Replacements	\$1,058,250
PA	Pennsylvania Dept of Transportation	D2012-CLNF-017	Butler Transit Authority CNG Retrofits	\$2,400,000
PA	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)	D2012-CLNF-018	60-foot Hybrid Bus Replacements	\$3,000,000
TN	Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority	D2012-CLNF-019	MTA Electric Bus Purchase and Wayside Inductive Power Transfer System Implementation	\$3,043,200
TX	City of El Paso	D2012-CLNF-020	Sun Metro - Bus Replacements for Paratransit	\$1,225,246

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State	Recipient	Project ID	Project Description	Allocation
WA	King County Department of Transportation	D2012-CLNF-021 (\$3,149,651) D2012- CLNF-10001 (\$349)	Bus Hybrid Electric Cooling System for Engine Radiators - Retrofit to existing hybrid buses	\$3,150,000
			Total Allocation	\$ 51,500,349

Table 2
FY 2012 Clean Fuels Project Selections
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Attainment Areas

State	Recipient	Project ID	Project Description	Allocation
AZ	Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation	D2012-BUSP-93001	Vehicle Replacements	\$1,029,200
CA	Monterey-Salinas Transit	D2012-BUSP-93002	WAVE-MST Trolley Electrification	\$1,674,270
IL	Springfield Mass Transit District	D2012-BUSP-93003	CNG Vehicle Replacements	\$3,075,000
KY	Transit Authority of the LFUCG	D2012-BUSP-93004	Integrated thermal management Brushless Alternator retrofit project	\$34,000
PA	River Valley Transit (RVT)	D2012-BUSP-93005	Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Garage Modifications & Fueling Addition	\$1,500,000
WA	Washington State Department of Transportation	D2012-BUSP-93006	Pullman Transit Heavy Duty Bus Replacement with Low Floor Hybrid Bus	\$535,350
Total Allocation				\$ 7,847,820