



# Air Resources Board



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DATE: December 18, 2015 Mail-Out #MSC 15-31

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: GRANT SOLICITATION FOR THE AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: OFF-ROAD MOBILE AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT TRADE-UP PILOT PROJECT IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16

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The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) is pleased to announce its Grant Solicitation for the Off-Road Mobile Agricultural Equipment Trade-Up Pilot Project in the San Joaquin Valley (Trade-Up Pilot Project). Funding of up to \$500,000 for this project was approved by the Board in June 2015 as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Funding Plan for Low Carbon Transportation Investments and the Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). The Trade-Up Pilot Project is an opportunity for ARB to test the concept of a new, multi-step type of equipment incentive intended for owners of high-emitting mobile agricultural equipment in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin that may not qualify for existing voluntary incentive funding (i.e., Carl Moyer Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, etc.), and for which new equipment purchases are infeasible.

This competitive solicitation is open to California-based public entities. The Grantee (applicant) may subcontract with public, private or California-based non-profit organizations. Grantee and Subcontractor relationships must be disclosed in the application and the Grant Agreement. The Grant Solicitation and all associated documents may be found on ARB's webpage at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm>.

Applications are due to ARB by 5:00 p.m., January 25, 2016.

ARB will hold an Applicant Teleconference to answer questions regarding this Grant Solicitation on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. The Applicant Teleconference will provide an opportunity for potential applicants to ask clarifying questions regarding general application requirements. The teleconference will be held at the following date and time:

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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Applicant Teleconference:

Date: January 5, 2016  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon (Pacific)  
Call-in Number: 1-888-769-8913  
Passcode: 23453

Written questions may be emailed to Ms. Meri Miles at [Meri.Miles@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Meri.Miles@arb.ca.gov) up to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific), January 4, 2015.

If you have questions regarding this funding opportunity or the applicant teleconference, please contact Ms. Meri Miles, Air Pollution Specialist, at [Meri.Miles@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Meri.Miles@arb.ca.gov) or (916) 322-6370.

Sincerely,

/s/

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