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To: All Interested Parties

The Air Resources Board (ARB) is inviting all interested fleets to apply for the Fleet Zero Emission Vehicle Incentive Program (Fleet ZIP). This program provides up to \$11,000 per new zero emission vehicle (ZEV) purchased or leased by fleets in areas with the worst air quality in California. The Legislature directed the ARB to award these grants through a competitive process. The competitive process gives preference to those fleets that will primarily use the vehicles in communities that suffer from greater exposure to poor air quality, including low-income and minority communities. This letter formally solicits applications from private and public fleets for projects operating within environmental justice areas not in attainment for California's ozone standard.

Although new ZEVs are no longer available for purchase or lease, this solicitation allows eligible fleets that purchased or leased new ZEV(s) after May 1, 2002 to receive the Fleet ZIP grant.

The Fleet ZIP has the following four program goals:

- ◆ Provide ZEV incentives for vehicles operated in fleets located in the geographical areas of the State with the poorest air quality;
- ◆ Deploy ZEVs in communities that suffer from greater exposure to poor air quality, including low-income and minority communities; and
- ◆ Encourage projects that showcase ZEV technology to communities, or include education on the benefits of ZEV technology, so that all communities, especially low-income and communities of color, can take a more active role in decisions affecting their local air quality.

The ARB Program Manager will screen all applications for completeness and eligibility. Eligible applicants are public agencies, businesses or corporations authorized to conduct business in California, non-profit organizations, estates and trusts. Individuals are not eligible. All eligible proposals will be evaluated and scored using objective criteria by a Technical Review Committee that includes a representative from the applicant's local air district.

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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The ARB will receive applications until 4:00 PM, February 3, 2004.

An electronic version of the application and instructions can be found at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/zevprog/fleetzip/fleetzip.htm>. At this web site you will also find Guidelines for the ZIP I and ZIP II and the Fleet ZIP. If you would like hard copies of the Fleet ZIP application or the guidelines mailed to you, or have any questions regarding the Fleet ZIP, please contact Ms. Lisa Kasper, Air Pollution Specialist, Mobile Source Control Division, at (916) 327-2932.

Sincerely,

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