



FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

# Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment Program (LoNo Program)

Webinar  
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U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Transit Administration

# Purpose of the Webinar

- To provide an opportunity for applicants and interested parties to ask questions about the LoNo Program
- To identify uncertainties in the application process
- To identify and resolve any outstanding issues in advance of notice closure on April 10<sup>th</sup>

# Webinar Audience

- The intended audience of this webinar are people and organizations who
  - Have read the Jan 9<sup>th</sup> LoNo Notice
  - Are interested in applying for the program
  - Have questions about the notice, the program or the application process

# Overview

- Program Summary
- Supplemental Form
- Questions

# LoNo Program Summary

- The LoNo Program provides funding for transit agencies for capital acquisitions and leases of zero emission and low-emission transit buses
- This includes: acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities such as recharging, refueling, and maintenance facilities
- Focused on deploying new production transit buses that are market-ready or near market-ready

# LoNo Program Summary cont'd

- \$24.9 million of Fiscal Year 2013 funds are available
- \$21.6 million is available for buses
- \$3.3 million is available for supporting facilities and related equipment
- FTA may, at its discretion, also make available Fiscal Year 2014 funds to fund proposals submitted under the LoNo Program notice of January 9th 2014.

# Program Purpose

- To deploy the cleanest U.S.-made transit buses that have been proven in testing and demonstrations but are not yet widely deployed in transit fleets.
- The program targets clean-technology buses that have successfully completed research & development but where there may be greater actual or perceived risks to procurement, compared to buses in wider use.

# Research Support

- Directly supports transit research and development by providing the opportunity for proven research technology to enter the marketplace.

# Eligible Vehicles

- Vehicles must be production transit buses used to provide public transportation
- Cars and vans are not eligible
- Vehicle eligibility is not limited by technology
- Vehicle eligibility for zero-emission buses is specific
- Vehicle eligibility for low-emission buses is broad

# Vehicles cont'd

- The LoNo program is unique in that considers the bus model being proposed, and the project team's commitment and ability to successfully operate that bus in revenue service.
- Lots of vehicles are eligible but they will not be equally competitive.
- How competitive a vehicle is depends on the competition.

# Types of Eligible Projects

- Acquiring or leasing low or no emission transit buses
- Constructing or leasing facilities and related equipment for low or no emission transit buses
- Constructing new public transportation facilities to accommodate low or no emission transit buses
- Rehabilitating or improving existing public transportation facilities to accommodate low or no emission transit buses

# Eligible Applicants

- For UZA's greater than 200,000 pop., Eligible Applicants are Designated Recipients
- For UZA's under 200,000 pop., Eligible Applicants are States
- Areas must be
  - non-attainment areas for ozone or carbon monoxide or
  - maintenance areas for ozone or carbon monoxide
- These requirements are in law, FTA has no flexibility to modify them

# Project Teams

- For the LoNo Program only, FTA allows and generally prefers applications that name the bus manufacturer, bus model, and project team members
- If a project is selected under the program, that is considered adequate competition for the purposes of meeting Federal requirements for open competition
- Attempts to change team members after a grant is awarded could result in FTA terminating the grant agreement.

# Selection & Announcement

- Proposals will be reviewed by a US DOT technical panel
- Final proposal selection will be made by the FTA Deputy Administrator
- Announcements are expected in the summer of 2014

# Grant Management

- LoNo awards may be made through grant agreements or cooperative agreements
- Cooperative agreements will be managed through FTA HQ, grant agreements may be managed through FTA Regional Offices.
- LoNo-specific Certifications and Assurances are now available for review in TEAM

# Electronic Applications Due

- Applicants must submit a proposal electronically by midnight Eastern Time on April 10, 2014
- For questions please contact [sean.ricketson@dot.gov](mailto:sean.ricketson@dot.gov)

Thanks!