PROPOSAL: Recognize Revenue, Transfer Funds, Release RFP to Continue Implementation of Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program, Execute Contracts and Reimburse General Fund for Administrative Costs

SYNOPSIS: Since 2015, South Coast AQMD has been implementing an Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program (EFMP), branded as Replace Your Ride. In April 2022, CARB allocated an additional $21.1 million for FY21-22 to South Coast AQMD for EFMP. These actions are to: 1) recognize up to $21.1 million for EFMP and accept terms and conditions of the grant awards; 2) authorize the Executive Officer to approve vouchers and other alternative mobility options for qualified participants; 3) release RFP to solicit proposals for contractor(s) to assist applicants with the application process, screen applications, and other program support; 4) transfer $250,000 from AB 923 Special Revenue Fund (80) into HEROS II Special Revenue Fund (56) to cover administrative costs as needed, and 5) execute contracts with contractor(s) for EFMP implementation support and reimburse the General Fund up to $3.16 million.

COMMITTEE: Technology, May 20, 2022; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:
1. Recognize, upon receipt, up to $21.1 million from CARB (Amended Grant #21-CC4A-01-01 and #G21-EFMP-01) into HEROS II Special Revenue Fund (56), and authorize the Executive Officer to accept the terms and conditions of the grant awards from CARB;
2. Authorize the Executive Officer to approve vouchers and other alternative mobility options for the continued implementation of the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Pilot Retire and Replace Program and Clean Cars 4 All (CC4A) incentives until all funds are exhausted;
3. Release RFP# P2022-12 to solicit proposals for contractor to assist applicants in the application process, screen applications, and other program support;
4. Transfer $250,000 from AB 923 Special Revenue Fund (80) into HEROS II Special Revenue Fund (56) for EFMP implementation support and/or administrative costs as needed; and

5. Authorize the Executive Officer to execute contracts with contractor(s) for EFMP implementation support and reimburse the General Fund for up to $3.16 million from HEROS II Special Revenue Fund (56) as authorized by the grant agreements for administrative costs necessary to implement the EFMP.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

Background
Since 2015, South Coast AQMD has been implementing an Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program (EFMP), branded as Replace Your Ride. South Coast AQMD's Replace Your Ride Program is a vehicle retirement and replacement program which provides incentives to lower income motorists to scrap and replace their older, high-emitting vehicles with newer, cleaner models or utilize other clean transportation options.

Since its inception, South Coast AQMD has provided over $68.6 million in EFMP funding and replaced over 8,600 older passenger vehicles with newer fuel-efficient vehicles, providing 26 tons of NOx and 1.4 tons PM emission reduction annually. The replacement vehicles include conventional, hybrid electric, plug-in hybrid electric, and zero emission vehicles. In lieu of a replacement vehicle, participants can select an Alternative Mobility voucher which can be used for public transportation, car sharing, and will now include the purchase of an E-bike. Approximately 93 percent of the vouchers have been issued to participants residing in disadvantaged communities, and 89 percent of the participants have been in the lowest poverty level. The EFMP is achieving the goal of replacing the oldest and dirtiest light-duty passenger vehicles on the road. The old vehicles have an average mileage of 179,860 and are 21 years old on average. Replace Your Ride is currently administered with assistance from three contractors providing case management and remote sensing emission test support. South Coast AQMD periodically releases solicitations to obtain consultants to assist staff with the Program's participants and meet implementation deadlines.

For FY 2021-22, CARB allocated an additional $21.1 million to South Coast AQMD, consisting of $19.67 million from Clean Cars 4 All (CC4A) through an amended agreement G21-CC4A-01-01 and $1.4 million from Enhanced Fleet Modernization Pilot Retire and Replace Program through a new grant agreement G21-EFMP-01 to continue the implementation of the EFMP. Both grants allow up to 10 percent of the total grant
amount to cover the cost of program administration and up to 5 percent to address issues associated with the participation of low-income consumers in disadvantaged communities.

Implementation of the EFMP is resource intensive. In the past two years administrative costs incurred to support the program have increased largely due to the program’s popularity, delays in CARB’s funding to the program, and costs associated with contractors to help implement the program. Last year, there was a one-year moratorium to fund EFMP during which time no administrative funding was received, but staff and contractors continued to process a long list of applications in preparation for future funding.

Proposal
Staff proposes the total funding amount of $21.1 million from the two CARB grants is recognized into the HEROS II Special Revenue Fund (56) to implement the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Pilot Retire and Replace Program. Also, staff recommends authorizing the Executive Officer to approve vouchers and other alternative mobility options for the program until all available funds are exhausted; and release RFP# P2022-12 to solicit proposals for contractors to assist Replace Your Ride applicants in the application process. Staff anticipates a high volume of Replace Your Ride applications; therefore, to avoid interrupting the processing of these applications (e.g., application evaluations), staff recommends authorizing the Executive Officer to execute contract(s) with the contractor(s) to expedite and streamline implementation of the program.

Further, staff recommends transferring $250,000 from AB 923 Special Revenue Fund (80) into HEROS II Special Revenue Fund (56) to cover additional program implementation and administrative costs along with reimbursing the General Fund up to $3.16 million from the HEROS II Special Revenue Fund (56) as authorized by the grant agreements for administrative costs necessary to implement the EFMP.

Bid Evaluation
Contractors will be selected based on the criteria in the RFP, primarily their ability to assist applicants in the application process, screen applications, and other program implementation support. Multiple contractors may be selected. Proposals will be evaluated by a panel of three South Coast AQMD staff members familiar with the subject matter of the project. The proposals will be evaluated and scored by the panel in accordance with established South Coast AQMD guidelines. The panel will make recommendations to the Executive Officer for the final selection of contractors. Staff expects a high volume of applications; therefore, allowing the Executive Officer to execute consultant contract(s) could avoid the interruption of program implementation support.
Outreach
In accordance with South Coast AQMD’s Procurement Policy and Procedure, a public notice advertising the RFP and inviting bids will be published in the Los Angeles Times, the Orange County Register, the San Bernardino Sun, and Riverside County’s Press Enterprise newspapers to leverage the most cost-effective method of outreach to the South Coast Air Basin.

Additionally, potential bidders will be notified utilizing South Coast AQMD’s own electronic listing of certified minority vendors. Notice of the RFP will be emailed to the Black and Latino Legislative Caucuses and various minority chambers of commerce and business associations and placed on South Coast AQMD’s website (http://www.aqmd.gov) where it can be viewed by making the selection “Grants & Bids.”

Benefits to South Coast AQMD
Replace Your Ride will continue to provide clean vehicle incentives to qualifying lower income vehicle owners including those residing in disadvantaged communities, thereby providing emissions reduction benefits to these communities and throughout the region.

Resource Impacts
CARB funding (Grant #21-CC4A-01-01 and #G21-EFMP-01) up to $21.1 million, upon receipt, for FY 2021-22 EFMP implementation will be recognized into the HEROS II Special Revenue Fund (56). The transfer of $250,000 from AB 923 Special Revenue Fund (80) into HEROS II Special Revenue Fund (56) will be used to cover program implementation and administrative costs as needed. Reimbursement from the HEROS II Special Revenue Fund (56) to the General Fund for administrative costs and execution of contracts for program implementation support will not exceed $3.41 million.

Attachment
RFP# P2022-12
South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) requests proposals for the following purpose according to terms and conditions attached. In the preparation of this Request for Proposals (RFP) the words "Proposer," "Contractor," "Consultant," “Bidder” and “Firm” are used interchangeably.

**PURPOSE**

South Coast AQMD is pleased to announce a request for proposals to provide administrative, consumer education, and case management support for the implementation of the AB 118 Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program (EFMP) and the Clean Cars 4 All (CC4A) program in South Coast AQMD. These programs incentivize the early retirement of older passenger vehicles and their replacement with low or zero emission and high fuel efficiency vehicles up to eight model years and newer. This program focuses participation with lower income residents living in disadvantaged communities. To deliver administrative services assistance, contractors will assist South Coast AQMD in reviewing, assessing, and qualifying program applicants. These services will also provide assistance to the applicants through step-by-step guidance in completing their applications and meeting program requirements for monetary incentives to purchase a qualifying replacement vehicle. In addition, the Contractor will provide consumer education on consumer protection rights and understanding of the various advanced technology vehicles and their operation. The Contractor may be asked to provide outreach assistance at various venues, including community events. The number of events and locations will be determined by South Coast AQMD staff. The Contractor shall provide all equipment, operation, and project management necessary to successfully conduct these events, as well as data analysis and reporting after the event.

A key goal of the application process is to achieve a streamlined and positive consumer experience. To accomplish this goal, the Contractor shall be knowledgeable of program requirements and procedures as set forth in state law, grant agreements, implementation plan, contracts, and other policies and procedures. South Coast AQMD staff will provide all materials and training necessary to obtain this knowledge, and from time to time the materials will be updated to reflect changes in the program. Because the application requirements are complex and would otherwise hinder individuals from participating in these incentive programs, one-to-one assistance to the applicant will be necessary.

In addition to providing assistance and determining eligibility for program applicants, the Contractor may be working with commercial entities that are part of EFMP implementation, including, automotive dealerships, financial institutions, automotive dismantlers, and electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) suppliers/installers. Applicants will be interfacing with these entities as part of the process to complete the vehicle retirement and replacement process. As such, contractors must ensure that these entities are authorized to participate in the program, maintain compliance with program requirements, and provide a positive experience for
program participants. Finally, the Contractor may provide program marketing and outreach assistance, such as promoting attendance, coordinating, and providing consumer assistance services at outreach events, as well as other marketing activities to maximize overall program participation by the public.

This RFP is seeking proposals that demonstrate experience and knowledge in consumer assistance services, monetary incentive programs, and public outreach and marketing services. Total funding for this RFP will be up to $2,000,000 with an expected timeframe of 36 months from contract initiation to completion. During the 36-month period, up to 3,000 clean vehicle replacement vouchers may be processed. South Coast AQMD may award one or more applicants under this RFP to maximize the efficacy of the program.

**INDEX** - The following are contained in this RFP:

- Section I: Background/Information
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- Section VII: Proposal Submittal Requirements
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Attachment A - Participation in the Procurement Process
Attachment B - Certifications and Representations

**SECTION I: BACKGROUND/INFORMATION**

South Coast AQMD is the regional air pollution control agency for the four-county South Coast Air Basin (Basin) (Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin (SSAB) and Mojave Desert Air Basin (MDAB), covering an area of approximately 10,743 square miles.

The EFMP is a voluntary vehicle retirement and replacement program authorized by the California Alternative and Renewable Fuel, Vehicle Technology, Clean Air, and Carbon Reduction Act of 2007 (Assembly Bill 118, Statutes of 2007, Chapter 750; Health and Safety Code sections 44125-44126) section 44125(a). The CC4A is a parallel program and is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that places billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment, particularly in disadvantaged communities. Guidelines for both programs were established by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in consultation with the Bureau of Automotive Repair in August of 2010. These programs as implemented by South Coast AQMD provide incentives to eligible owners of light-duty vehicles for the early retirement of older higher-emitting vehicles and their replacement with cleaner, more fuel-efficient ones, or provides for mass transit passes in lieu of replacement vehicles. In South Coast Air Basin, the EFMP and CC4A programs are implemented jointly as a combined program that has been branded Replace your Ride. For simplicity, this program will be referred to in this RFP as the EFMP.
The EFMP places emphasis on:
- Targeted outreach in low-income and disadvantaged communities;
- Providing assistance to program participants to complete the transactions;
- Ensuring that retired vehicles have sufficient remaining useful lives and functionality;
- Provides for additional tiered incentives for purchases of more environmentally friendly replacement vehicles and alternatively offers vouchers for public transportation, car sharing, electric bicycles (e-bikes), or other alternative mobility options.

Since March 2015, the inception of the EFMP, the program has issued over 8,600 vouchers to the eligible program participants to purchase cleaner and more fuel efficient vehicles or transportation vouchers.

SECTION II: CONTACT PERSON:

Questions regarding the content or intent of this RFP or on procedural matters should be addressed to:

Mr. Justin Joe, Technology Advancement Office
South Coast AQMD
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178
(909) 396-2054
jjoe@aqmd.gov

SECTION III: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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*Participation in the Bidder’s Conference is optional. Such participation would assist in notifying potential Bidders of any updates or amendments. The Bidder’s Conference will be held in a hybrid format, on-line and in Room CC-6 at South Coast AQMD Headquarters in Diamond Bar, California at 10:00 am on Thursday, June 23, 2022. Please contact Justin Joe at (909) 396-2054 by close of business on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, if you plan to attend.

SECTION IV: PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

It is the policy of South Coast AQMD to ensure that all businesses including minority business enterprises, women business enterprises, disabled veteran business enterprises and small businesses have a fair and equitable opportunity to compete for and participate in South Coast AQMD contracts. Attachment A to this RFP contains definitions and further information.
SECTION V: STATEMENT OF WORK/SCHEDULE OF DELIVERABLES

The overall objective is to develop and implement the Retire and Replace Program element of the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program (EFMP). The Program applies to low-income residents to promote cleaner replacement vehicles.

Four tasks have been identified for this project as follows:

1. Initial Meeting(s)/Training with South Coast AQMD Staff
2. Assessing and Processing of Eligible Participants and Vehicles
3. Interface with Participating Commercial Entities
4. Outreach Implementation

Potential bidders should address all tasks based on their background and expertise in their proposal based on the format provided in Section VII – Proposal Submittal Requirements. The five tasks listed below are integral to maximizing program participation and providing a streamlined and positive consumer experience. Proposals submitted may separately address Tasks 1 through 4. In addition, South Coast AQMD reserves the right to recommend awards to prospective bidders either to conduct all four tasks or only some of the tasks.

Statement of Work

The selected contractor(s) shall perform assignments on an as-needed basis upon receiving written notification from South Coast AQMD. Each assignment will have specific tasks to be conducted and resources to be utilized. No work can be implemented without South Coast AQMD authorization. Potential tasks include the following:

Task 1 – Initial Meeting(s)/Training with South Coast AQMD Staff
All contracting parties shall meet with South Coast AQMD staff to discuss and establish program coordination details including training, chain of command, responsibilities, contacts, timelines, and other logistics prior to working on Tasks 2 through 5. South Coast AQMD staff will provide training to contractor staff including all written materials and procedures necessary to assess prospective program participants and process eligible consumers through the Program.

Task 2 – Assessing and Processing of Eligible Participants and Vehicles
This task includes assessing prospective EFMP participants for program eligibility and assisting eligible individuals in completing all program requirements in accordance with the EFMP regulation, grant agreements, EFMP implementation plan, and operations manuals for case managers, automobile dealerships, dismantlers, and financial institutions. This assistance will require the Contractor to provide step-by-step instructions to guide program applicants through program requirements and procedures. In addition, this task requires the Contractor to evaluate information and documentation provided by applicants to determine compliance with program requirements and work with applicants to ensure that all program requirements have been satisfied prior to submission of completed application packages by the Contractor to South Coast AQMD. Contractor should provide multilingual support including but not limited to English, Spanish and Chinese.

Contractor will specifically provide information and assistance as needed to individual program participants on:
1. program qualification requirements and incentive levels applicable to the individual consumer,
2. completion of program application form,
3. procurement of all supporting documentation relating to but limited to proof of residency in South Coast AQMD jurisdictional area and disadvantaged community (if applicable), household income, vehicle proposed for retirement, and replacement vehicle,
4. procedures regarding the determination of useful remaining life of the existing vehicle, and the disposition of the vehicle upon receipt of replacement, and
5. purchase of qualified replacement vehicle.

Contractor will also be required to track program progress as necessary and provide weekly (or upon South Coast AQMD request) summary activity reports.

Task 3 – Interface with Participating Commercial Entities
This task will require the Contractor to evaluate, coordinate, and provide support services as necessary between participating commercial entities (which include for example participating automobile dealerships, financial institutions, automobile dismantlers, electric vehicle supply equipment suppliers and installers, and vehicle emission testing firms) individual program participants, and South Coast AQMD to ensure that commercial entities: (1) provide a positive customer service experience to program participants, including multilingual support in languages that include but not limited to English, Spanish and Chinese; (2) comply with program requirements; and (3) submit required documentation to South Coast AQMD and other government agencies. To support these activities, the Contractor will: (1) provide information on program requirements to these commercial entities and update these requirements as necessary; (2) evaluate and track documentation submitted by these entities on behalf of individual program participants for program compliance; and (3) troubleshoot program compliance issues, including but not limited to, incorrect and/or incomplete documentation that is submitted by these entities and/or inaccurate information that is disseminated directly by these entities to program participants. Examples of documentation to be evaluated for program compliance include vehicle sales contracts (buyers orders), loan documents, California DMV vehicle certificate of title forms and Reg. 42 forms, and electric vehicle supply equipment installation receipts.

Task 4 – Outreach Implementation
The purpose of this task is to generate public awareness and interest to attract a large number of consumers to potentially participate in the EFMP. This may involve various activities such as taking telephone calls from prospective program participants and providing information on program requirements, incentive levels, and resources available in both English and Spanish (e.g., program brochures, web site), as well as developing and maintaining lists consisting of contact information for prospective program participants. In addition, Contractor may be requested to attend outreach events to help disseminate program information to prospective program participants as well as process existing program participants for completion of program requirements. As part of this task, prospective bidders shall identify non-governmental organizations that can help promote the EFMP and serve as a resource in community outreach.

Schedule of Deliverables
Specific deliverables and time schedules for task completion will be established by South Coast AQMD, in writing, when each task is authorized. Specific deliverables will include, but not be limited to, preparation of participant application packages, reports, and attendance at meetings and outreach events.
SECTION VI: REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Desired qualifications include understanding of the EFMP and the various complexities of the program, prior experience in implementing the EFMP and other voucher/vehicle scrapping programs, and experience in working with the general public, business entities and the ability to provide multilingual support including but not limited to English, Spanish and Chinese. In addition, prospective bidders shall provide information on conducting technical analysis of the program performance and provide accurate data entry and have the resources necessary to communicate with consumers in a second language, such as Spanish, Chinese, or other major second language.

SECTION VII: PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Submitted proposals must follow the format outlined below and all requested information must be supplied. Failure to submit proposals in the required format will result in elimination from proposal evaluation. South Coast AQMD may modify the RFP or issue supplementary information or guidelines during the proposal preparation period prior to the due date. Please check our website for updates (http://www.aqmd.gov/grants-bids). The cost for developing the proposal is the responsibility of the Contractor, and shall not be chargeable to South Coast AQMD.

Each proposal must be submitted in three separate volumes:

- Volume I - Technical Proposal
- Volume II - Cost Proposal
- Volume III - Certifications and Representations included in Attachment B to this RFP, must be completed and executed by an authorized official of the Contractor.

A separate cover letter including the name, address, and telephone number of the contractor, and signed by the person or persons authorized to represent the Firm should accompany the proposal submission. Firm contact information as follows should also be included in the cover letter:

1. Address and telephone number of office in, or nearest to, Diamond Bar, California.
2. Name and title of Firm’s representative designated as contact.

A separate Table of Contents should be provided for Volumes I and II.

VOLUME I - TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

DO NOT INCLUDE ANY COST INFORMATION IN THE TECHNICAL VOLUME

Summary (Section A) - State overall approach to meeting the objectives and satisfying the scope of work to be performed, the sequence of activities, and a description of methodology or techniques to be used.

Program Schedule (Section B) - Provide projected milestones or benchmarks for completing the project (to include reports) within the total time allowed.

Project Organization (Section C) - Describe the proposed management structure, program monitoring procedures, and organization of the proposed team. Provide a statement detailing
your approach to the project, specifically address the Firm’s ability and willingness to commit and maintain staffing to successfully complete the project on the proposed schedule.

**Qualifications (Section D)** - Describe the technical capabilities of the Firm. Provide references of other similar studies or projects performed during the last five years demonstrating ability to successfully complete the work. Include contact name, title, and telephone number for any references listed. Provide a statement of your Firm’s background and related experience in performing similar services for other governmental organizations.

**Assigned Personnel (Section E)** - Provide the following information about the staff to be assigned to this project:

1. List all key personnel assigned to the project by level, name and location. Provide a resume or similar statement describing the background, qualifications and experience of the lead person and all persons assigned to the project. Substitution of project manager or lead personnel will not be permitted without prior written approval of South Coast AQMD.

2. Provide a spreadsheet of the labor hours proposed for each labor category at the task level.

3. Provide a statement indicating whether or not 90% of the work will be performed within the geographical boundaries of South Coast AQMD.

4. Provide a statement of education and training programs provided to, or required of, the staff identified for participation in the project, particularly with reference to management consulting, governmental practices and procedures, and technical matters.

5. Provide a summary of your Firm’s general qualifications to meet required qualifications and fulfill statement of work, including additional Firm personnel and resources beyond those who may be assigned to the project.

**Subcontractors (Section F)** - This project may require expertise in multiple technical areas. List any subcontractors that will be used, identifying functions to be performed by them, their related qualifications and experience and the total number of hours or percentage of time they will spend on the project.

**Conflict of Interest (Section G)** - Address possible conflicts of interest with other clients affected by actions performed by the Firm on behalf of South Coast AQMD. South Coast AQMD recognizes that prospective Contractors may be performing similar projects for other clients. Include a complete list of such clients for the past three (3) years with the type of work performed and the total number of years performing such tasks for each client. Although the Proposer will not be automatically disqualified by reason of work performed for such clients, South Coast AQMD reserves the right to consider the nature and extent of such work in evaluating the proposal.

**Additional Data (Section H)** - Provide other essential data that may assist in the evaluation of this proposal.

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**VOLUME II - COST PROPOSAL**

**Name and Address** - The Cost Proposal must list the name and complete address of the Proposer in the upper left-hand corner.

**Cost Proposal** – South Coast AQMD anticipates awarding a fixed price contract. Cost information must be provided as listed below:
1. Detail must be provided by the following categories:

A. **Labor** – The Cost Proposal must list the fully-burdened hourly rates and the total number of hours estimated for each level of professional and administrative staff to be used to perform the tasks required by this RFP. Costs should be estimated for each of the components of the work plan.

B. **Subcontractor Costs** - List subcontractor costs and identify subcontractors by name. Itemize subcontractor charges per hour or per day.

C. **Travel Costs** - Indicate amount of travel cost and basis of estimate to include trip destination, purpose of trip, length of trip, airline fare or mileage expense, per diem costs, lodging and car rental.

D. **Other Direct Costs** - This category may include such items as postage and mailing expense, printing and reproduction costs, etc. Provide a basis of estimate for these costs.

2. It is the policy of South Coast AQMD to receive at least as favorable pricing, warranties, conditions, benefits and terms as other customers or clients making similar purchases or receiving similar services. South Coast AQMD will give preference, where appropriate, to vendors who certify that they will provide “most favored customer” status to South Coast AQMD. To receive preference points, Proposer shall certify that South Coast AQMD is receiving “most favored customer” pricing in the Business Status Certifications page of Volume III, Attachment B – Certifications and Representations.

**VOLUME III - CERTIFICATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS** (see Attachment B to this RFP)

**SECTION VIII: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

All proposals must be submitted according to specifications set forth in the section above, and this section. Failure to adhere to these specifications may be cause for rejection of the proposal.

**Signature** - All proposals must be signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer.

**Due Date** - All proposals are due no later than 1:00 p.m., July 29, 2022, and should be directed to:

Procurement Unit  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178  
(909) 396-3520

Submittal - Submit 1 electronic copy (memory stick) and four (4) complete copies of the proposal in a sealed envelope, plainly marked in the upper left-hand corner with the name and address of the Proposer and the words "Request for Proposals P2022-12."

**Late bids/proposals will not be accepted under any circumstances.**

**Grounds for Rejection** - A proposal may be immediately rejected if:
- It is not prepared in the format described, or
- It is signed by an individual not authorized to represent the Firm.

Modification or Withdrawal - Once submitted, proposals cannot be altered without the prior written consent of South Coast AQMD. All proposals shall constitute firm offers and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days following the last day to accept proposals.

SECTION IX: PROPOSAL EVALUATION/CONTRACTOR SELECTION CRITERIA

A. Proposals will be evaluated by a panel of three to five South Coast AQMD staff members familiar with the subject matter of the project. The panel shall be appointed by the Executive Officer or his designee. In addition, the evaluation panel may include such outside public sector or academic community expertise as deemed desirable by the Executive Officer. The panel will make a recommendation to the Executive Officer and/or the Governing Board of South Coast AQMD for final selection of a contractor and negotiation of a contract.

B. Each member of the evaluation panel shall be accorded equal weight in his or her rating of proposals. The evaluation panel members shall evaluate the proposals according to the specified criteria and numerical weightings set forth below.

1. Proposal Evaluation Criteria

   (a) Special Projects Requiring Unique Knowledge or Abilities

   Understanding the Problem 20
   Contractor Qualifications 30
   Previous Experience on Similar Projects 10
   Cost 40

   TOTAL 100

   (b) Additional Points

   Small Business or Small Business Joint Venture 5
   DVBE or DVBE Joint Venture 5
   Use of DVBE or Small Business Subcontractors 5
   Local Business (Non-Federally Funded Projects Only) 5
   Most Favored Customer 2

   The cumulative points awarded for small business, DVBE, use of small business or DVBE subcontractors, Zero or Near-Zero emission vehicle business, local business, and off-peak hours delivery business shall not exceed 15 points. Most Favored Customer status incentive points shall be added, as applicable for a total of 17 points.

   Self-Certification for Additional Points
The award of these additional points shall be contingent upon Proposer completing the Self-Certification section of Attachment B – Certifications and Representations and/or inclusion of a statement in the proposal self-certifying that Proposer qualifies for additional points as detailed above.

2. To receive additional points in the evaluation process for the categories of Small Business or Small Business Joint Venture, DVBE or DVBE Joint Venture or Local Business (for non-federally funded projects), the proposer must submit a self-certification at the time of proposal submission certifying that the proposer meets the requirements set forth in Attachments A and B. To receive points for the use of DVBE and/or Small Business subcontractors, at least 25 percent of the total contract value must be subcontracted to DVBEs and/or Small Businesses. To receive points as a Local Business, the proposer must affirm that it has an ongoing business within South Coast AQMD at the time of bid/proposal submittal and that 90% of the work related to the contract will be performed within South Coast AQMD. Proposals for legislative representation, such as in Sacramento, California or Washington D.C. are not eligible for local business incentive points. Federally funded projects are not eligible for local business incentive points. To receive points for Most Favored Customer status, the proposer must submit, at proposal submission, certification of its commitment to provide most favored customer status to South Coast AQMD. The cumulative points awarded for Small Business, DVBE, use of Small Business or DVBE Subcontractors, Local Business, Zero or Near-Zero Emission Vehicle Business, Off-Peak Hour Delivery Business and Most Favored Customer shall not exceed 17 points.

3. For procurement of Research and Development (R & D) projects or projects requiring technical or scientific expertise or special projects requiring unique knowledge and abilities, technical factors including past experience shall be weighted at 70 points and cost shall be weighted at 30 points. A proposal must receive at least 56 out of 70 points on R & D projects and projects requiring technical or scientific expertise or special projects requiring unique knowledge and abilities, in order to be deemed qualified for award.

4. The lowest cost proposal will be awarded the maximum cost points available and all other cost proposals will receive points on a prorated basis. For example, if the lowest cost proposal is $1,000 and the maximum points available are 50 points, this proposal would receive the full 50 points. If the next lowest cost proposal is $1,100 it would receive 45 points reflecting the fact that it is 10% higher than the lowest cost (90% of 50 points = 45 points).

C. During the selection process the evaluation panel may wish to interview some proposers for clarification purposes only. No new material will be permitted at this time. Additional information provided during the bid review process is limited to clarification by the Proposer of information presented in his/her proposal, upon request by South Coast AQMD.

D. The Executive Officer or Governing Board may award the contract to a Proposer other than the Proposer receiving the highest rating in the event the Governing Board
determines that another Proposer from among those technically qualified would provide the best value to South Coast AQMD considering cost and technical factors. The determination shall be based solely on the Evaluation Criteria contained in the Request for Proposal (RFP), on evidence provided in the proposal and on any other evidence provided during the bid review process.

E. Selection will be made based on the above-described criteria and rating factors. The selection will be made by and is subject to Executive Officer or Governing Board approval. Proposers may be notified of the results by letter.

F. The Governing Board has approved a Bid Protest Procedure which provides a process for a Bidder or prospective Bidder to submit a written protest to South Coast AQMD Procurement Manager in recognition of two types of protests: Protest Regarding Solicitation and Protest Regarding Award of a Contract. Copies of the Bid Protest Policy can be secured through a request to South Coast AQMD Procurement Department.

G. The Executive Officer or Governing Board may award contracts to more than one proposer if in (his or their) sole judgment the purposes of the (contract or award) would best be served by selecting multiple proposers.

H. If additional funds become available, the Executive Officer or Governing Board may increase the amount awarded. The Executive Officer or Governing Board may also select additional proposers for a grant or contract if additional funds become available.

I. Disposition of Proposals – Pursuant to South Coast AQMD’s Procurement Policy and Procedure, South Coast AQMD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. All proposals become the property of South Coast AQMD, and are subject to the California Public Records Act. One copy of the proposal shall be retained for South Coast AQMD files. Additional copies and materials will be returned only if requested and at the proposer's expense.

J. If proposal submittal is for a Public Works project as defined by State of California Labor Code Section 1720, Proposer is required to include Contractor Registration No. in Attachment B. Proposal submittal will be deemed as non-responsive and Bidder may be disqualified if Contractor Registration No. is not included in Attachment B. Proposer is alerted to changes to California Prevailing Wage compliance requirements as defined in Senate Bill 854 (Stat. 2014, Chapter 28), and California Labor Code Sections 1770, 1771, 1725, 1777, 1813 and 1815.

SECTION X: FUNDING

South Coast AQMD anticipates awarding one or more contracts. The total funding for the work contemplated by this RFP will be a maximum of $2,000,000 for the full term of the contract(s).

SECTION XI: SAMPLE CONTRACT

A sample contract to carry out the work described in this RFP is available on South Coast AQMD’s website at http://www.aqmd.gov/grants-bids or upon request from the RFP Contact Person (Section II).
ATTACHMENT A

PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

A. It is the policy of South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) to ensure that all businesses including minority business enterprises, women business enterprises, disabled veteran business enterprises and small businesses have a fair and equitable opportunity to compete for and participate in South Coast AQMD contracts.

B. Definitions:

The definition of minority, women or disadvantaged business enterprises set forth below is included for purposes of determining compliance with the affirmative steps requirement described in Paragraph G below on procurements funded in whole or in part with federal grant funds which involve the use of subcontractors. The definition provided for disabled veteran business enterprise, local business, small business enterprise, Zero or Near-Zero emission vehicle business and off-peak hours delivery business are provided for purposes of determining eligibility for point or cost considerations in the evaluation process.

1. "Women business enterprise" (WBE) as used in this policy means a business enterprise that meets all of the following criteria:

   a. a business that is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women, or in the case of any business whose stock is publicly held, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more women.

   b. a business whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

   c. a business which is a sole proprietorship, corporation, or partnership with its primary headquarters office located in the United States, which is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, foreign firm, or other foreign-based business.

2. "Disabled veteran" as used in this policy is a United States military, naval, or air service veteran with at least 10 percent service-connected disability who is a resident of California.

3. "Disabled veteran business enterprise" (DVBE) as used in this policy means a business enterprise that meets all of the following criteria:

   a. is a sole proprietorship or partnership of which at least 51 percent is owned by one or more disabled veterans or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its stock is owned by one or more disabled veterans; a subsidiary which is wholly owned by a parent corporation but only if at least 51 percent of the voting stock of the parent corporation is owned by one or more disabled veterans; or a joint venture in which at least 51 percent of the joint
venture's management and control and earnings are held by one or more disabled veterans.

b. the management and control of the daily business operations are by one or more disabled veterans. The disabled veterans who exercise management and control are not required to be the same disabled veterans as the owners of the business.

c. is a sole proprietorship, corporation, or partnership with its primary headquarters office located in the United States, which is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, firm, or other foreign-based business.

4. "Local business" as used in this policy means a company that has an ongoing business within geographical boundaries of South Coast AQMD at the time of bid or proposal submittal and performs 90% of the work related to the contract within the geographical boundaries of South Coast AQMD and satisfies the requirements of subparagraph H below. Proposals for legislative representation, such as in Sacramento, California or Washington D.C. are not eligible for local business incentive points.

5. “Small business” as used in this policy means a business that meets the following criteria:

   a. 1) an independently owned and operated business; 2) not dominant in its field of operation; 3) together with affiliates is either:
      
      • A service, construction, or non-manufacturer with 100 or fewer employees, and average annual gross receipts of ten million dollars ($10,000,000) or less over the previous three years, or
      
      • A manufacturer with 100 or fewer employees.

   b. Manufacturer means a business that is both of the following:
      
      1) Primarily engaged in the chemical or mechanical transformation of raw materials or processed substances into new products.


6. "Joint ventures" as defined in this policy pertaining to certification means that one party to the joint venture is a DVBE or small business and owns at least 51 percent of the joint venture.

7. "Zero or Near-Zero Emission Vehicle Business" as used in this policy means a company or contractor that uses Zero or Near-Zero emission vehicles in
conducting deliveries to South Coast AQMD. Zero or Near-Zero emission vehicles include vehicles powered by electric, compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), ethanol, methanol and hydrogen and are certified to 90% or lower of the existing standard.

8. “Off-Peak Hours Delivery Business” as used in this policy means a company or contractor that commits to conducting deliveries to South Coast AQMD during off-peak traffic hours defined as between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

9. “Benefits Incentive Business” as used in this policy means a company or contractor that provides janitorial, security guard or landscaping services to South Coast AQMD and commits to providing employee health benefits (as defined below in Section VIII.D.2.d) for full time workers with affordable deductible and co-payment terms.

10. “Minority Business Enterprise” as used in this policy means a business that is at least 51 percent owned by one or more minority person(s), or in the case of any business whose stock is publicly held, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more or minority persons.
   a. a business whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more minority persons.
   b. a business which is a sole proprietorship, corporation, or partnership with its primary headquarters office located in the United States, which is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, foreign firm, or other foreign-based business.
   c. "Minority person" for purposes of this policy, means a Black American, Hispanic American, Native-American (including American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, and Native Hawaiian), Asian-Indian (including a person whose origins are from India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh), Asian-Pacific-American (including a person whose origins are from Japan, China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Korea, Samoa, Guam, the United States Trust Territories of the Pacific, Northern Marianas, Laos, Cambodia, and Taiwan).

11. “Most Favored Customer” as used in this policy means that South Coast AQMD will receive at least as favorable pricing, warranties, conditions, benefits and terms as other customers or clients making similar purchases or receiving similar services.

12. "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise" as used in this policy means a business that is an entity owned and/or controlled by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s) as described by Title X of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 7601 note) (10% statute), and Public Law 102-389 (42 U.S.C. 4370d)(8% statute), respectively;
   a Small Business Enterprise (SBE);
   a Small Business in a Rural Area (SBRA);
a Labor Surplus Area Firm (LSAF); or
a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Zone Small Business Concern, or a concern under a successor program.

C. Under Request for Quotations (RFQ), DVBEs, DVBE business joint ventures, small businesses, and small business joint ventures shall be granted a preference in an amount equal to 5% of the lowest cost responsive bid. Zero or Near-Zero Emission Vehicle Businesses shall be granted a preference in an amount equal to 5 percent of the lowest cost responsive bid. Off-Peak Hours Delivery Businesses shall be granted a preference in an amount equal to 2 percent of the lowest cost responsive bid. Local businesses (if the procurement is not funded in whole or in part by federal grant funds) shall be granted a preference in an amount equal to 2% of the lowest cost responsive bid. Businesses offering Most Favored Customer status shall be granted a preference in an amount equal to 2 percent of the lowest cost responsive bid.

D. Under Request for Proposals, DVBEs, DVBE joint ventures, small businesses, and small business joint ventures shall be awarded ten (10) points in the evaluation process. A non-DVBE or large business shall receive seven (7) points for subcontracting at least twenty-five (25%) of the total contract value to a DVBE and/or small business. Zero or Near-Zero Emission Vehicle Businesses shall be awarded five (5) points in the evaluation process. On procurements which are not funded in whole or in part by federal grant funds local businesses shall receive five (5) points. Off-Peak Hours Delivery Businesses shall be awarded two (2) points in the evaluation process. Businesses offering Most Favored Customer status shall be awarded two (2) points in the evaluation process.

E. South Coast AQMD will ensure that discrimination in the award and performance of contracts does not occur on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual preference, creed, ancestry, medical condition, or retaliation for having filed a discrimination complaint in the performance of South Coast AQMD contractual obligations.

F. South Coast AQMD requires Contractor to be in compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations with respect to its employees throughout the term of any awarded contract, including state minimum wage laws and OSHA requirements.

G. When contracts are funded in whole or in part by federal funds, and if subcontracts are to be let, the Contractor must comply with the following, evidencing a good faith effort to solicit disadvantaged businesses. Contractor shall submit a certification signed by an authorized official affirming its status as a MBE or WBE, as applicable, at the time of contract execution. South Coast AQMD reserves the right to request documentation demonstrating compliance with the following good faith efforts prior to contract execution.

1. Ensure Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For Indian Tribal, State and Local Government recipients, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.

2. Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where
the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.

3. Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For Indian Tribal, State and Local Government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.

4. Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.

5. Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

6. If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the above steps.

H. To the extent that any conflict exists between this policy and any requirements imposed by federal and state law relating to participation in a contract by a certified MBE/WBE/DVBE as a condition of receipt of federal or state funds, the federal or state requirements shall prevail.

I. When contracts are not funded in whole or in part by federal grant funds, a local business preference will be awarded. For such contracts that involve the purchase of commercial off-the-shelf products, local business preference will be given to suppliers or distributors of commercial off-the-shelf products who maintain an ongoing business within the geographical boundaries of South Coast AQMD. However, if the subject matter of the RFP or RFQ calls for the fabrication or manufacture of custom products, only companies performing 90% of the manufacturing or fabrication effort within the geographical boundaries of South Coast AQMD shall be entitled to the local business preference. Proposals for legislative representation, such as in Sacramento, California or Washington D.C. are not eligible for local business incentive points.

J. In compliance with federal fair share requirements set forth in 40 CFR Part 33, South Coast AQMD shall establish a fair share goal annually for expenditures with federal funds covered by its procurement policy.
Dear South Coast AQMD Contractor/Supplier:

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is committed to ensuring that our contractor/supplier records are current and accurate. If your firm is selected for award of a purchase order or contract, it is imperative that the information requested herein be supplied in a timely manner to facilitate payment of invoices. In order to process your payments, we need the enclosed information regarding your account. Please review and complete the information identified on the following pages, remember to sign all documents for our files, and return them as soon as possible to the address below:

Attention: Accounts Payable, Accounting Department
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178

If you do not return this information, we will not be able to establish you as a vendor. This will delay any payments and would still necessitate your submittal of the enclosed information to our Accounting department before payment could be initiated. Completion of this document and enclosed forms would ensure that your payments are processed timely and accurately.

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this information, please contact Accounting at (909) 396-3777. We appreciate your cooperation in completing this necessary information.

Sincerely,

Sujata Jain
Chief Financial Officer

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Enclosures: Business Information Request
Disadvantaged Business Certification
W-9
Form 590 Withholding Exemption Certificate
Federal Contract Debarment Certification
Campaign Contributions Disclosure
Direct Deposit Authorization
**South Coast Air Quality Management District**
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178
(909) 396-2000 • [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov)

**BUSINESS INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**Type of Business**

- Individual
- DBA, Name_________________, County Filed in ________________
- Corporation, ID No. ________________
- LLC/LLP, ID No. ________________
- Other ________________

**REMITTING ADDRESS INFORMATION**

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All invoices must reference the corresponding Purchase Order Number(s)/Contract Number(s) if applicable and mailed to:

**Attention: Accounts Payable, Accounting Department**

South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
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BUSINESS STATUS CERTIFICATIONS

Federal guidance for utilization of disadvantaged business enterprises allows a vendor to be deemed a small business enterprise (SBE), minority business enterprise (MBE) or women business enterprise (WBE) if it meets the criteria below.

- is certified by the Small Business Administration or
- is certified by a state or federal agency or
- is an independent MBE(s) or WBE(s) business concern which is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by minority group member(s) who are citizens of the United States.

Statements of certification:

As a prime contractor to South Coast AQMD, ________________________ (name of business) will engage in good faith efforts to achieve the fair share in accordance with 40 CFR Section 33.301, and will follow the six affirmative steps listed below for contracts or purchase orders funded in whole or in part by federal grants and contracts.

1. Place qualified SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs on solicitation lists.
2. Assure that SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs are solicited whenever possible.
3. When economically feasible, divide total requirements into small tasks or quantities to permit greater participation by SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs.
4. Establish delivery schedules, if possible, to encourage participation by SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs.
5. Use services of Small Business Administration, Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce, and/or any agency authorized as a clearinghouse for SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs.
6. If subcontracts are to be let, take the above affirmative steps.

Self-Certification Verification: Also for use in awarding additional points, as applicable, in accordance with South Coast AQMD Procurement Policy and Procedure:

Check all that apply:

- [ ] Small Business Enterprise/Small Business Joint Venture
- [ ] Local business
- [ ] Minority-owned Business Enterprise
- [ ] Women-owned Business Enterprise
- [ ] Disabled Veteran-owned Business Enterprise/DVBE Joint Venture
- [ ] Most Favored Customer Pricing Certification

Percent of ownership: ________ %

Name of Qualifying Owner(s): __________________________________________

State of California Public Works Contractor Registration No. _______________. MUST BE INCLUDED IF BID PROPOSAL IS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT.

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge the above information is accurate. Upon penalty of perjury, I certify information submitted is factual.

_____________________________  ________________________________
NAME  TITLE

_____________________________  ________________________________
TELEPHONE NUMBER  DATE
**Definitions**

**Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise** means a business that meets all of the following criteria:

- a sole proprietorship or partnership of which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more disabled veterans, or in the case of any business whose stock is publicly held, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more disabled veterans; a subsidiary which is wholly owned by a parent corporation but only if at least 51 percent of the voting stock of the parent corporation is owned by one or more disabled veterans; or a joint venture in which at least 51 percent of the joint venture’s management and control and earnings are held by one or more disabled veterans.
- the management and control of the daily business operations are by one or more disabled veterans. The disabled veterans who exercise management and control are not required to be the same disabled veterans as the owners of the business.
- is a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, or joint venture with its primary headquarters office located in the United States and which is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, firm, or other foreign-based business.

**Joint Venture** means that one party to the joint venture is a DVBE and owns at least 51 percent of the joint venture. In the case of a joint venture formed for a single project this means that DVBE will receive at least 51 percent of the project dollars.

**Local Business** means a business that meets all of the following criteria:

- has an ongoing business within the boundary of South Coast AQMD at the time of bid application.
- performs 90 percent of the work within South Coast AQMD’s jurisdiction.

**Minority-Owned Business Enterprise** means a business that meets all of the following criteria:

- is at least 51 percent owned by one or more minority persons or in the case of any business whose stock is publicly held, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more minority persons.
- is a business whose management and daily business operations are controlled or owned by one or more minority person.
- is a business which is a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, joint venture, an association, or a cooperative with its primary headquarters office located in the United States, which is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, foreign firm, or other foreign business.

“Minority” person means a Black American, Hispanic American, Native American (including American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, and Native Hawaiian), Asian-Indian American (including a person whose origins are from India, Pakistan, or Bangladesh), Asian-Pacific American (including a person whose origins are from Japan, China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Korea, Samoa, Guam, the United States Trust Territories of the Pacific, Northern Marianas, Laos, Cambodia, or Taiwan).

**Small Business Enterprise** means a business that meets the following criteria:

a. 1) an independently owned and operated business; 2) not dominant in its field of operation; 3) together with affiliates is either:
   - A service, construction, or non-manufacturer with 100 or fewer employees, and average annual gross receipts of ten million dollars ($10,000,000) or less over the previous three years, or
   - A manufacturer with 100 or fewer employees.

b. Manufacturer means a business that is both of the following:

1) Primarily engaged in the chemical or mechanical transformation of raw materials or processed substances into new products.

**Small Business Joint Venture** means that one party to the joint venture is a Small Business and owns at least 51 percent of the joint venture. In the case of a joint venture formed for a single project this means that the Small Business will receive at least 51 percent of the project dollars.

**Women-Owned Business Enterprise** means a business that meets all of the following criteria:

- is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women or in the case of any business whose stock is publicly held, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more women.
- is a business whose management and daily business operations are controlled or owned by one or more women.
- is a business which is a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, or a joint venture, with its primary headquarters office located in the United States, which is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, foreign firm, or other foreign business.

**Most Favored Customer** as used in this policy means that South Coast AQMD will receive at least as favorable pricing, warranties, conditions, benefits and terms as other customers or clients making similar purchases or receiving similar services.
**Form W-9**

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the requestor. Do not send to the IRS.**

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### Part I: Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see how to get a TIN, later.

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see What Name and Number To Give the Requester for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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### Part II: Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification Instructions.** You must cross out Item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, line 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part I, later.

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### General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future Developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

**Purpose of Form**

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1098-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1098-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1098-E (student loan interest, 1098-T tuition)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1099 (home mortgage interest, 1098-E student loan interest, 1098-T tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of a security)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien) to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What Is Backup Withholding, later.
By signing the filled-out form, you:
1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign persons’ share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA codes entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See What is FATCA reporting, later, for further information.

Note: If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester’s form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:
- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate; or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1441 on any foreign partner’s share of effectively connected income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1445 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1445 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1445 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:
- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9 instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 516, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a “saving clause.” Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:
1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. The facts used to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if he or she stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1986) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exemption (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding
What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding links to federal income tax, Social Security taxes, or state unemployment taxes, and, for certain payments, also to unrelated business taxable income. Backup withholding applies to payments of interest, dividends, broker and dealer exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:
1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details)
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN.
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return for reportable interest and dividends only,
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1985 only),
6. Certain payments and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See Exempt payer code, later, and the separate instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see Special rules for partnerships, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?
The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See Exemption from FATCA reporting code, later, and the instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information
You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a corporation that was previously treated as a U.S. corporation, but is no longer a U.S. corporation, or if no you longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties
Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of $50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect. Civil penalty for failure with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with the reasonable cause that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a $500 penalty.
Specific Instructions

Line 1
You must enter one of the following on this line: do not leave this line blank. The name must match the name on your tax return.

- Individual
- Sole proprietorship, or
- Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.
- LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes.
- LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or
- LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.

If the entity/person on line 1 is (a) [ ], then check the box for:
- Corporation
- Individual
- Sole proprietorship, or
- Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.
- LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes.
- LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or
- LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.
- Partnership
- Trust/estate

Line 4, Exemptions
If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code:
- Generally, individuals including sole proprietors, are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys’ fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys.
- Corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.
1. - An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401 (a).
2. - The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
3. - A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of its political subdivisions or instrumentalities.
4. - A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities.
5. - A corporation.
6. - A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession.
7. - A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodities Futures Trading Commission.
8. - A real estate investment trust.
9. - An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
10. - A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 58-4(a).
11. - A financial institution.
12. - A miscellaneous known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian.
13. - A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.
The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

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1 See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

2 However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorney fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(e), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

**Exemption from FATCA reporting code.** The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are unsure if the financial institution is a closely held or nonclosely held entity. A requestor may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for the FATCA exemption code.

**A.** An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

**B.** The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

**C.** A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

**D.** A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

**E.** A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

**F.** A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

**G.** A real estate investment trust

**H.** A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

**I.** A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

**J.** A bank as defined in section 581

**K.** A broker

**L.** A trust exempt from tax under section 504 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

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M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 407(e) plan

**Note:** You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

**Line 5**
Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information return. If this address differs from the one you requested already on file, write "NEW" at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payer changes your address in their records.

**Line 6**
Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

**Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

**Enter your TIN in the appropriate box.** If you are a resident alien and you do not have an EIN, your TIN is your IRS Individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see How to get a TIN below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner’s SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity’s EIN. If the LLC is considered a corporation or partnership, enter the entity’s EIN.

**Note:** See What Name and Number To Give the Requester, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately.

To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get the form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You may apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/Businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under starting a Business. Go to www.irs.gov/forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradeable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60 day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

**Part II. Certification**

To establish the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign the form by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see Exempt payee code, earlier.

**Signature requirement:** Complete the certification as indicated in Items 1 through 5 below.
1. Interest, dividend, and broker exchange accounts opened before 1964 and broker accounts considered active during 1963. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and bank exchange accounts opened after 1963 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1963. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. Other payments include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills or merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain testing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account: The individual

Give name and SSN of: The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account.

For this type of account: The minor

Give name and SSN of: The grantor-trustee.

For this type of account: The owner

Give name and SSN of: The grantor.

For this type of account: The organization

Give name and SSN of: The corporation.

For this type of account: Legal entity

Give name and SSN of: The partnership.

For this type of account: The broker or nominee

Give name and SSN of: The broker or owner.

For this type of account: The public entity

Give name and SSN of: The trust.

1. List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

2. Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

3. You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or clerical name on the "business name/registered entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

4. List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. Do not furnish the TIN of the person or representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title. Also see Special rules for partnerships, earlier.

Note: The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to the trustee.

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund. To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN.
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-909-4411 or submit Form 14039.

For more Information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of Identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4776 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.
The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or by phone at 877-438-4338. If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5827.

Visit www.irs.gov/identityTheft to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you pay; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information.

Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 6662, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.
2021 Withholding Exemption Certificate

The payee completes this form and submits it to the withholding agent. The withholding agent keeps this form with their records.

Withholding Agent Information

Name

Payee Information

Name

Address (apt/#, room, PC box, or FMB no.)

City (if you have a foreign address, see instructions.)

State ZIP code

Exemption Reason

Check only one box.

By checking the appropriate box below, the payee certifies the reason for the exemption from the California income tax withholding requirements or payment(s) made to the entity or individual.

- **Individuals — Certification of Residency:**
  I am a resident of California and I reside at the address shown above. If I become a nonresident at any time, I will promptly notify the withholding agent. See instructions for General Information D, Definitions.

- **Corporations:**
  The corporation has a permanent place of business in California at the address shown above or is qualified through the California Secretary of State (SOS) to do business in California. The corporation will file a California tax return. If this corporation ceases to have a permanent place of business in California or ceases to do any of the above, I will promptly notify the withholding agent. See instructions for General Information D, Definitions.

- **Partnerships or Limited Liability Companies (LLCs):**
  The partnership or LLC has a permanent place of business in California at the address shown above or is registered with the California SOS, and is subject to the laws of California. The partnership or LLC will file a California tax return. If the partnership or LLC ceases to do any of the above, I will promptly inform the withholding agent. For withholding purposes, a limited liability partnership (LLP) is treated like any other partnership.

- **Tax-Exempt Entities:**
  The entity is exempt from tax under California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 23701 (insert letter) or Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (insert number). If this entity ceases to be exempt from tax, I will promptly notify the withholding agent. Individuals cannot be tax-exempt entities.

- **Insurance Companies, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs), or Qualified Pension/Profit-Sharing Plans:**
  The entity is an insurance company, IRA, or a federally qualified pension or profit-sharing plan.

- **California Trusts:**
  At least one trustee and one noncontingent beneficiary of the above-named trust is a California resident. The trust will file a California fiduciary tax return. If the trustee or noncontingent beneficiary becomes a nonresident at any time, I will promptly notify the withholding agent.

- **Estates — Certification of Residency of Deceased Person:**
  I am the executor of the above-named person's estate or trust. The decedent was a California resident at the time of death. The estate will file a California fiduciary tax return.

- **Nonmilirary Spouse of a Military Servicemember:**
  I am the nonmilitary spouse of a military servicemember and I meet the Military Spouse Residency Relief Act (MSRRA) requirements. See instructions for General Information E, MSRRA.

CERTIFICATE OF PAYEE: Payee must complete and sign below.

To learn about your privacy rights, how we may use your information, and the consequences for not providing the requested information, go to ftb.ca.gov/forms and search for 1131. To request this notice by mail, call 800.852.5711.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information on this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. I further declare under penalties of perjury that if the facts upon which this form is based change, I will promptly notify the withholding agent.

Type or print payee’s name and title

Telephone

Payee’s signature

Date
2021 Instructions for Form 590
Withholding Exemption Certificate

General Information
California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&T)
Section 18662 requires withholding of income or franchise tax on payments of California source income made to nonresidents of California. For more information, see General Information B. Income Subject to Withholding.

Registered Domestic Partners (RDPs) – For purposes of California income tax, references to a spouse, husband, or wife also refer to a California RDP unless otherwise specified. For more information on RDPs, get FTB Pub. 737, Tax Information for Registered Domestic Partners.

A Purpose
Use Form 590, Withholding Exemption Certificate, to certify an exemption from nonresident withholding.

Form 590 does not apply to payments of backup withholding. For more information, go to fb.ca.gov and search for backup withholding.

Form 590 does not apply to payments for wages to employees. Wage withholding is administered by the California Employment Development Department (EDD). For more information, go to edd.ca.gov or call 888.745.3886.

Do not use Form 590 to certify an exemption from withholding if you are a seller of California real estate. Sellers of California real estate use Form 593, Real Estate Withholding Statement, to claim an exemption from the real estate withholding requirement.

The following are excluded from withholding and completing this form:
- The United States and any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- A state, a possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any of its political subdivisions or instrumentalities.
- A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities.

B Income Subject to Withholding
Withholding is required on the following, but is not limited to:
- Payments to nonresidents for services rendered in California.
- Distributions of California source income made to nonresident partners, members, and S corporation shareholders and allocations of California source income made to foreign partners and members.
- Payments to nonresidents for rents if the payments are made in the course of the withholding agent’s business.
- Payments to nonresidents for royalties from activities sourced to California.
- Distributions of California source income to nonresident beneficiaries from an estate or trust.
- Endowment payments received for services performed in California.
- Prizes and winnings received by nonresidents for contests in California.

However, withholding is optional if the total payments of California source income are $1,500 or less during the calendar year.

For more information on withholding, get FTB Pub. 1017, Resident and Nonresident Withholding Guidelines. To get a withholding publication, see Additional Information.

C Who Certifies this Form
Form 590 is certified (completed and signed) by the payee. California residents or entities exempt from withholding requirement should complete Form 590 and submit it to the withholding agent before payment is made. The withholding agent is then relieved of withholding requirements if the agent relies in good faith on a completed and signed Form 590 unless notified by the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) that the form should not be relied upon.

An incomplete certificate is invalid, and the withholding agent should not accept it. If the withholding agent receives an incomplete certificate, the withholding agent is required to withhold tax on payments made to the payee until a valid certificate is received. In lieu of a completed certificate, the withholding agent may accept a letter from the payee as a substitute explaining why they are not subject to withholding. The letter must contain all the information required on the certificate in similar language, including the under penalty of perjury statement and the payee’s taxpayer identification number (TIN).

The certificate does not need to be renewed annually. The certification on Form 590 remains valid until the payee’s status changes. The withholding agent must retain a copy of the certification or substitute for at least five years after the last payment to which the certification applies. The agent must provide it to the FTB upon request.

If an entertainer (or the entertainer’s business entity) is paid for a performance, the entertainer’s information must be provided. Do not submit the entertainer’s agent or promoter information.

The grantor of a grantor trust shall be treated as the payee for withholding purposes. Therefore, if the payee is a grantor trust and one or more of the grantors is a nonresident, withholding is required. If all of the grantors on the trust are residents, no withholding is required. Resident grantors can check the box on Form 590 labeled “Individuals — Certification of Residency.”

D Definitions
For California nonwage withholding purposes:
- Nonresident includes all of the following:
  - Individuals who are not residents of California.
- Corporations not qualified through the California Secretary of State (CA SOS) to do business in California or having no permanent place of business in California.

Partnerships or limited liability companies (LLCs) with no permanent place of business in California.
- Any trust without a resident grantor, beneficiary, or trustee, or estates where the decedent was not a California resident.
- Foreign refers to non-U.S.

For more information about determining resident status, get FTB Pub. 1031, Guidelines for Determining Resident Status. Military servicemembers have special rules for residency. For more information see General Information E. Military Spouse Residency Relief Act (MSRRA), and FTB Pub. 1022, Tax Information for Military Personnel.

Permanent Place of Business:
A corporation has a permanent place of business in California if it is organized and existing under the laws of California or it has qualified through the CA SOS to transact intrastate business. A corporation that has not qualified to transact intrastate business (e.g., a corporation engaged exclusively in interstate commerce) will be considered as having a permanent place of business in California only if it maintains a permanent office in California that is permanently staffed by its employees.

E Military Spouse Residency Relief Act (MSRRA)
Generally, for tax purposes you are considered to maintain your existing residence or domicile. If a military servicemember and nonmilitary spouse have the same state of domicile, the MSRRA provides:
- A spouse shall not be deemed to have lost a residence or domicile in any state solely by reason of being absent to be with the servicemember serving in compliance with military orders.
- A spouse shall not be deemed to have acquired a residence or domicile in any other state solely by reason of being there to be with the servicemember serving in compliance with military orders.

Domicile is defined as the one place:
- Where you maintain a true, fixed, and permanent home.
- To which you intend to return whenever you are absent.

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A military servicemember's nonmilitary spouse is considered a nonresident for tax purposes if the servicemember and spouse have the same domicile outside of California and the spouse is in California solely to be with the servicemember who is serving in compliance with Permanent Change of Station orders.

California may require nonmilitary spouses of military servicemembers to provide proof that they meet the criteria for California personal income tax exemption as set forth in the MSRRA.

Income of a military servicemember's nonmilitary spouse from services performed in California or California-source income subject to state tax if the spouse is in California to be with the servicemember serving in compliance with military orders, and the servicemember and spouse have the same domicile in a state other than California.

For additional information or assistance in determining whether the applicant meets the MSRRA requirements, go to FTB Pub. 1032.

Specific Instructions

Payee Instructions

Enter the withholding agent's name.

Enter the payee's information, including the TIN and check the appropriate TIN box.

You must provide a valid TIN as requested on this form. The following are acceptable TINs: social security number (SSN); individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN); federal employer identification number (FEIN); California corporation number (CAGP); or CAOs/CAOs number.

Private Mail Box (PMB) – Include the PMB in the address field. Write “PMB” first, then the box number. Example: 111 Main Street PMB 123.

Foreign Address – Follow the country’s practices for entering the city, county, province, state, country, and postal code, as applicable, in the appropriate boxes. Do not abbreviate the country name.

Exemption Reason – Check the box that reflects the reason why the payee is exempt from the California income tax withholding requirement.

Withholding Agent Instructions

Do not send this form to the FTB. The certification on Form 590 remains valid until the payee's status changes. The withholding agent must retain a copy of the certificate or substitute for at least five years after the last payment. If the certificate applies, the agent must provide it to the FTB upon request.

The payee must notify the withholding agent if any of the following situations occur:

- The individual payee becomes a nonresident.
- The corporation ceases to have a permanent place of business in California or ceases to be qualified to do business in California.
- The partnership ceases to have a permanent place of business in California.
- The LLC ceases to have a permanent place of business in California.
- The tax-exempt entity loses its tax-exempt status.

If any of these situations occur, then withholding may be required. For more information, go to Form 592, Resident and Nonresident Withholding Statement. Form 592-B, Resident and Nonresident Withholding Tax Statement. Form 592-PTE, Pass-Through Entity Annual Withholding Return, Form 592-Q, Payment Voucher for Pass-Through Entity Withholding, and Form 592-V, Payment Voucher for Resident or Nonresident Withholding.

Additional Information

Website: For more information, go to ftb.ca.gov and search for nonwage. MyFTB offers secure online tax account information and services. For more information, go to ftb.ca.gov and login or register for MyFTB.

Telephone: 800.722.4900 or 916.445.4500. Withholding Services and Compliance phone service

Fax: 916.445.9512

Mail: WITHHOLDING SERVICES AND COMPLAIBILITY F132 FRANCHISE TAX BOARD PO BOX 642067 SACRAMENTO CA 94207-0651

For questions unrelated to withholding, or to download, view, and print California tax forms and publications, or to access the TTY/TDD numbers, see the internet and telephone assistance section.
Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

The prospective participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and the principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against them or commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction: violation of Federal or State antitrust statute or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property:

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for rejection of this proposal or termination of the award. In addition, under 18 USC Sec. 1001, a false statement may result in a fine of up to $10,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

Typed Name & Title of Authorized Representative

________________________________________________________________________

Signature of Authorized Representative Date

☐ I am unable to certify to the above statements. My explanation is attached.

________________________________________________________________________
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS DISCLOSURE

In accordance with California law, bidders and contracting parties are required to disclose, at the time the application is filed, information relating to any campaign contributions made to South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Board Members or members/alternates of the MSRC, including: the name of the party making the contribution (which includes any parent, subsidiary or otherwise related business entity, as defined below), the amount of the contribution, and the date the contribution was made. 2 C.C.R. §18438.8(b). Where a proposed rule or proposed amended rule impacts three or fewer facilities, those facilities will be treated in much the same manner as contracting parties and so must also complete this form, disclosing information relating to any campaign contributions made to any SCAQMD Board Members. See Quadri Advice Letter (2002) A-02.096.1 In the event that a qualifying campaign contribution is made, the Board Member to whom it was made may be disqualified from participating in the actions involving that donor.

California law prohibits a party, or an agent, from making campaign contributions to SCAQMD Governing Board Members or members/alternates of the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) of more than $250 while their contract or permit is pending before the SCAQMD; and further prohibits a campaign contribution from being made for three (3) months following the date of the final decision by the Governing Board or the MSRC on a donor’s contract or permit. Gov’t Code §84308(d). For purposes of reaching the $250 limit, the campaign contributions of the bidder or contractor plus contributions by its parents, affiliates, and related companies of the contractor or bidder are added together. 2 C.C.R. §18438.5.

In addition, SCAQMD Board Members or members/alternates of the MSRC must abstain from voting on a contract or permit if they have received a campaign contribution from a party or participant to the proceeding, or agent, totaling more than $250 in the 12-month period prior to the consideration of the item by the Governing Board or the MSRC. Gov’t Code §84308(c).

The list of current SCAQMD Governing Board Members can be found at the SCAQMD website (www.aqmd.gov). The list of current MSRC members/alternates can be found at the MSRC website (http://www.cleantransportationfunding.org).

SECTION I.

Contractor (Legal Name): ________________________________

| DBA, Name ________________________________ | County Filed in ________________________________ |
| Corporation, ID No_________________________ |
| LLC/LLP, ID No ___________________________ |

List any parent, subsidiaries, or otherwise affiliated business entities of Contractor: (See definition below).

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SECTION II.

Has Contractor and/or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliated company, or agent thereof, made a campaign contribution(s) totaling $250 or more in the aggregate to a current member of the South Coast Air Quality Management Governing Board or member/alternate of the MSRC in the 12 months preceding the date of execution of this disclosure?

1 The information provided on this form does not, and is not intended to, constitute legal advice. To the extent that you may have questions regarding any case law, citations, or legal interpretations provided above please seek the guidance of your own independent counsel.
☐ Yes  ☐ No  If YES, complete Section II below and then sign and date the form. If NO, sign and date below. Include this form with your submittal.

Campaign Contributions Disclosure, continued:

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I declare the foregoing disclosures to be true and correct.

By: ________________________________

Title: ______________________________

Date: ______________________________

DEFINITIONS

Parent, Subsidiary, or Otherwise Related Business Entity (2 Cal. Code of Regs., §18703.1(d).)

(1) Parent subsidiary. A parent subsidiary relationship exists when one corporation directly or indirectly owns shares possessing more than 50 percent of the voting power of another corporation.

(2) Otherwise related business entity. Business entities, including corporations, partnerships, joint ventures and any other organizations and enterprises operated for profit, which do not have a parent subsidiary relationship are otherwise related if any one of the following three tests is met:

(A) One business entity has a controlling ownership interest in the other business entity.

(B) There is shared management and control between the entities. In determining whether there is shared management and control, consideration should be given to the following factors:

   (i) The same person or substantially the same person owns and manages the two entities;
   (ii) There are common or commingled funds or assets;
   (iii) The business entities share the use of the same offices or employees, or otherwise share activities, resources or personnel on a regular basis;
   (iv) There is otherwise a regular and close working relationship between the entities; or

(C) A controlling owner (50% or greater interest as a shareholder or as a general partner) in one entity also is a controlling owner in the other entity.
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Direct Deposit Authorization

STEP 1: Please check all the appropriate boxes

- Individual (Employee, Governing Board Member)
- Vendor/Contractor
- Changed Information

- New Request
- Cancel Direct Deposit

STEP 2: Payee Information

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Authorization

1. I authorize South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) to direct deposit funds to my account in the financial institution as indicated below. I understand that the authorization may be rejected or discontinued by South Coast AQMD at any time. If any of the above information changes, I will promptly complete a new authorization agreement. If the direct deposit is not stopped before closing an account, funds payable to me will be returned to South Coast AQMD for distribution. This will delay my payment.

2. This authorization remains in effect until South Coast AQMD receives written notification of changes or cancellation from you.

3. I hereby release and hold harmless South Coast AQMD for any claims or liability to pay for any losses or costs related to insufficient fund transactions that result from failure within the Automated Clearing House network to correctly and timely deposit monies into my account.

STEP 3:
You must verify that your bank is a member of an Automated Clearing House (ACH). Failure to do so could delay the processing of your payment. You must attach a voided check or have your bank complete the bank information and the account holder must sign below.

To be Completed by your Bank

Name of Bank/Institution

Account Holder Name(s)

☐ Saving ☐ Checking

Account Number

Routing Number

Bank Representative Printed Name

Bank Representative Signature

Date

ACCOUNT HOLDER SIGNATURE:

Date

For South Coast AQMD Use Only

Input By ________________________  Date ________________