

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 6, 2022

AGENDA NO. 13

PROPOSAL: Issue New Solicitations and Approve Substitute Award Recipient as Approved by MSRC

SYNOPSIS: The MSRC approved a Program Announcement for major event center transportation projects and a Program Opportunity Notice (PON) for Transformative Transportation Strategies & Mobility Solutions as part of their FYs 2021-24 Work Program. Additionally, the MSRC approved a substitute award recipient for a previous award under the Hydrogen Infrastructure Partnership Program as part of their FYs 2016-18 Work Program. At this time, the MSRC seeks Board approval of the substitute award recipient and to release the solicitations as part of the FYs 2016-18 and 2021-24 Work Programs.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review, April 21, 2022; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Approved substitution of Nikola-TA HRS 1, LLC (a Delaware limited liability company) instead of Nikola Energy, Inc., to receive \$1,660,000 award to install publicly accessible hydrogen fueling station in Ontario, California under the Hydrogen Infrastructure Partnership Program as part of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program, as described in this letter;
2. Authorize the Board Chair to execute the contract under the FYs 2016-18 Work Program, as described above and in this letter;
3. Issue Program Announcement for the Major Event Center Transportation Program, as part of approval of the FYs 2021-24 Work Program, with a targeted funding level of \$3,000,000, as described in this letter and in the attached; and
4. Issue PON for Transformative Transportation Strategies & Mobility Solutions as part of approval of the FYs 2021-24 Work Program, with a targeted funding level of \$3,000,000, as described in this letter and in the attached.

Larry McCallon
Chair, MSRC

Background

In September 1990, Assembly Bill 2766 was signed into law (Health & Safety Code Sections 44220-44247) authorizing an annual \$4 motor vehicle registration fee to fund the implementation of programs exclusively to reduce air pollution from motor vehicles. AB 2766 provides that 30 percent of the annual \$4 vehicle registration fee subvented to the South Coast AQMD be placed into an account to be allocated pursuant to a work program developed and adopted by the MSRC and approved by the Board.

Proposals

At its April 21, 2022 meeting, the MSRC considered recommendations from the MSRC Technical Advisory Committee (MSRC-TAC) and approved the following:

FYs 2016-18 Hydrogen Infrastructure Partnership Program

As part of the FYs 2016-18 Hydrogen Infrastructure Partnership Program, the MSRC approved an award of \$1,660,000 to Nikola Energy, Inc. (Nikola) to install a publicly accessible hydrogen fueling station in Ontario, California. The station was to be installed on the property of Nikola's partner, Travel Centers of America (TA). After the award, clarification was obtained that the fueling infrastructure would be actually owned by a special purpose entity established by Nikola and TA: Nikola-TA HRS 1, LLC (a Delaware limited liability company). In order to enhance accountability in administration of the project, it was recommended that the MSRC substitute Nikola-TA HRS 1, LLC as recipient of the award, in that they are the entity which will actually own the infrastructure. The MSRC considered and approved the substitute award recipient.

FYs 2021-24 Major Event Center Transportation Program

The MSRC approved the release of Program Announcement #PA2022-04 under the FYs 2021-24 Work Program. The Program Announcement, with an initial targeted funding amount of \$3,000,000, solicits applications from qualifying major event centers and/or transportation providers to provide transportation service for venues not currently served by sufficient transportation service. A geographical funding minimum has been set at \$250,000 per county, which will be made available to projects from other counties if there are insufficient qualifying projects within a county. To qualify, an event center must have an occupancy capacity of at least 7,500, and an average event attendance of at least 5,000. The applicant must demonstrate that the center is impacted by traffic to the extent that the design capacity of the surrounding streets is exceeded. Applications may be submitted at any time from May 6 to October 28, 2022, and projects will be brought to the MSRC for consideration of awards throughout this period. Applicants are eligible to propose a maximum of two consecutive event seasons and are obligated to continue performing service for an additional two consecutive event seasons.

FYs 2021-24 Transformative Transportation Strategies & Mobility Solutions Program

The MSRC also approved the release of PON #PON2022-01 under the FYs 2021-24 Work Program. The PON, with a targeted funding amount of \$3,000,000, seeks the submittal of conceptual projects that offer to demonstrate new and innovative transportation strategies, above and beyond traditional transportation demand strategies, which would be replicable on a broader scale throughout the South Coast region. The PON has a clear focus on “people movement” as opposed to goods movement. Project concepts may be submitted at any time from May 6 to August 5, 2022. Upon receipt of a project concept, the MSRC could a) request a more detailed proposal for possible sole-source award; b) notify entities that an RFP will be issued at a later date; or c) decline the funding request.

Outreach

In accordance with South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure, public notices advertising the Major Event Center Transportation Program Announcement and the Transformative Transportation Strategies Program Opportunity Notice will be published in the Los Angeles Times, the Orange County Register, the San Bernardino Sun, and Riverside County's Press Enterprise to leverage the most cost-effective method of outreach to the South Coast Basin. In addition, the solicitations will be advertised in the Desert Sun newspaper for expanded outreach in the Coachella Valley. Additionally, potential bidders may be notified utilizing South Coast AQMD's own electronic listing of certified minority vendors. Notice of the solicitations will be emailed to the diverse spectrum of Legislative Caucuses and chambers of commerce and business associations and placed on South Coast AQMD's website (<http://www.agmd.gov>), where it can be viewed by making the selection “Grants and Bids.” Further, the solicitations will be posted on the MSRC's website at <http://www.cleantransportationfunding.org> and electronic notifications will be sent to those subscribing to this website's notification service.

At this time, the MSRC requests the South Coast AQMD Board approve the substitute award recipient and the release of the solicitations as part of approval of the FYs 2016-18 and 2021-24 AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Work Programs as outlined above.

Resource Impacts

The South Coast AQMD acts as fiscal administrator for the AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Program (Health & Safety Code Section 44243). Money received for this program is recorded in a special revenue fund (Fund 23) and the contracts specified herein will be drawn from this fund.

Attachments

1. Program Announcement PA2022-04 – Major Event Center Transportation Program
2. Program Opportunity Notice PON2022-01 – Transformative Transportation Strategies & Mobility Solutions



MAJOR EVENT CENTER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

**Funding for the Implementation of Zero & Near-Zero
Emissions Transportation for Major Event Center Destinations
in the South Coast Air Quality Management District**

2021 - 2024 Edition

Program Announcement

PA2022-04

May 6, 2022

SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

The Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) Major Event Center Transportation Program first debuted in 2010, and over the past twelve years the MSRC has co-funded numerous programs that provided convenient, low-cost transportation alternatives for accessing major sports and entertainment venues throughout the South Coast region. The purpose of this Program Announcement is to again offer event center transportation co-funding, but with an important caveat; the MSRC intends this offering to be the final funding under this Program.

A primary goal of Major Event Center Transportation Program remains the same: seek cost-effective opportunities to reduce a significant number of automobile trips and their associated air pollutant emissions by shifting attendees of major event center functions out of their personal automobile and onto zero and near-zero emission transportation alternatives. This final edition carries with it an additional but equally important objective – to successfully transition our long-time transportation partners to *ongoing, sustainable event center transportation*. This will ensure the MSRC's decade-long investment continues to pay dividends to the communities that bear the air pollution and traffic congestion burden, the oftentimes unrecognized byproducts of major entertainment venues.

The past decade has brought significant advancements in automotive technology. Low-emitting gasoline vehicles, hybrid electric vehicles, and a rapidly increasing number of zero-emission electric vehicles have resulted in an overall cleaner fleet of personal automobiles. As a result of this fleet modernization, the overall automobile fleet emissions in the South Coast region are about 77% *lower* than when the Event Center Program began in 2010. To ensure this final Event Center program achieves cost-effective air quality benefits, a primary focus of this funding opportunity is to align major event centers with operators of the cleanest vehicles, giving priority to those entities who commit to a zero-emission transportation option for event attendees.

The MSRC has allocated a total of \$3.0M in **Clean Transportation Funding™** for this Program. As discussed in subsequent sections of this Program Announcement, proposals will be accepted beginning on May 6, 2022, through October 28, 2022. This funding opportunity has at its core the following goals and objectives:

- ⇒ Partner with Major Event Center venues and transportation providers who have previously implemented - and successfully demonstrated - event center transportation services, and assist those partners in transitioning to ongoing, sustainable event center transportation. This includes the identification of funding sources or revenue to support future transportation services beyond this MSRC funding opportunity;
- ⇒ Seek out additional major event center venues located within the South Coast AQMD jurisdiction that experience high levels of traffic congestion during scheduled events and are not served by, or are insufficiently served by, regular public transit services;
- ⇒ Partner with transportation providers and event center venues to develop and implement new or expanded programs to attract patrons to transit services that are tailored to each venue's scheduled events;
- ⇒ Utilize the cleanest commercially available vehicles to implement event center transportation service, with a preference for zero-emission vehicles. At a minimum, event center transportation vehicles must be 90% lower emitting than the current heavy-duty emissions standards;

This final Event Center Transportation Program funding opportunity spans three fiscal years – FYs 2021/'22 through 2023/'24. As noted herein, applicants may propose transportation services for a maximum of two consecutive event seasons, **with an obligation to perform transportation service for an additional two (2) consecutive event seasons.**

While many of the features of the previous event center programs are retained in this funding opportunity, several major changes should be noted:

- ☆ All on-road transportation performing Event Center transportation services under this Program must be zero emission or near-zero emission. This means that the vehicle drive system must be certified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as a zero-emission vehicle or meet CARB's Optional Low-NOx Standard of 0.02 grams per brake horsepower – hour (g/bhp-hr).
- ☆ Applicants are eligible to propose a maximum of two (2) consecutive event “seasons”, wherein a “season” consists of multiple events or an event that spans multiple days.
- ☆ All events receiving MSRC **Clean Transportation Funding™** under this Program Announcement must be held no later than December 31, 2025.
- ☆ Event transportation for the mandatory two additional consecutive years or consecutive event seasons must be completed no later than December 31, 2027.

The following Sections describe the eligibility requirements to participate in the MSRC Major Event Center Transportation Services Program and guidelines for proposal preparation. It is important to recognize that the MSRC must ensure that the use of Clean Transportation funds will result in direct, tangible, and quantifiable air quality benefits. To this end, this Program Announcement stipulates specific performance thresholds and participation obligations that must be met in order to be deemed eligible for an MSRC funding award. Projects submitted for funding consideration will be scrutinized to ensure they meet the minimum eligibility requirements described herein.

MSRC staff members are available to answer questions and provide technical and programmatic guidance as appropriate. Please refer to Section 6 of this document for a list of MSRC Staff contacts.

Available Funding - The total amount of MSRC **Clean Transportation Funding™** allocated for the Major Event Center Transportation Program is \$3.0M. This funding level is a targeted amount – should meritorious projects be received totaling greater than \$3.0M, the MSRC reserves the right to increase the amount of total funding available.

Also, should the MSRC receive proposals with total requests less than the amount allocated, or if proposals are deemed non-meritorious, the MSRC reserves the right to reduce the total funding available and reallocate funds to other Work Program categories. The MSRC also reserves the right to not fund any of the proposals received, irrespective of the merits of the proposals submitted.

Please note that the source of MSRC **Clean Transportation Funding™** for projects submitted in response to this solicitation is motor vehicle registration fees collected by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in accordance with the California Health and Safety Code. Thus, the availability of MSRC **Clean Transportation Funding™** is contingent upon the timely receipt of funds from the DMV. Neither the MSRC nor South Coast AQMD can guarantee the collection or remittance of registration fees by the DMV.

SECTION 2 – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

This Program Announcement seeks to facilitate the reduction of automobile trips and mitigate traffic congestion by shifting event attendees out of their personal automobiles and onto zero and near-zero emission transportation at major event centers that are not currently served by adequate, regularly scheduled transit or shuttle service prior to, during, and following the venue's events.

For the purpose of this Program Announcement, the following eligibility requirements apply:

- **Major Event Center** – a Major Event Center is defined as a publicly or privately-owned, publicly accessible venue located within the geographical jurisdiction of the South Coast Air Quality Management District that possesses the following attributes, at a minimum:
 - Occupancy capacity of at least 7,500 people;
 - Average event attendance of at least 5,000 people;
 - Dedicated parking lot or structure co-located with the event center.
- **Traffic Impacted Event** – A scheduled event held at a Major Event Center that results in recurrent traffic congestion prior to, during, or after the scheduled event whose impact on surrounding roadways, arterials, intersections, or freeways exceeds design capacity;
- **Transportation Provider** – includes but is not necessarily limited to a) public transit agencies, including regional and municipal transit agencies and authorities; b) private transit operators, including subcontractor service providers to public transit agencies; and c) paratransit providers and other licensed, private transportation and shuttle providers;
- **Qualifying Transportation Vehicles** – vehicles proposed for use in Event Center Transportation Services must conform to the following minimum requirements:

On-Road Bus and Shuttle Vehicles:

- All on-road vehicles performing Event Center transportation services under this Program must be certified by the California Air Resources Board as zero-emission vehicles or be equipped with an engine that is certified at CARB's Optional Low-NOx emission standard of 0.02 g/bhp-hr;
 - Vehicle Seating Capacity – vehicles must have a minimum seated position capacity of twenty-two (22) occupants;
 - Vehicles must meet all Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), US Department of Transportation (DOT), California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and other applicable regulatory agency.
- **Transportation Deficient** – the Event Center must be Transportation Deficient. This is defined as an Event Center that is not served by regularly scheduled public transit or private shuttle service sufficient to entice patrons to attend the event using public transit rather than private automobile, or is served by public and/or private transportation services that are operating at maximum capacity. **Please note that this Program Announcement is NOT intended to subsidize ongoing public or private transportation services.**

The MSRC seeks the formation of *partnerships* between traffic-impacted, transportation-deficient major event centers and transportation providers who operate qualifying vehicles. The following Sections define who is eligible to submit a proposal to the MSRC, who is eligible to enter in to a contract for event center transportation services, and what transportation costs are eligible for reimbursement by the MSRC:

- ***Who can submit a proposal in response to this Program Announcement?*** Either a qualifying major event center, a qualifying transportation provider, or a County Transportation Commission may respond to this Program Announcement and submit a proposal for MSRC consideration. Proposals may also be submitted from a joint County Transportation Commission/event center/transportation provider partnership. Please note that the following conditions apply:
 - A proposal submitted by qualifying Major Event Centers must identify what Transportation Provider(s) will provide the event center service. The proposal must include a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or letter of support between the event center and transportation provider(s) stating their mutual intent to implement and operate event center transit service in accordance with Program requirements in the event the MSRC provides a funding award;
 - A proposal submitted by a qualifying Transportation Provider must identify which Major Event Center(s) will be served in the Program. The proposal must include an MOU or letter of support between the transportation provider and event center(s) stating their mutual intent to implement and operate event center transit service in accordance with Program requirements in the event the MSRC provides a funding award;
 - A proposal submitted by a County Transportation Commission must identify which Major Event Center(s) will be served in the Program and identify what Transportation Provider(s) will provide the event center service. The proposal must include an MOU or letter of support between the County Transportation Commission and transportation provider and/or event center(s) stating their mutual intent to implement and operate event center transit service in accordance with Program requirements in the event the MSRC provides a funding award;
 - A proposal submitted jointly by a County Transportation Commission in partnership with an event center and transportation provider(s) must also include an MOU or letter of support, as above.
- ***Who is eligible to receive an award of MSRC Clean Transportation Funding™ under this Program Announcement?*** While either a County Transportation Commission, major event center or qualifying transportation provider are eligible to submit a proposal, **only the qualifying transportation provider or County Transportation Commission is eligible to enter into a contract on behalf of the proposed event center transportation service partnership.** The rationale for this restriction is that *only transportation service costs (including transit program and traffic control costs) are eligible for reimbursement under this Program.* Thus, it makes sense that the service provider who incurs direct expenses in providing transportation services be the party to the contract that provides reimbursement. Please note that the MSRC does not enter into three-party agreements.

In summary, major event centers that meet the above eligibility requirements and transportation providers that meet qualifying requirements are eligible to participate in this MSRC Program. Both Event Centers and Transportation Providers are eligible to submit a proposal; however, each party must be identified by name in the proposal, accompanied by a MOU between the named participants. Only the transportation provider can be the MSRC funding recipient and contract signatory.

SECTION 3 - PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES, CONDITIONS, & RESTRICTIONS

The following guidelines, requirements, and conditions have been established and apply to all Proposals:

1. **Program Scope** – The primary objective of this Program is to eliminate automobile trips, reduce automobile vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and reduce traffic congestion in the vicinity of a major event center prior to, during, and following an event, resulting in a reduction in air pollutant emissions. Automobile trip reduction and traffic congestion mitigation are achieved by shifting the travel mode of event attendees from their personal automobile and onto new or expanded zero or near-zero emission transportation service or dedicated zero/near-zero emission shuttle event center feeder service. **MSRC Clean Transportation Funding™** is available to co-fund the cost of implementing new or expanded transportation programs. Only direct costs of transportation programs are eligible for reimbursement under this Program. Proposals submitted in response to this Program Announcement must include as named participants the major event center where new or expanded transit or shuttle service will be operated, as well as the transportation provider who will implement the event center transportation program.
2. **Geographical Funding Minimum** - The MSRC has established a Geographical Funding Minimum for each county within the SCAQMD. The geographical funding minimum amount has been set at \$250,000 per county. This funding set-aside guarantees a minimum level of funding for each county to implement Event Center Transportation projects. At the end of the application submittal period, October 28, 2022, if any county has funds remaining in its geographical minimum, these funds will be made available to qualifying projects from any other county in order of receipt.
3. All events receiving MSRC Clean Transportation Funding™ under this Program Announcement must be held prior to December 31, 2025.
4. Applicants are eligible to propose a maximum of two (2) consecutive event “seasons”, wherein a “season” consists of multiple events or an event that spans multiple days. There is an obligation to perform event transportation services for an additional two consecutive event seasons at the completion of the MSRC-funded season(s). Note that the requirement to perform transportation service for two additional event seasons is irrespective of whether MSRC funding is requested for one or two event seasons under this Program Announcement.
5. In all cases, acceptance of an MSRC funding award and execution of a binding agreement obligates the funding recipient to implement two (2) additional consecutive event seasons at recipients’ expense, with transportation services fully implemented no later than December 31, 2027. Should the recipient not provide one or more of these additional seasons of service, they will be obligated to pay back twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds previously reimbursed for **each** season of service not provided.

6. **Eligible Uses of MSRC Funds** – MSRC funds may be used to offset direct operating costs associated with event center transportation programs. These include transportation operations and traffic control costs as defined below:
- **Transportation Operations** – Direct costs associated with operations of event center transportation vehicle and/or rail operations subject to the requirements and conditions outlined in Section 2, Eligibility Requirements;
 - **Event Center Traffic Control/Bus Priority** – Costs associated with providing traffic control to provide participating transportation vehicles event center ingress and egress priority may also be proposed as project co-funding. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to: special lane designation for transit vehicles, including cones, lane striping, etc.; traffic control personnel to direct traffic and grant participating vehicles faster entry and exit; designation of areas for drop off and pickup of event center patrons who utilize the transportation service, including directional signage, markings and placards, etc.
7. **Transportation Programs Advertising, Outreach, Marketing, and Promotion** – All event center transportation programs projects that receive an MSRC Clean Transportation Funding™ award must include advertising and promotion of the availability of the service as a project element. This is a mandatory component of any MSRC-funded event center transportation programs project. Advertising and promotion may include, but is not limited to:
- a) Radio, television, newspaper, or specialty publication advertisements;
 - b) Print materials;
 - c) Materials developed for incorporation into a website, electronic media, etc.;
 - d) Transportation program kickoff events, ribbon cuttings, or news conferences, etc.
8. **Program Co-Funding Requirements** – Major event center projects funded by the MSRC are required to provide minimum project co-funding. Co-funding must be greater than or equal to 60% of the total project cost, i.e., a maximum of 40% of total project costs to be co-funded by the MSRC.

Eligible project co-funding includes the following:

- **Direct Cost Share** – Cash, direct labor, and equipment use contributions from the transportation provider may be accounted for as co-funding;
- **Fare box Revenue** – Fare box revenue collected to augment MSRC-funded transportation program may be documented and applied as co-funding;
- **Transportation Programs Outreach, Marketing, and Promotion** – Direct costs associated with advertising the availability of event center transportation programs may be applied as co-funding. Appropriate outreach may include, but is not limited to, radio, television, newspaper, or specialty publication advertisements, printed materials, materials developed for incorporation into a website, electronic media, transportation program kickoff events, ribbon cuttings, or news conferences, etc.

- **Event Center Traffic Control/Bus Priority** – Direct costs associated with providing traffic control to provide participating transportation vehicles event center ingress and egress priority may also be proposed as project co-funding.

9. **Funding Restrictions** – MSRC funds may only be applied to direct operating costs associated with event center transportation programs. These include transportation operations and traffic control costs only. MSRC funds cannot be used:

- To fund capital acquisition costs associated with transportation vehicle purchase;
- To recoup lost parking lot revenue.

10. **MSRC Funds Remitted on a Reimbursement Basis** - MSRC funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis only upon completion of approved project milestones and submission of all required reports and invoices. Both an Interim and a Final Report will be required. Note that five percent (5%) will initially be withheld from all reimbursements. Of this amount, \$25,000 or 5% of the total amount reimbursed, whichever is less, will be retained pending submission and approval of a Final Report covering both the MSRC-funded and additional two seasons of operation. The difference, if any, will be released following submission and approval of the Interim Report covering the MSRC-funded season(s) of operation.

11. **Additional Conditions on MSRC Funding**

- MSRC projects are funded on a “site-specific” basis; that is, each project is evaluated with respect to the proposed event center’s unique location, traffic congestion, availability of other transportation options, etc. Thus, proposals that result in an award of MSRC funds are not allowed to change the event center venue under any circumstances. In the event the proposed venue becomes unavailable, nonviable, or no longer cost-effective, either contract negotiations will terminate or the contract will terminate, as applicable;
- All projects must include an advertising, marketing, and outreach component. Acceptable outreach strategies are described in the previous section;
- Conflict of Interest – Proposers must identify possible conflicts of interest with other clients affected by actions performed by the firm on behalf of the MSRC. Although the bidder will not be automatically disqualified by reason of work performed for such firms, the MSRC reserves the right to consider the nature and extent of such work in evaluating the proposal;
- Certifications – All Proposers must complete and submit the included Attachment G forms as an element of their Proposal (unless specifically exempted below):
 - Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 – Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification, and Franchise Tax Board Form 590 – Withholding Exemption Certificate. If you are selected for an award, you cannot be established as a vendor without this information.
 - Campaign Contributions Disclosure. This information must be provided at the time of application in accordance with California law. You may be asked for an update when awards are considered.
 - Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters – The SCAQMD needs this information for their vendor database.

- Disadvantaged Business Certification. The SCAQMD needs this information for their vendor database. It will not be considered in the determination of your MSRC funding award. Governmental entities do not need to complete this form.
- Finally, in accordance with state law, all projects awarded MSRC **Clean Transportation Funding™** are subject to audit. The provisions of the audit are discussed in the Sample Contact, included as Section 9 of this Program Announcement. It is highly recommended that bidders employ government accepted accounting practices when administering their MSRC co-funded project.

SECTION 4 – PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT TIMETABLE

The MSRC understands that developing an event center transportation programs project is a complex undertaking. The MSRC also appreciates that events scheduled at a major venue are firm; thus, the MSRC Program is designed to afford potential proposers as much flexibility as possible to allow development of outstanding event center transportation projects.

Table 4-1 - Key Event Center Transportation Programs Program Dates

Program Event	Date
Program Announcement Release	May 6, 2022
Application Submittal Period	May 6, 2022 – October 28, 2022
Latest Date/Time for Electronic Application Submittal	October 28, 2022 @ 11:59 p.m.

SECTION 5 - PROPOSAL PREPARATION & SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

An Event Center Transportation Project Proposal must be completed and submitted for funding consideration under this Program. Proposals must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions outlined below.

1. **Proposal Preparation** – The following information must be included in all Proposals seeking MSRC **Clean Transportation Funding™** under the Major Event Center Transportation Programs Program:
 - a) **Attachments A-G** - Proposals must include the following completed Attachments, including all required supporting documentation as requested. Proposal Templates and Instructions are included in Section 8 of this Program Announcement:
 - Attachment A: Proposer and Project Participant Information
 - Attachment B: Project Description
 - Attachment C: Project Cost Breakdown
 - Attachment D: Project Implementation Schedule

- Attachment E: Memorandum of Understanding/letter of support between Event Center(s) and Transportation Services Provider(s) (as applicable)
- Attachment F: Transportation Service Ridership Estimates
- Attachment G: Certifications

2. **Electronic Application Submittal Process** – To reduce the need to photocopy, package, and physically submit paper applications, the Major Event Center Transportation Program requires that applications be submitted electronically in PDF format using the MSRC Website. We believe this benefits the applicant, the MSRC staff, and the environment.

The application that will be submitted as a **PDF document** is comprised of seven (7) primary sections – these correspond to the application Attachments A-G as described in the preceding section. Thus, a complete application will be comprised of the following elements:

1. Attachment A: Proposer and Project Participant Information
2. Attachment B: Project Description, including Service Continuation Plan to ensure sustainable, ongoing event center transportation operations
3. Attachment C: Project Cost Breakdown
4. Attachment D: Project Implementation Schedule
5. Attachment E: Memorandum of Understanding/letter of support between Event Center(s) and Transportation Services Provider(s) (as applicable)
6. Attachment F: Transportation Service Ridership Estimates
7. Attachment G: Certifications
 - a. Disadvantaged Business Certification Form
 - b. IRS Form W-9
 - c. California Form 590 Withholding Exemption Certificate
 - d. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters
 - e. Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form
 - f. Direct Deposit Authorization

These seven sections, including Attachment G certifications, are to be compiled into a **single PDF document** for submittal to the MSRC Clean Transportation Funding Website. **Please note that ONLY PDF format can be accepted. Microsoft Word documents cannot be accepted by the MSRC Website.** Applicants will need to register on the MSRC Clean Transportation Funding website.

Please note that the latest date and time to apply is OCTOBER 28, 2022 at 11:59 pm!

3. **Addenda** – The Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee may modify the Program Announcement and/or issue supplementary information or guidelines relating to the Program Announcement during the Proposal preparation and acceptance period of May 6, 2022 to October 28, 2022. Amendments will be posted on the MSRC website at www.cleantransportationfunding.org.
4. **Proposal Modifications** - Once submitted, Proposals cannot be altered without the prior written consent of the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee.
5. **Certificates of Insurance** - Upon notification of an MSRC funding award, a certificate(s) of insurance naming the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) as an additional insured will be required within forty-five (45) days. Entities that are self-insured will be required to provide proof of self-insurance prior to contract execution.

SECTION 6 - IF YOU NEED HELP...

This Program Announcement can be obtained by accessing the MSRC web site at www.cleantransportationfunding.org. MSRC staff members are available to answer questions during the Proposal acceptance period. In order to help expedite assistance, please direct your inquiries to the applicable staff person, as follows:

- For **General or Technical Assistance**, please contact:
Ray Gorski
MSRC Technical Advisor
Phone: 909-396-2479
E-mail: Ray@CleanTransportationFunding.org
- For **Administrative Assistance**, please contact:
Cynthia Ravenstein
MSRC Contracts Administrator
Phone: 909-396-3269
E-mail: Cynthia@CleanTransportationFunding.org
- For **Contractual Assistance**, please contact:
Dean Hughbanks
SCAQMD Procurement Manager
Phone: 909-396-2808
E-mail: dhughbanks@aqmd.gov

SECTION 7 - PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS

MSRC staff members will screen proposals upon receipt to ensure compliance with all mandatory Program Announcement requirements. In the event a proposal is deemed noncompliant, MSRC Staff will notify the proposer of the issues and corrective actions required. Note that a noncompliant proposal is not considered “received” and will not undergo further evaluation until all proposal deficiencies are remedied.

Proposals deemed compliant will be forwarded to an Evaluation Subcommittee comprised of members of the MSRC Technical Advisory Committee (MSRC-TAC). Proposals will be evaluated in order of receipt using criteria established by the MSRC; these criteria are listed below. Proposals will be recommended for funding based upon their conformance with the established criteria. It is possible that all funding allocated to this Program could be fully expended prior to the close of the proposal submittal period, October 28, 2022.

Evaluation Criteria – Proposals will be evaluated using a two-step process. The first step (Step 1) consists of a technical analysis to ensure that the project has a high probability of achieving a net air quality benefit. Only proposals that are determined to result in a net reduction in mobile source air pollution will undergo further evaluation (Step 2). MSRC Staff may request additional information from the project applicant to assist in this determination.

Step 2 continues the assessment of the merits of a proposed Event Center project. The specific criteria to be evaluated are outlined below. Each project will be assessed individually against the evaluation criteria. A maximum of 100 points is available – only projects that receive greater than 70 points will be considered for an MSRC funding award. Projects scoring less than 70 points will not be eligible for an MSRC funding award.

EVALUATION STEP 1:

POTENTIAL TO ACHIEVE QUANTIFIABLE AIR POLLUTANT REDUCTIONS - Each project will be analyzed to estimate its potential to achieve motor vehicle air pollution reductions, emphasizing reductions in oxides of nitrogen and particulate matter pollution. Factors to be evaluated include, but are not limited to:

- The types, quantity, emissions profile, and proposed utilization of the vehicles proposed to implement the event center transportation services;
- Event center transportation service ridership estimates based on previous documented event center project results, surveys or focus groups conducted to estimate potential transportation service utilization, etc.;
- The event center location, population density, and location relative to major arterial roadways and freeways;
- Availability of existing transportation options other than personal automobile;
- The number of events scheduled or planned for the event center during the proposed period of program; and
- The average venue attendance.

EVALUATION STEP 2:

1. SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION IN PAST EVENT CENTER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS (0 – 15 Points).
2. PROGRAM CONTINUATION PLAN (0 – 50 Points). As discussed, MSRC funding is not intended to serve as an ongoing funding source for event venues. Event Center project applicants are required to develop a plan to demonstrate how the proposed service will continue beyond the MSRC funding period, including the sources of internal and external revenue that will be pursued to augment and

ultimately replace MSRC funding. Projects that have a definitive plan for continuing transportation programs well beyond the MSRC funding period will be awarded a higher point allocation.

3. EVENT CENTER PROJECT COST-EFFECTIVENESS (0 – 20 Points). Cost-effectiveness is a measure of a proposed project’s potential for reducing mobile source air pollution relative to the MSRC funding amount sought. This is typically presented in units of “dollars per pound of air pollution reduced”. The results of Step 1 will be evaluated in the context of the MSRC funding request. Points will be awarded in accordance with the following cost-effectiveness (CE) matrix:

CE (\$/Lb.)	POINTS
< \$500/Lb.	25
\$500 - \$1,499/Lb.	20
\$1,500 - \$2,499/Lb.	15
\$2,500 - 3,499/Lb.	10
\$3,500 - \$4,499/Lb.	5
> \$4,500/Lb.	0

4. ZERO-EMISSION TRANSPORTATION BONUS (0 or 5 points). Applicants who utilize zero-emission vehicles to perform event center transportation are eligible to receive additional points. Applicants who commit to use zero-emission vehicles to perform a minimum of 25% of event center service trips will receive five (5) additional points. This commitment will be included in any subsequent MSRC funding agreement with the applicant.
5. NEXUS TO OTHER PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES (0 - 10 Points). MSRC experience over the past nine years has shown that vent Center projects that are ultimately most successful have a high degree of connectivity with other existing public transit services. This criterion evaluates the probability of successfully integrating the proposed transportation program with other existing public transportation services, including connectivity with existing regional or municipal bus service, Metrolink, light rail, transit centers, etc. **Proposers should clearly outline the proposed Event Center transportation connectivity with other existing public transit services in their proposal.**

Proposals deemed meritorious by the MSRC-TAC will be forwarded to the MSRC for evaluation, review, and potential funding approval. Please note that the MSRC retains full discretion and authority as it pertains to a potential award of **Clean Transportation Funding™**. The decision to award funding, or not award funding, will be based on the proposed project’s potential to achieve direct and tangible emission reductions. Thus, it is anticipated that not all projects submitted for funding consideration will receive an MSRC award.

SECTION 8 - PROPOSAL ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

A. Please provide the following Proposer information in the space provided (This is information about the entity submitting the proposal):

Business Name	
Division of:	
Subsidiary of:	
Website Address	
Type of Business <i>Check One:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> DBA, Name _____, County Filed in _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation, ID No. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> LLC/LLP, ID No. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

REMITTING ADDRESS INFORMATION

Address			
City			
State		Zip	
Phone	() - Ext	Fax	() -
Contact Name		Title	
E-mail Address			
Payment Name if Different			

B. Funding Request Summary:

MSRC Clean Transportation Funding™ Requested: \$ _____

Other Co-Funding Applied to Project: \$ _____

Total Project Cost: \$ _____

C. Please provide the following information about the Event Center in the space provided below:

Event Center Name	
Website Address	
Type of Venue	

Address			
City			
State		Zip	
Phone	() - Ext	Fax	() -
Venue Contact Name		Title	
E-mail Address			
Payment Name if Different			

D. Please provide the following information about the Transportation Service Provider in the space provided
(If this information was provided in Section 8.A, simply type "See Above"):

Business Name	
Division of:	
Subsidiary of:	
Website Address	
Type of Business	

Address			
City/Town			
State/Province		Zip	
Phone	() - Ext	Fax	() -
Contact Name		Title	
E-mail Address			
Payment Name if Different			

ATTACHMENT B: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. **Event Center Description** - Please provide a detailed description of the major event center. At a minimum, provide the following information:
 - a) General Characteristics of the Event Center, including type of venue, facility physical size, occupancy capacity, parking lot capacity, etc.;
 - b) Average number of events held annually or during a full season of operation;
 - c) Average attendance at a regularly scheduled event; peak attendance at special events;
 - d) Traffic conditions in proximity to event center prior to, during, and following a regularly scheduled event. If possible, provide a statement from the City or County Traffic Engineering Department verifying that traffic volumes on adjacent roadways and intersections prior to and following a scheduled event exceed roadway and intersection capacity.
2. **Proposed Transportation Program Description** – Provide a detailed description of the proposed event center transportation program. This should include, at a minimum:
 - a) A description of the vehicles proposed to perform transportation services, including the make and model, model year, engine model and year, alternative fuel type if required, seating positions, and total capacity (seated and standing) for each vehicle proposed to be utilized in event center transportation services.
 - b) The estimated number of events for which transportation program will be implemented. Include event schedules, dates, etc. to the extent feasible.
 - c) A description of how the transportation program services will be conducted, including passenger pickup locations, passenger drop-off locations, anticipated headways, hours of operation, etc.
 - d) For circulator-type transportation services, please include a map of the vehicle route(s) that graphically illustrates vehicle routing, passenger pickup and drop-off locations, etc.
3. **Event Transportation Continuation Plan** – Please describe what efforts will be made by the event center/transportation provider partnership to identify and secure necessary resources to continue event center transportation program beyond the MSRC funding period. **IMPORTANT: This plan will comprise up to 50% of all points awarded under Section 7, Proposal Evaluation and Approval Process.**
4. **Connectivity with Other Public Transit Service** - Please discuss potential connectivity with other public transit services, including but not limited to potential connectivity with existing regional or municipal bus lines, Metrolink, light rail, transit centers, park and ride lots, etc.
5. **Advertising, Marketing, Outreach, and Promotion of Event Center Transportation Program** – Please describe the plan for conducting outreach and promotion of the availability of event center transportation programs. This may include, but is not limited to, radio, television, newspaper, or

specialty publication advertisements; other printed materials; materials developed for incorporation into a website, electronic media, etc., transportation program kickoff events, ribbon cuttings, or news conferences, etc. Please note that outreach and promotion is a mandatory element of any event center transportation program project funded by the MSRC and may be accounted for as an in-kind co-funding contribution.

ATTACHMENT C: COST BREAKDOWN

Please provide a detailed cost breakdown of the proposed project. Please note that MSRC **Clean Transportation Funding™** is intended to help offset the cost of transportation program, and cannot be applied to capital equipment purchases or used to offset lost parking facility revenues. The MSRC reserves the right to exclude cost elements deemed unallowable, as well as award funding in an amount less than the requested amount.

ATTACHMENT D: PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Please provide a Milestone Schedule for your proposed event center transportation program project. This should include, at a minimum, the anticipated date event center transportation program will commence, as well as any additional information regarding scheduled events to be supported by transportation services.

ATTACHMENT E: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/LETTER OF SUPPORT BETWEEN TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PROVIDER (PROPOSED CONTRACTOR) AND EVENT CENTER SITE

For projects seeking MSRC **Clean Transportation Funding™** for implementation or expansion of an event center transportation program, a fully executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or letter of support must be submitted as an element of the proposal package.

The MOU/Letter of Support must be provided at the time of Proposal Submittal and must contain the following essential elements, at a minimum:

- The parties to the MOU/Letter of Support, including the transportation service provider(s) and event center site owner or authorized representative;
- The term of the MOU/Letter of Support;
- The specific location of where transportation services will be provided;
- Anticipated dates of transportation service start of operation and completion;
- Executed signatures by individuals authorized on behalf of the parties to the MOU/Letter of Support.

If the proposal package contains a letter of support, an MOU may be required prior to execution of a contract.

ATTACHMENT F: TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RIDERSHIP ESTIMATES

Please provide an estimate of the anticipated utilization of the event center transportation program if implemented as proposed. Please include any empirical information used to generate ridership estimates, including but not limited to survey results, focus group results, etc.

Please note that as a condition of funding award, the contractor will be required to survey, document, or otherwise quantify the patronage of the event center transportation program in order for the MSRC to quantify motor vehicle emission reductions achieved by the transportation program.

ATTACHMENT G: CERTIFICATIONS

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.

(a) 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:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Enterprise/Small Business Joint Venture | <input type="checkbox"/> Women-owned Business Enterprise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local business | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Veteran-owned Business Enterprise/DVBE Joint Venture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minority-owned Business Enterprise | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

B. NAME

TITLE

C. TELEPHONE NUMBER

DATE

Definitions

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

- is 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.
 - 2) Classified between Codes 311000 to 339000, inclusive, of the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) Manual published by the United States Office of Management and Budget, 2007 edition.

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 the 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.

<p>Form W-9 (Rev. October 2018) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p>	<p>Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification</p> <p>► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.</p>	<p>Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.</p>					
<p>1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.</p>							
<p>2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above</p>							
<p>Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.</p>	<p>3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► </p> <p>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ►</p>						
	<p>4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any) _____</p> <p>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____</p> <p>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</p>						
	<p>5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.</p>						
	<p>6 City, state, and ZIP code</p>						
<p>7 List account number(s) here (optional)</p>							
<p>Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)</p> <p>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 <i>How to get a TIN</i>, later.</p> <p>Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see <i>What Name and Number To Give the Requester</i> for guidelines on whose number to enter.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Social security number</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 2px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 2px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 2px;"></div> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">or</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Employer identification number</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 2px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 2px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 2px;"></div> </td> </tr> </table>			Social security number	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 2px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 2px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 2px;"></div>	or	Employer identification number	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 2px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 2px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 2px;"></div>
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<p>Part II Certification</p> <p>Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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 I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct. <p>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, item 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 II, later.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Sign Here</p> <p>Signature of U.S. person ►</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Date ►</p> </td> </tr> </table>			<p>Sign Here</p> <p>Signature of U.S. person ►</p>	<p>Date ►</p>			
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<p>General Instructions</p> <p>Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Purpose of Form</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form 1099-INT (Interest earned or paid) Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds) Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds) Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers) Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions) Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions) Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition) Form 1099-C (canceled debt) Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property) <p>Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>							

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 partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) 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 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 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 1446 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 grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

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. 515, *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. Sufficient facts 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 his or her 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, 1984) 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 exception (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 include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card 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), or
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 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee 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 C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no 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 false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note: ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• 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.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
• Partnership	Partnership
• Trust/estate	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, and 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)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 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 their 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 Commodity 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 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman 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.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

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, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), 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 foreign 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 uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester 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 a 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 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) 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 returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has 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 payor 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 and are not eligible to get an SSN, 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 classified as 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 this 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 can 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 tradable 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.

Note: Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

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

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign 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 requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. 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 for 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 fishing 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:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor ⁴
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	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 DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded 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 personal 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 trustee of trust.

Note: If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

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 1-800-908-4490 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 1-877-777-4778 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 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

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 paid; 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 cities, 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 3406, 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.

TAXABLE YEAR

CALIFORNIA FORM

2021 Withholding Exemption Certificate

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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

☐ SSN or ITIN ☐ FEIN ☐ CA Corp no. ☐ CA SOS file no.

Address (apt./ste., room, PO box, or PMB 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 on 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.

☐ **Nonmilitary Spouse of a Military Servicemember:**

I am a 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 are 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

References in these instructions are to the California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC).

General Information

California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) 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 ftb.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 domestic 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.
- Endorsement 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 the withholding requirement should complete Form 590 and submit it to the withholding agent before payment is made. The withholding agent is then relieved of the 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 exemption 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 certification 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. 1032, 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.

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 MSRRRA.

Income of a military servicemember's nonmilitary spouse for services performed in California is not 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 MSRRRA requirements, get FTB Pub. 1032.

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, get 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.

Internet and Telephone Assistance

Website: ftb.ca.gov

Telephone: 800.852.5711 from within the United States
916.845.6500 from outside the United States

TTY/TDD: 800.822.6268 for persons with hearing or speech disability
711 or 800.735.2929 California relay service

Asistencia Por Internet y Teléfono

Sitio web: ftb.ca.gov

Teléfono: 800.852.5711 dentro de los Estados Unidos
916.845.6500 fuera de los Estados Unidos

TTY/TDD: 800.822.6268 para personas con discapacidades auditivas o del habla
711 ó 800.735.2929 servicio de relevo de California

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 (CA Corp no.); or CA SOS file 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 practice 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 to which the certificate applies. The agent must provide it to the FTB upon request.

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: 888.792.4900 or 916.845.4900, Withholding Services and Compliance phone service

Fax: 916.845.9512

Mail: WITHHOLDING SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE MS F182
FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
PO BOX 942867
SACRAMENTO CA 94267-0651

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): _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DBA, Name _____, County Filed in _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation, ID No. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LLC/LLP, ID No. _____ |

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

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

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.

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?

☐ 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:**

Name of Contributor _____

_____	_____	_____
Governing Board Member or MSRC Member/Alternate	Amount of Contribution	Date of Contribution

Name of Contributor _____

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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.



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Direct Deposit Authorization

STEP 1: Please check all the appropriate boxes

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (Employee, Governing Board Member) | <input type="checkbox"/> New Request |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor/Contractor | <input type="checkbox"/> Cancel Direct Deposit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changed Information | |

STEP 2: Payee Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Title
Vendor/Contractor Business Name (if applicable)			
Address		Apartment or P.O. Box Number	
City	State	Zip	Country
Taxpayer ID Number	Telephone Number	Email Address	

Authorization

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

Staple Voided Check Here	Name of Bank/Institution		
	Account Holder Name(s)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Saving <input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____



“TRANSFORMATIVE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIES & MOBILITY SOLUTIONS”

A Program Opportunity Notice for the
Implementation of Innovative Human Transportation &
Mobility Programs in the South Coast Air District

PON2022-01

May 6, 2022

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

For over 30 years, the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) has sought to develop and demonstrate cutting-edge transportation demand management (TDM) and “smart mobility” programs that expand the boundaries of how we *alternatively* commute – striving for faster, cheaper, and *greener* transportation solutions. As an investor in clean mobility, collaboration with expert project partners is essential to achieve the MSRC’s goal of improving air quality by reducing motor vehicle pollution in the South Coast AQMD region.

This Program Opportunity Announcement (PON) is another Call to Action – to seek out innovative, and importantly, transformative transportation and mobility concepts that not only are effective in reducing air pollution and congestion, *but have staying power*.

This PON has ambitious goals, as it seeks concepts that are not only innovative, but have the potential to result in a transformative outcome – a paradigm shift in “the way it’s done”. For this to happen, the concept must be capable of being replicated on a broader scale throughout the South Coast region.

The following Sections amplify these goals and set forth the requirements and guidelines for submitting a response to this PON. MSRC staff is available to answer any questions – staff contacts for administrative and technical inquiries are included in Section 3 of this PON.

SECTION 2: PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY NOTICE OVERVIEW

This PON seeks the submittal of conceptual projects that offer to demonstrate new and innovative transportation strategies above and beyond traditional transportation demand strategies. This PON is broad in scope, but has a clear focus on “people movement” as opposed to Goods Movement. As such, all project concepts must have a nexus to the transport of those who live, work, and play in the South Coast AQMD region.

Key objectives under this PON are as follows:

- MSRC funding acts as **Seed Money** – an initial investment to launch the innovative transportation strategy or program;
- A key objective is to achieve a **Transformative** Outcome – a permanent and sustainable change in human mobility;
- The innovative transportation strategy or concept is **Replicable** within the South Coast region, and;
- The process and results of the development and deployment of the transformative mobility strategy is well **Documented** to serve as a roadmap to others who wish to replicate the concept.

The total available funding under this PON is **\$3.0 million**. It is anticipated this PON will result in multiple MSRC funding awards.

The MSRC strives to achieve broad geographic participation across the South Coast region. To this end, the MSRC is establishing a geographic funding target of at least \$250,000 per county. This geographic funding minimum, however, is conditioned on the receipt of meritorious project concepts that achieve the MSRC's program objectives as outlined in this PON. The MSRC is not obligated to fund any projects in any county that, in the sole opinion of the MSRC, do not meet program objectives.

SECTION 3: HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The Transformative Transportation Strategies PON is flexible in that the MSRC will accept responses ranging from a concept paper to a full proposal. Emphasis should be placed describing how the proposed mobility solution achieves the MSRC goals of a transformative outcome that is replicable within the South Coast region. Additionally, Section 4 of this PON lists additional criteria the MSRC will use to evaluate candidate concepts; and these can be used as further guidance when developing a response under this PON.

There are no restrictions as to who can submit a response under this PON; however, only entities deemed legal businesses, proprietorships, or agencies are eligible to receive a funding award.

The MSRC requests that responses submitted under this PON conform to the following guidelines:

1. Include the name of the individual or organization submitting under this PON, including but not limited to the e-mail address of the contact person(s) for technical and contractual matters;
2. A concisely - but thoroughly - written description of the innovative transportation strategy or concept proposed. This should include, but is not limited to:
 - A discussion of how the concept will result in a transformative and sustainable improvement in mobility and achieve long-term air pollution reduction benefits beyond the MSRC funding period;
 - The development status of the proposed transportation concept, i.e., at the conceptual stage requiring MSRC assistance to further refine the strategy prior to launch, or at the "shovel ready" stage in need of MSRC assistance to fund capital or operations. All stages of project development will be considered by the MSRC;
 - Identification of key project participants and stakeholders, and the status of forming essential partnerships;
 - The amount of funding requested from the MSRC, including the estimated total project cost, sources of match funding and other direct cost-sharing, and whether co-funding is secured or anticipated;

- A project schedule, including the timeframe for project implementation. Note that the MSRC does not have a specific timeframe or deadline for implementing innovative transportation demonstrations, but wants to understand project timing for planning purposes.

By using the less-restrictive PON process, the MSRC hopes to stimulate development of unique, creative ideas for transformative mobility improvement. The MSRC does have an expectation, however, that responses to this PON will convey sufficient detail so that a determination of a candidate concept's transformative potential, including likelihood for regional replication, can be evaluated. As such, the MSRC requests that respondents to this PON provide as much technical and programmatic information as is available to assist the MSRC in accurately evaluating a concept's benefit potential.

The period to submit a response under this PON closes on August 5, 2022, unless extended by the MSRC. Responses should be sent via e-mail to:

Cynthia Ravenstein
MSRC Contracts Administrator
Cynthia@CleanTransportationFunding.org

If you have any questions regarding this PON, please direct inquiries to one of the following MSRC staff contacts:

- For General and Administrative Assistance, please contact:

Cynthia Ravenstein
MSRC Contracts Administrator
Phone: 909-396-3269
E-mail: Cynthia@CleanTransportationFunding.org

- For Technical Assistance, please contact:

Ray Gorski
MSRC Technical Advisor
Phone: 909-396-2479
E-mail: Ray@CleanTransportationFunding.org

SECTION 4: PROJECT REVIEW & FUNDING PROCESS

All responses to this PON will be reviewed by the MSRC's Innovative Transportation Subcommittee. Concepts will be evaluated on their merits relative to the following criteria:

1. The perceived likelihood the proposed concept to result in a transformative mobility improvement with long term air pollution reduction benefits;

2. Project development status – although concepts will be accepted that are still in a formative stage, the MSRC will differentiate between an “interesting idea” as compared to a transportation concept that has undergone more thorough research and development;
3. The formation status of project-enabling partnerships, i.e., whether all the pieces are in place or if necessary relationships are yet to be established;
4. Potential for project replication in the South Coast region – innovative transportation projects that are perceived to have applicability to multiple jurisdictions will be deemed more favorable; and
5. Co-funding contribution level – the extent to which an MSRC investment will be leveraged through contributions from other sources.

Additionally, the MSRC would like to understand how the demonstration of an innovative transportation strategy could potentially benefit disadvantaged communities (DAC) or areas that suffer disproportionately from air pollution. Responses to this PON should discuss if there is a possibility the project could be demonstrated within a designated DAC and/or how the mobility concept could benefit those most acutely impacted by air pollution as implementation progresses beyond the MSRC funding period.

Submittal of a response to this PON will result in one of the following three outcomes:

- A request by the MSRC for the submittal of a full proposal with detailed analysis of the project’s immediate as well as long term regional impact for possible sole-source funding consideration;
- Notification that a detailed Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued at a later date;
- Notification that the proposed concept has been declined from further consideration.

Innovative transportation projects selected for MSRC funding will be required to enter into a binding agreement with the South Coast AQMD on behalf of the MSRC. This agreement will be the result of a negotiation between the MSRC, South Coast AQMD, and the project lead entity. In all cases, projects must be approved by the MSRC and South Coast AQMD Governing Board prior to the execution of an agreement or disbursement of MSRC funds.