



South Coast  
Air Quality  
Management District

**INVEST CLEAN**



# Program Announcement #PA2026-03

## Charging Infrastructure Deployment Incentive Program

Accepting Applications: August 15, 2025, at 12 PM PT  
Submission Deadline: November 28, 2025, at 12 PM PT

In July 2024, U.S. EPA awarded funds to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) to implement INVEST CLEAN in Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim and Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). The two MSAs include the following four counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino. INVEST CLEAN targets the limiting factors and challenges to the electrification transformation of the Southern California goods movement corridor.

INVEST CLEAN comprises four incentive measures to modernize the goods movement sectors. South Coast AQMD is soliciting applications under each individual measure. This Program Announcement (PA) is to solicit projects<sup>1</sup> under Measure 1: Charging Infrastructure Deployment Incentive Program (Program). This Program will provide incentive funding to support the development of fast charging infrastructure that facilitates the timely deployment of battery-electric medium and heavy-duty vehicles, as defined in Table 1, including Class 4 to 8 goods movement vehicles in the region.

## **SECTION I – OVERVIEW & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The total incentive funding for this measure is \$178,500,000. All applications will be evaluated based on the criteria set forth in this PA, which align with the INVEST CLEAN Workplan approved by EPA and the Terms and Conditions of the EPA grant.

- WHO:** Entities directly responsible for planning, designing, constructing, and operating a charging station. Applicants can be charging station developers and operators, fleet operators, truck stop operators, and distribution centers.
- WHAT:** Rebate-based incentives to offset the cost of eligible charging equipment that directly supports Class 4 to 8 medium heavy duty (MHD) and heavy heavy duty (HHD) goods movement vehicles. The funding amount is determined based on the output of the charging system of the stations.
- HOW:** All applications must follow the instructions provided in South Coast AQMD’s Grants Management System (GMS). Failure to adhere to the instructions may be cause for rejection of the application without evaluation. The Application Portal can be found on South Coast AQMD’s INVEST CLEAN program page:(<https://www.aqmd.gov/investclean>).
- WHEN:** Applications can be submitted starting August 15, 2025, at 12 PM PT and closes on November 28, 2025, at 12 PM PT
- Application evaluation is anticipated to start in November 2025, followed by Rebate Agreement (“Agreement”) execution starting early 2026.
- Charging stations should be commissioned by March 2028, and all awardees will be required to operate the funded equipment for a minimum of five years.

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<sup>1</sup> “Project” refers to the proposed charging infrastructure at one location

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>
Issue PA2026-03	August 1, 2025
Applications Open	August 15, 2025, at 12 PM PT
Deadline to Submit Application	November 28, 2025, at 12 PM PT
Agreement Execution	January 2026 through August 2027
Performance and usage tracking	Commencing after Deployment

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED VIA SOUTH COAST AQMD'S  
ONLINE GRANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (GMS)**

## **GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Funding under this PA is rebate-based. Rebates will be provided on a cost-reimbursement basis in accordance with the fully executed agreement for the charging station(s) (see Section V for the general agreement terms). Charging equipment and associated components that support the charging of Vehicle Classes, as defined in Table 1, and potentially the installation costs of the equipment are eligible for a rebate. Please see the ELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT AND COST Section below for further details.

**Table 1- Vehicle Weight Classes & Categories**

<b>Vehicle Class</b>	<b>GVWR Category</b>
Class 4	14,001-16,000 lbs
Class 5	16,001-19,500 lbs
Class 6	19,501-26,000 lbs
Class 7	26,001-33,000 lbs
Class 8	>33,001 lbs

The rebate amount is determined by the total charging capacity of the chargers included in the application and the total purchase cost of the eligible equipment (tax and certain fees may be included). Each charging location can receive up to \$700 per kilowatt (kW) installed charging capacity for equipment rebates or the total eligible cost of the project, whichever is lower. To be eligible for the equipment rebate, applicants must have at least one electric vehicle infrastructure training program EVITP<sup>2</sup>-certified electrician on the installation crew of the funded charging infrastructure, unless the project is required to meet PUC code 740.20 in which additional EVITP certified technicians are required to oversee the project. In addition, in alignment with California Public Contract Code 2601, at least 60 percent of the skilled journeypersons employed to perform installation of the eligible equipment by every contractor

<sup>2</sup> Assembly Bill 841 (Ting, Chapter 372, Statutes of 2020)

and each of its subcontractors at every tier are graduates of a joint labor-management apprenticeship program for EV infrastructure installation.<sup>3</sup>

South Coast AQMD staff can connect awardees with a local training program if training is needed on charging, operating, and maintaining charging equipment. Costs of training will not be deducted from the rebate.

### **PROJECT COST**

Applicants must provide cost information that specifies the amount of funding requested and the basis for that request by including vendor quotes in the application. More than one quote is encouraged to determine the best cost estimate. Applicants need to inform vendors of the time frame of the award process so that vendors can estimate prices based on the future/projected order/purchase date – this is important since funding requests and awards may not be revised after the Program closing date. When selecting vendors, applicants must ensure the materials will meet Build American Buy America (BABA) provisions, see SECTION II – FUNDING & CONDITIONS.

Purchase orders or other purchase commitments shall not be placed until after the award has been approved by South Coast AQMD. Placing the equipment purchase order before the agreement is executed is at the risk of the applicants.

Additionally, please provide only the costs directly related to the installation of the equipment. Any costs related to design, engineering, overhead or any other indirect costs are not eligible.

### **REBATE AMOUNT**

Each charging station location is eligible to receive up to \$700 per kW for the procurement cost of eligible equipment, including tax and fees, and potentially associated installation costs. The rebates will be issued on a per-location basis. The rebate amount for an eligible project is determined by the total power rating that the chargers can provide during the operation of all proposed chargers. For example, a project with 10 charging connections each rated at 360kW would have a total charging capacity of 3,600 kW, which can potentially receive a total rebate of up to \$2,520,000 or the total procurement cost of eligible equipment and potentially the cost of installing the eligible equipment, whichever amount is lower.

### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANT**

The applicant must meet the following requirements to be eligible for a rebate:

- Applicant must demonstrate land ownership on which the project will be located, or control it through a long-term lease, easement, or other legal arrangement, for the duration of the project life.
- Applicant must propose the charging station(s) within the boundaries of the two MSAs.

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<sup>3</sup> Tax credits may be available: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/prevailing-wage-and-apprenticeship-requirements> & <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/alternative-fuel-vehicle-refueling-property-credit>.

**ELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT AND COST**

Funding is available for DC Fast Chargers (DCFC) equipment where each connector must support a power output of at least 250 kW. The DCFC-enabling equipment or components that enable the function or are essential to the operation of the DCFC are also eligible as part of the rebate. Potentially, associated installation costs of the eligible equipment can qualify for the rebate. Installation costs must be solely for the eligible equipment. Any indirect installation costs are not eligible.

The site where the DCFCs are installed must support Class 4 - 8 vehicles, which are defined in Table 1 above.

PROGRAM WORKFLOW

Figure 1 below depicts the rebate program implementation process. Table 2 below provides an explanation of each step.

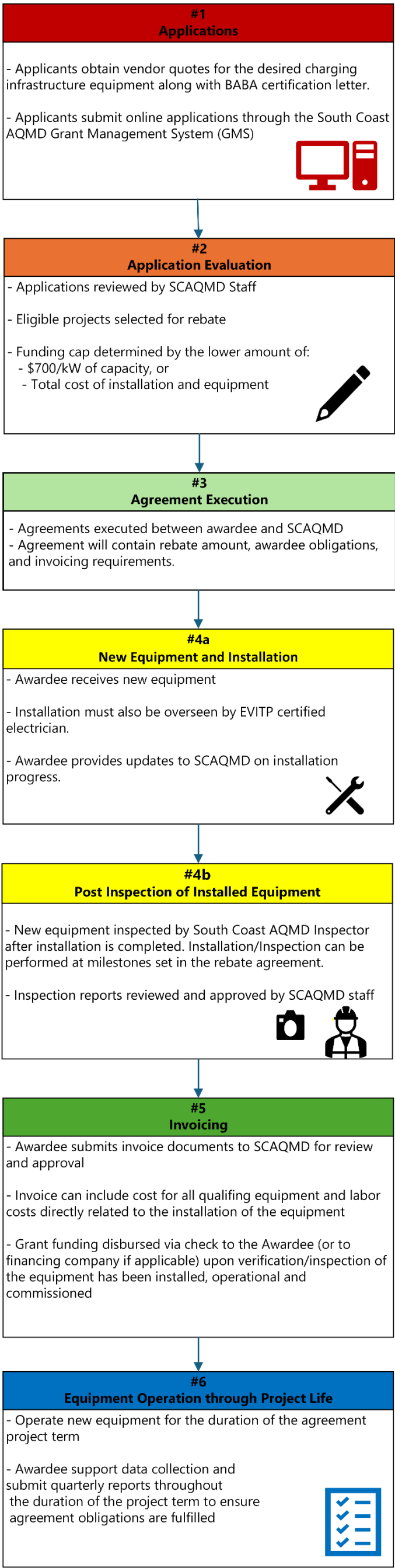


Figure 1: Rebate Program Implementation Process

**Table 2: Rebate Program Implementation Process Details**

<b>Workflow Process #</b>	<b>Description of Process</b>
1	Applicants submit INVEST CLEAN grant applications online through South Coast AQMD's GMS. Applicants must provide all required information and documentation as prompted by the GMS. Applicants will have an opportunity to amend the application during the application review period.
2	South Coast AQMD staff review the application for completeness, cost reasonableness, and project eligibility. Funding cap will be determined using the \$700/kW formula or the total cost of procurement and installation cost of eligible equipment (whichever one is lower). If additional information, documentation or corrections are required, South Coast AQMD staff will allow the applicant 14 calendar days from a notice of correction to provide a response to the request. Some special circumstances that additional time is needed to obtain the required documentation may be considered if undersubscribed. Eligible applications will be scored and ranked according to the prescribed evaluation criteria. Applications that meet all eligibility requirements will be approved for funding.
3	Documentation of compliance with all EPA terms and conditions, as identified in Section VI (i.e. BABA, DBRA, etc) will be required prior to agreement execution. The applicant, now Awardee, executes the agreement with South Coast AQMD to establish the milestone schedule and agreement requirements.
4a	New equipment is delivered to the Awardee. The Awardee must inform South Coast AQMD staff upon delivery of project equipment. The crew conducting the construction and installation of the charging station must have at least one EVITP <sup>4</sup> -certified electrician on the installation crew of the funded charging infrastructure, unless the project is required to meet PUC code 740.20 in which additional EVITP certified technicians are required to oversee the project. In addition, in alignment with California Public Contract Code 2601, at least 60 percent of the skilled journeypersons employed to perform installation of the eligible equipment by every contractor and each of its subcontractors at every tier are graduates of a joint labor-management apprenticeship program for EV infrastructure installation.
4b	A South Coast AQMD Inspector coordinates with the Awardee to conduct inspection of the charging station once it is in place. Inspections may be performed either on-site or via video or photograph(s) at the inspector's discretion.
5	Awardee will submit an invoice to South Coast AQMD to request rebate payment. Invoices may be submitted at milestones prescribed in the Agreement. South Coast AQMD will confirm that Awardees have met all program and Agreement requirements prior to the final rebate payment. Only one rebate payment will be made for each site.
6	Awardee provides access to, designated data collection organization, to track and collect data for the operation of the charging infrastructure. Awardee will meet program requirements and submit semi-annual reports to the South Coast AQMD.

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<sup>4</sup> Assembly Bill 841 (Ting, Chapter 372, Statutes of 2020)

## **SECTION II – FUNDING & CONDITIONS**

### **Build America Buy America (BABA)**

All funding provided for infrastructure projects under this rebate program is subject to domestic content sourcing requirements under the Build American Buy America (BABA) provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (P.L. 117-58, §§70911-70917).

1. All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States – this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
2. All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States – this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55% of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard that meets or exceeds this standard has been established under applicable law or regulation for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product; and,
3. All construction materials are manufactured in the United States – this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.
4. Link to: [EPA BABA FAQs](#)

**Please note that the manufacturer of the products and materials must provide a certification letter of BABA compliance with company letterhead.** A template of the letter can be found here: [Certification Letter Template for Manufactured Products Covered Under the Build America, Buy America Act](#). Applicants selected for funding under the INVEST CLEAN Charging Infrastructure Program must provide documentation demonstrating that equipment and materials sourced adhere to the BABA requirements prior to payment. For legal definitions and sourcing requirements refer to <http://www.aqmd.gov/investclean/baba>.

### **Inspections**

Inspections will be performed on the funded charging stations per the Agreement terms. Equipment inspections may be conducted in person or via remote inspections. Recipients must make all funded equipment available for in-person or remote inspections, unless otherwise specified in the Agreement or through updates from South Coast AQMD.

### **Payments**

Payments will be made upon the completion of the installation and the verification of the charger capacity and BABA certification(s). Only one payment will be made per site location. The rebate amount cannot exceed the total purchase and installation cost of the equipment at each project location (tax and fee may be included). Each project location can receive a maximum rebate amount of \$700 per kW for the reimbursement of equipment and potentially, associated installation costs.



To receive a rebate payment, the awardee must submit for each project location:

- An itemized invoice and proof of expenditure for the procurement and installation of eligible equipment
  - Copy of vendor's invoice with detailed breakdown of costs
- The payment may be based on the completion of all equipment installation, as outlined in the payment schedule in the agreement.
- For verification of the project site's total charging capacity, the applicant must provide an "Adequate Facility Letter" or equivalent from the licensed electrician or utility company. Projects where all proposed chargers can operate at the rated capacity will be prioritized.
- Documentation of compliance with all EPA terms and conditions, as identified in Section VI (i.e. BABA, DBRA, etc) which will also be required prior to agreement execution.

#### Data Collection

The charging equipment deployed under this Program will be required to report operational data metrics, such as energy usage, number of charge sessions, charge success rates, truck types, and other relevant data. For the duration of the 5-year project life, recipients shall allow remote access by the South Coast AQMD partner, the designated third-party data verification organization under INVEST CLEAN. This organization will collect and analyze operational data for this Program. Recipients may request to withhold business-sensitive data, provided this does not compromise the data collection objectives. Note that such requests will not abrogate or modify the provisions of Government Code Section 7920 et seq. (Public Records Act). Specific data collection and reporting procedures will be provided to the recipient.

### **SECTION III – APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

The electronic application in the GMS will prompt applicants for all required application information. **Attachment A** provides a listing of required application information. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that all information submitted to South Coast AQMD's GMS is accurate and complete. An application can include multiple locations, and a single rebate will be issued per location. Applicants must sign the online application to indicate their understanding of the Program requirements stated in this Program Announcement.

All online applications must be submitted according to specifications set forth herein. Failure to adhere to these specifications may be cause for rejection of the application without evaluation.

#### Grounds for Rejection:

An application may be immediately rejected if the application:

- Does not submit all required information and documentation as required via GMS.
- It is not signed by an individual authorized to represent the firm.

#### Certifications and Representations

South Coast AQMD "Business Information Forms" requiring signatures will be available on the GMS and are required to be submitted with the application.

**Methods of Delivery:**

The applicant must submit the application using the South Coast AQMD's GMS, available at <https://www.aqmd.gov/investclean>. The GMS will allow applicants to create the application and make modifications to the application until the electronic submission to the South Coast AQMD prior to the submission due date and time specified above. Additional information may be requested during the evaluation.

**Disposition of Applications**

The South Coast AQMD reserves the right to reject any or all applications. All responses become the property of the South Coast AQMD. The electronic copy of the application shall be retained for South Coast AQMD files. Please review the Access to Records and Retention disclaimer in SECTION VI – LEGAL UPDATES AND DEFINITIONS.

**Modification or Withdrawal**

Ensure that the information input and documentation uploaded are accurate and complete. Once submitted, applications cannot be altered. Applicants may submit more than one application per solicitation. Applications can be withdrawn through the GMS system.

**Confidentiality**

Please ensure that any trade secret, confidential or proprietary information being provided is marked accordingly. Please see the following website for more details:

<https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/Guidelines/praguidelines.pdf>

**SECTION IV: APPLICATION EVALUATION/AWARDEE SELECTION CRITERIA**

South Coast AQMD staff will evaluate all submitted applications/charging location(s) and award each charging location through an executed rebate agreement. Each charging location will be evaluated based on the scoring criteria provided below:

<b>EVALUATION CRITERIA</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
Project Readiness based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation showing the sufficient power capacity at the site to support the proposed chargers (Load sharing will receive less points and a letter from the utility company confirming site capacity will receive full points)</li> <li>Site ownership/lease agreement is in place</li> </ul>	20
Demonstrating compliance with Section VI: Legal Updates and Definitions below	20
Location (closes a gap in charging network for goods movement industry) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant should provide justification of how the locations were selected or the tools used for the selection of the charging locations.</li> </ul>	20
Utilization of charging site, including obtaining commitment letters from the fleets and ability to demonstrate the minimum throughput proposed	10 (+5)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional points for projects supporting INVEST CLEAN Measure 2 Truck Deployment (excluding publicly accessible charging projects) (<a href="https://www.aqmd.gov/investclean">https://www.aqmd.gov/investclean</a>)</li> </ul>	
Public Access (Limited Public Access with a minimum of two usage fleet contracts will receive less points)	15
Reasonableness of Cost vs Competition and Industry Average	10
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100</b>

Charging locations will be ranked from highest to lowest scores based on the above evaluation criteria and then selected for funding in proportion to each county's Class 4 to 8 MD/HD truck population. Funds may be redistributed based on applications received to target areas of high truck charging demand. This is to ensure that funding is balanced across the two MSAs.

In addition to the geographic minimum, there is a possibility that due to program priorities, Applicants may be offered only partial funding. If the Rebate Program is oversubscribed, not all applications that meet the evaluation criteria may be funded.

## **SECTION V –AGREEMENT**

All applicants who are selected for funding awards must enter into a written Agreement with the South Coast AQMD and will be considered recipients of the rebate award, or Awardees.

**Note: The South Coast AQMD has no obligation to fund the project until both parties have fully executed the agreement.**

The scope of work will include tasks and deliverables that demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the EPA-funded INVEST CLEAN Program administered by South Coast AQMD.

Agreements will include, at a minimum, the following requirements:

- The charging equipment must be in service for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of commissioning.
- Equipment and components enabling DCFC may be funded under this opportunity and is to be performed by a crew that has at least one electric vehicle infrastructure training program EVITP<sup>5</sup>-certified electrician on the installation crew of the funded charging infrastructure, unless the project is required to meet PUC code 740.20 in which additional EVITP certified technicians are required to oversee the project. In addition, in alignment with California Public Contract Code 2601, at least 60 percent of the skilled journeypersons employed to perform installation of the eligible equipment by every contractor and each of its subcontractors at every tier are graduates of a joint labor-management apprenticeship program for EV infrastructure installation.
- Operational data, as defined in the data collection section, will be required. (i.e., maintenance and repair records).

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- Assurance that the project complies with other local, state, and federal programs, and resulting emission reductions from a specific project are not required as a mitigation measure to reduce adverse environmental impacts that are identified in an environmental document prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act or applicable Federal regulations.
- If requested, an awardee must provide a financial statement and bank reference, or other evidence of financial ability to fulfill Agreement requirements.
- Be available for a follow-up inspection by South Coast AQMD, if requested.
- Maintain property insurance as required by law.
- Ensure operation of the charging infrastructure within one of two MSAs and provide all necessary semi-annual reports.
- The charging infrastructure is expected to meet the minimum kWh a year throughput as proposed by the applicant in the application. The proposed annual throughput will be subject to review by South Coast AQMD staff.
- Ensure infrastructure is operated for a minimum of five (5) years, and furnish at least one year's manufacturer's warranty, and keep proper maintenance of equipment.

## **DELIVERABLES**

The Agreement will describe how the project will be monitored and what type of information will be included in semi-annual and annual project progress reports for the duration of the 5-year operation requirement. At a minimum, the South Coast AQMD expects to receive the following:

- Semi-annual and Annual reports consisting of:
  - Number of charging stations and hoses per charger
  - Annual throughput/energy usage during the reporting period
  - Problems/issues of any unscheduled downtime that occurred during the reporting period and the cause of the downtime
- Proof of property insurance
- Records of the energy meter to support the reported semi-annual usage

South Coast AQMD reserves the right to verify all information provided. Please review the Access to Records and Retention disclaimer in SECTION VI – LEGAL UPDATES AND DEFINITIONS.

## **PERFORMANCE**

When an Awardee is unable to meet the program requirements (e.g., semi-annual, annual reporting, operation, emission benefits, etc.) or terms specified in the agreement, South Coast AQMD may consider the options to remedy the violation before seeking enforcement action.

Options for non-performance include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Extending the agreement to make up the usage requirement shortfall
- The owner will make its best effort to repair the equipment and assist with identifying a new operator.
- South Coast AQMD and EPA will review and approve the justification for the deployment failure before any ownership transfer can be authorized.

## **SECTION VI: LEGAL UPDATES AND DEFINITIONS**

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Please ensure that any trade secret, confidential or proprietary information being provided is marked accordingly. Please see the following website for more details:

<https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/Guidelines/praguidelines.pdf>

### **ACCESS TO RECORDS AND RETENTION**

Materials, reports, photos, and other documentation submitted pursuant to the project may be released in part or in whole pursuant to either the Freedom of Information Act or the California Public Records Act. The EPA or South Coast AQMD may make publicly available on their websites, copies or portions of project information.

EPA and South Coast AQMD also reserve the right to access records of the applicant/recipient pertinent to this award, to perform audits, execute site visits, or for any other official use. This right of access also includes timely and reasonable access to the applicant/recipient's personnel for the purpose of interviewing and discussion related to such documents or the Federal award in general. This right of access shall continue as long as the records are retained.

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.334, the recipient must retain all Federal award records, including but not limited to, financial records, supporting documents, and statistical records for at least three years from the date of submission of the final financial report. The records must be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings have been resolved and final action has been taken if any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three-year period. Examples of the required records include: (1) time and attendance records and supporting documentation; and (2) documentation of compliance with statutes and regulations that apply to the project.

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.337, the EPA, the Inspector General, the Comptroller General, and the pass-through entity, or any of their authorized representatives, have the right of access to any documents, papers or records of the recipient which are pertinent to the grant award. The rights of access are not limited to the required retention period, but last as long as the records are retained.

### **USE OF LOGOS**

Use of the EPA's logo, along with logos of other participating entities, on outreach materials, websites, or reports, must adhere to the requirements of both the General Terms and Conditions, Paragraph Q, and California Health and Safety Code Section 40730.

### **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

Government Code Section 12990 and California Administrative Code, Title II, Division 4, Chapter 5, require employers to agree not to unlawfully discriminate against any employee or Applicant because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, sex, or age. A statement of compliance with this clause is included in all South Coast AQMD contracts.

## COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

Applicants must comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, codes and regulations. Applicants must describe construction activities (i.e. ground disturbance, noise, removal of vegetation, modification of water features, and light disturbances) that will be required for project completion. These activities will be evaluated. If the application is selected for a funding award, all equipment to be purchased must be compliant with all applicable federal, state, and local air quality rules and regulations, and will maintain compliance for the full Agreement term. Applicants must be aware of the following legal requirements:

- Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA) is a collection of labor standards provisions administered by the Department of Labor that are applicable to grants involving construction. Under DBRA, all contractors and subcontractors performing construction must be paid no less than the locally prevailing wage and fringe benefits for corresponding work on similar projects in the area. Weekly certified payrolls must be submitted to South Coast AQMD and maintained for no less than three years after work completion. By executing an Agreement under INVEST CLEAN, the selected applicant acknowledges and agrees to the terms provided in the DBRA Requirements for Contractors and Subcontractors Under EPA Grants: [https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-10/dbra\\_requirements\\_for\\_contractors\\_and\\_subcontractors\\_under\\_epa\\_grants.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-10/dbra_requirements_for_contractors_and_subcontractors_under_epa_grants.pdf)
- Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. §1531 et seq.): The Endangered Species Act requires a biological assessment to determine if any endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat, could be adversely affected by the proposed construction activities. The assessment must be completed within 180 days after the date it was initiated and must be completed prior to any contract for construction and before any construction has begun. The assessment process is outlined as follows:
  - A desktop review to identify species and habitats in the vicinity of the construction site using the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) IPaC tool: <https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/>
  - If species or habitats are potentially impacted, a consultation with the USFWS may be required
  - Avoidance and Mitigation measures such as protective buffers, erosion control, and other Best Management Practices (BMP) may be proposed.
  - The USFWS must agree with the assessment and resolution before the project can commence.
    - Information on the Endangered Species Act: <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-endangered-species-act>
    - Procedures explained in 50 CFR Part 402: [50 CFR Part 402 -- Interagency Cooperation—Endangered Species Act of 1973, as Amended](#)
- National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. §470 et seq.): This Act requires a review of potential adverse effects of federally funded activities on historic properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register. This review should be completed prior to applying for permits.
  - For more details see: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/archeology/national-historic-preservation-act.htm>

- Selected applicants under this Program Announcement are to provide South Coast AQMD with documentation demonstrating compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. §470 et seq.) A mapping tool such as the link below from the U.S. Department of the Interior can be utilized to determine whether the construction site impacts a registered national historical property:  
[https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1094/nrhp\\_spatialdata.htm](https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1094/nrhp_spatialdata.htm)
  - The applicant must work with the EPA on any required consultation process with the State or Tribal Historic Preservation Office prior to commencing the project to ensure compliance with section 106 of the NHPA.
  - For possible exemptions, please see: Section “IV. Test Exemption” on the bottom on page 662303: <https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/exemptions/2022-11/Exemption%20for%20Electric%20Vehicle%20Supply%20Equipment%2010.26.22.pdf>
- Archeological and Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. §§ 312501-312508): Similar to the National Historic Preservation Act, this Act applies to federally funded activities. It requires historic and archeological objects and materials to be saved that would otherwise be destroyed as a result of the activity.
  - For more details see: <https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid%3AUSC-prelim-title54-chapter3125&edition=prelim>
  - Selected applicants under this Program Announcement are to report to South Coast AQMD and the EPA any historical or archeological objects and materials found in the process of construction.
- Farmland Protection Policy Act (7 U.S.C. §4201 et. seq.): The purpose of this Act is to minimize or prevent the irreversible conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses. This act would require identification of the effects federally funded activities may have on farmlands and to consider alternative options.
  - For more details see: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/natural-resource-concerns/land/cropland/farmland-protection-policy-act>
  - Applicants selected under this Program Announcement must demonstrate adherence to the Farmland Preservation Policy Act (7 U.S.C. §4201 et. Seq.)
    - <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/natural-resource-concerns/land/evaluation-and-assessment>
- Coastal Zone Management Act (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et. seq.): This act requires the review of federally funded activities to determine if the goal of the Act is being met: “preserve, protect, develop and where possible, to restore or enhance the resources of the nation’s coastal zone.”
  - For more details see: <https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/act/>
  - Applicants selected under this Program Announcement may need to consult with the California Coastal Commission to ensure that the applicant’s project will be consistent with the state’s coastal zone management plan.
    - Map of California Coastal Zone: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/maps/>
    - Information about obtaining a permit: [https://www.coastal.ca.gov/enforcement/cdp\\_pamphlet.pdf](https://www.coastal.ca.gov/enforcement/cdp_pamphlet.pdf)



- Reporting Waste, Fraud and Abuse (2 CFR 200.113): Consistent with Federal requirements, applicants must promptly report in writing whenever there is credible evidence of the commission of a violation of federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations per the requirements outlined in EPA's General Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 51, which can be found at:  
[https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-10/fy\\_2025\\_epa\\_general\\_terms\\_and\\_conditions\\_effective\\_october\\_1\\_2024\\_or\\_later.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-10/fy_2025_epa_general_terms_and_conditions_effective_october_1_2024_or_later.pdf)

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Applicant must address any potential conflicts of interest with other clients affected by actions performed by the firm on behalf of South Coast AQMD. Although the applicant will not be automatically disqualified by reason of work performed for such firms, the South Coast AQMD reserves the right to consider the nature and extent of such work in evaluating the application. Conflicts of interest will be screened on a case-by-case basis by the South Coast AQMD General Counsel's Office. Conflict of interest provisions of the state law, including the Political Reform Act, may apply to work performed pursuant to this contract.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH LABOR LAWS AND OTHER FEDERAL STATUTES**

If an application is deemed eligible, the Applicant will be required to disclose any labor violations that have occurred within the last three years to be further considered for an award. If awarded, the recipient will be required to notify South Coast AQMD in writing if they have been found by a court or federal or state agency to have violated labor laws. The recipient will complete a yearly certification in which they will either state that they have not been found by a court or federal or state agency to have violated labor laws or, if such violations have been found, the recipient will give South Coast AQMD details about those violations in the certification. If the recipient has previously provided that information to the South Coast AQMD, they will be required to reattach that previous notification to the certification and provide any additional details about those violations that have not previously been provided. The recipient's yearly certification will be due at the same time as the annual progress reports. South Coast AQMD reserves the right to terminate the Agreement with a recipient that has been found to have violated labor laws or federal statutes, and the recipient may be required to return any and all funds, as determined by South Coast AQMD. The recipient will also ensure that these requirements are included in all downstream partnerships.

### **ECONOMIC SANCTIONS (RUSSIA/UKRAINE)**

On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. Applicants who are considered eligible for funds under this PA and receive executed contracts from South Coast AQMD, are obligated to comply with existing economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine.

### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **1. Agreement Term**

The agreement term is the duration of the project life as defined in the equipment. It encompasses both the project completion and project implementation periods:



- i. Project completion period is the first part of the Agreement term starting from the date of Agreement execution by both parties to the date the project post-inspection confirms that the project has become operational.
  - ii. Project implementation period is the second part of the Agreement term and equals the project life.
2. Project Life  
Project life is the period of the Agreement term during which the project equipment must be operated and provide operational data. The recipient must submit the deliverables stipulated in the Agreement throughout the project life. INVEST CLEAN agreements for Charging Infrastructure under this PA will include a 5-year operational period beyond the commissioning date.
3. South Coast AQMD Jurisdiction  
The South Coast AQMD is the air pollution control agency for all of Orange County and the urban portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Within Riverside County, the South Coast AQMD also has jurisdiction over the Salton Sea Air Basin and a portion of the Mojave Desert Air Basin. This area of 10,743 square miles is home to approximately 17 million people—about half the population of the state of California. It is the second most populated urban area in the United States and one of the smoggiest. Visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/jurisdiction> for more information.
4. Indirect Costs  
“Means those costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefitting more than one cost objective and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefited, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. It may be necessary to establish multiple pools of indirect costs to facilitate equitable distribution of indirect expenses to the cost objectives served. Indirect cost pools must be distributed to benefit cost objectives on the basis that will produce an equitable result in consideration of the relative benefits derived. For Institutions of Higher Education (IHE), the term facilities and administrative (F&A) cost is often used to refer to indirect costs.” (2 CFR 200.1 “Indirect cost”, [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/part-200/section-200.1#p-200.1\(Indirect%20cost\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/part-200/section-200.1#p-200.1(Indirect%20cost)))

### **WORKSHOP FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ASSISTANCE:**

Additional information regarding the content or intent of this PA, procedural matters, sample contract, and the compliance plan worksheet can be found at the South Coast INVEST CLEAN website at: <https://www.aqmd.gov/investclean>

Additionally, information on virtual pre-recorded presentations and other meetings (as needed) are to be posted on the INVEST CLEAN website.

South Coast AQMD staff members are available to answer questions during the application period. To expedite assistance, please direct your inquiries to [investclean-infrastructure@aqmd.gov](mailto:investclean-infrastructure@aqmd.gov).

**ATTACHMENT A – PROJECT INFORMATION FORM**

Please be prepared to provide the following information as prompted by the INVEST CLEAN GMS.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Applicant Name			
Business Address			
City, State and Zip			
Phone	(      )      -      Ext	Fax	(      )      -
Contact Name		Title	
E-mail Address			
Project Site Location (Full address)			

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

<p>Project Description which summarizes the project location, fleet commitments, station charger count and charging rate, and a projection of charger utilization (monthly, annually).</p> <p>Provide a description of construction activities (i.e. ground disturbance, noise, removal of vegetation, modification of water features, and light disturbances).</p> <p>Describe any federal, state, or local environmental review already completed at the time of application for the site location.</p>	
<p>Number of connectors per Charger and charger rating (minimum of 250 kW for single plug and 500 kW for dual plug)</p> <p>Total power output of the proposed charging station in kW</p>	
Detailed specification of charging equipment and enabling equipment	

Provide justification for each enabling equipment	
Itemized associated installation costs of the charging equipment and enabling equipment	
Site operation model? (no subscription required (fully public access), contract/subscription required, semi-private, fully private, or other formats)	

### PROJECT COST AND FUNDING REQUEST

Total cost of the charging station project	
Funding request, as supported by vendor quote(s) for equipment procurement and installation.	

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Project tasks:	Proposed Dates
Site power upgrade, if needed.	
Engineering Design, if required.	
Place order for project equipment	
Delivery of charging equipment	
Construction and installation of the charging station (specify the timeline if chargers are installed in phases)	
Commissioning of the charging station and local government final approval (City permit signed off with construction, electrical, fire safety inspection done by municipality).	

### REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

- All vendor quotes and related information to support the basis of the project cost estimate.

- Site Layout that includes ingress, egress and location of all charger(s) and plug(s).
- Applicant must provide a description of the geographic location, including an aerial map (i.e., satellite view from an internet-based map or city/county map) and specific street address or GPS coordinates of the proposed charging station location.
- Applicants must document that they either own the land on which the project will be located, or control it through a long-term lease, easement, or other legal arrangement, for the duration of the project life. For a proposed project where the land is not owned by the applicant, an executed lease agreement or letters of commitment lasting for the duration of the project life must be signed by property owners/authorized representatives and must be submitted with the application.
- Site electricity power evaluation that establishes the project readiness of the power capacity at the site for the proposed chargers.
- A truck deployment plan or truck charging service plan that documents planned fleet usage or participation/ commitments/agreements. This also support project readiness.
- Applicants must provide documentation that power is being or will be provided to the site in a timely manner to meet project milestones and deadlines.
- Other documentation that demonstrates project readiness, including documentation from the utility regarding power capacity and upgrade schedule (if applicable).
- If the proposed charging station provide charging for vehicles funded by INVEST CLEAN Measure 2, provide documentation.

## ATTACHMENT B - Map of INVEST CLEAN MSAs

Map includes the following counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino

