



**VW Phase 1 Awardee Webinar
Diesel Bus and Vehicle Programs**

August 19, 2020

NC Division of Air Quality

Department of Environmental Quality



VW Phase 1 Awards Overview

- **\$12.2 million for school bus replacements**
- **\$6.1 million for transit bus replacements**
- **\$4.2 million for on-road heavy duty equipment, including refuse haulers, dump trucks and debris trucks**
- **\$1.8 million for off-road equipment (ferry repower projects)**
- **\$3.4 million for ZEV DC Fast Charge stations**



Total Estimated Phase 1 NOx Emission Reductions



VW Phase 1 projects have an estimated 31.8 tons annually of NOx reduced which is the equivalent of that produced by 51,000 passenger vehicles in one year.



How Were Vehicles Selected for Funding

- **Emissions reductions calculated using the EPA Diesel Emissions Quantifier**
- **Separated by Urban/Suburban versus Rural**
- **Scored using several factors, including NOx reduction and cost effectiveness**
- **Projects were selected for funding until all the allotted funds were gone**



Important Dates and Information

- **Award acceptance responses are due on August 19, 2020.**
 - **If you need more time, please contact your program manager.**
- **DAQ Grant Management System Access Authorizations Forms must be completed and returned to DEQ for access to the system.**



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DAQ Grant Management System

- **Access Authorization Forms**
 - **Must be legible for staff to put you in the system. Recommend using Adobe Reader to complete forms.**
 - **The NCID on the form must match the username on the form.**
 - **All three allowable users must have the same organization on the Access Authorization Form**
 - **All fields must be completed on the forms.**
 - **Contact your program manager if you have questions.**

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DAQ Grant Management System

- Phase 1 required forms, invoices and claim requests will all be processed through the DAQ Grant Management System (GMS).
- Phase 2 applications will be entered in GMS.
- GMS Portal URL (must use Internet Explorer for now)
 - <https://www.ebs.nc.gov/irj/portal>



DAQ Grant Management System

- **Step by step training modules are available in the system for users.**
- **Make sure your email system does not block emails from the following address (sapacct@ncdot.gov).**
 - **All GMS application communications we be sent from this email address.**
- **SAP Support Services Team**
 - **919-707-2208**
 - **EBSSupport@ncdot.gov**
Monday - Friday, 7am - 5pm



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Required Post Award Forms

- **The following forms must be completed and returned to DEQ for contract processing:**
 - **Acknowledgement of Drug Free Workplace Statement**
 - **Federal Certification Regarding Lobbying (EPA Form 6600-06)**
 - **Federal Certification Regarding Debarment (EPA Form 5700-49)**
 - **No Overdue Taxes Form**
 - **State Grant Certification Conflict of Interest Form**



Post Award Timeline

- **Users added to GMS – August/September**
- **Grantees submit required contract forms – September/October**
- **DEQ begin contract processing – October/December**
- **Grantee completes work – 2021 –2022**
- **Final report and photos submitted to DEQ for reimbursement – 2021 – 2022**



Post Award Site Visits

- **COVID-19 safety protocols during site visits**
 - Program manager will contact the project manager to schedule a site visit after a claim is submitted in GMS.
 - DEQ staff will follow established COVID-19 safety protocols
 - Wear mask
 - Practice social distancing



Reporting Requirements

- **Semiannual Reporting Requirement**
- **Final Report Requirements**
- **Reports will be submitted in GMS**



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Questions



Frequently Asked Questions

- **Can you have more than one person complete an access authorization form?**
 - Yes. Up to three people can be assigned to your organization in GMS. Each person will need to complete a separate Access Authorization Form.
- **When does the two-years start to complete a project?**
 - Once you have a signed and fully executed contract, the contract clocks starts.
 - **Contract extensions may be requested at the appropriate time with a written, verifiable justification.**
- **Do I have to complete all the work (purchase equipment/vehicles, install any charging infrastructure, destroy original vehicle) during the two-year contract period?**
 - Yes, all work must be completed in the two-year contract timeframe.
 - **Contract extensions may be requested at the appropriate time with a written, verifiable justification.**
- **When can I be reimbursed for my project?**
 - Grantees must submit copies of paid invoices, the vehicle destruction form, and required vehicle destruction photos to request reimbursement.



Frequently Asked Questions

- **How long does it take to get reimbursed once I submit the required information?**
 - Once DEQ staff have verified and approved the required paperwork and photos, it will take approximately 30 days for reimbursement processing.
- **Are we allowed to choose a different vendor for our vehicle, engine, or charging equipment that is different from what we submitted in our application and quote.**
 - Yes, but you are limited to the dollar amount you were awarded.
 - If you change the vendor or equipment, contact your program manager prior to purchase to verify it is equivalent to the original vehicle/equipment in your application.
- **If the authorized representative on our application has changed, what should we do?**
 - You will need to resubmit a revised application with the new authorized representative information. This person will also need to complete an Access Authorization Form for access to the GMS.

