

Ms. Shelby Livingston
Chief Climate Change Program and Management Branch
Air resources Board

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Re: Mechanics of the Application and Funding Process for CCAT Auction Proceeds Investment Plan

Dear Ms. Livingston:

The following is a recap of suggestions that were submitted on behalf of my company during last Wednesday's workshop held in Los Angeles. I have also emailed to you a Renewable Energy Grant Proposal that the DOE uses very successfully. I think you might find it very helpful as ARB moves forward with the subject program—why reinvent the wheel when DOE has done a fine job. You can obtain a copy of the DOE Applicant User Guide at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/Manuals.aspx>.

1. Similar to the DOE system, a “funding award” might be based upon an aggregate point-system where the successful applicant has demonstrated that his/her technology, balance of system (BOS) concept would reduce costs, or have a measurable benefit. Points could be awarded for concept innovation, technology, cost reductions, job creation and their overall relevance to Disadvantaged Communities.
2. The border delineation lines that identify “Disadvantaged Communities” might have bonus points (say a maximum of 10 for projects located within such areas) and could have a gradual lessening of said bonus points the further from the delineation lines the concept/project is located.
 - a. Bonus points could also apply for proposals that can demonstrate that a percentage of their employees commute from Disadvantaged Communities to their jobs.
 - b. If a company that would be adding jobs as stipulated in their proposal, but is located (say within 7 miles) of a Disadvantaged Community, a formula might allow bonus point based upon a sliding scale (say from 10 to 1).

Having a transparent, defined, quantifiable application and awarding process would be greatly appreciated by all, especially stakeholders who will expend substantial hours and cost in preparing such an application if it is anything similar to that as required by DOE.

I hope this information will help you in your efforts.

Best regards,

