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Two truck grants open ***Prop 1B, Truck Voucher Program funds available***

The Valley Air District is seeking Valley truckers – especially single owner/operators – for grant funding to help meet a looming state emission-reduction deadline and is offering free regional workshops to provide application assistance.

The application period for Year 4 of Proposition 1B funding is open through Oct. 10. The District also has made an additional \$7 million available and broadened its eligibility criteria through its Truck Voucher Program, specifically for the Valley's 15,000 single owner operators. Grants for single owner/operators may be used to meet upcoming Jan. 1, 2014 compliance deadlines with the state's Truck and Bus regulation. Trucks are the largest source of the air basin's NOx emissions, which create both ozone and particulate pollution.

"We understand the importance of providing financial incentives to this crucial part of our Valley's economy and are very pleased we can offer this assistance," said Samir Sheikh, the District's grant programs director.

District funding can provide truckers with assistance that further reduces emissions beyond mere rule compliance. To date, the District has awarded more than \$114 million in truck funding, replacing more than 2,000 vehicles. More than 450 trucks have been replaced with \$12 million through the Truck Voucher Program.

Truck Voucher Program recipients may be eligible for up to 35 percent, or \$50,000, of a vehicle's purchase price.

To be eligible for the Truck Voucher Program, applicants must:

- Reside and operate primarily in the San Joaquin Valley
- Be single owner/operators
- Meet reduced annual mileage requirements of 30,000 or more
- Be replacing model year 2006 trucks or older.

Proposition 1B applicants may be eligible for up to \$50,000 in incentive funding.

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Eligibility criteria for the Proposition 1B program include:

- Small or large fleets
- Must engage in goods movement through the Valley
- For class 7 and 8 trucks, must be replacing 1994-2006 MY engine
- For class 6 trucks, must be replacing 1996-2006 MY engine
- New equipment must meet 2010 engine emission standards

Workshops will be held in each of the District's three regions to provide application assistance:

- In Fresno, on Sept. 3, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave.
- In Bakersfield, on Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 34946 Flyover Court
- In Modesto, on Sept. 17, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. at 4800 Enterprise Way

Additional information is available on the District's website at www.valleyair.org/trucks or by calling 1-855-99GRANT (4726).