



What to Know About EPA Clean School Bus Program Round 3

EPA Clean School Bus Program

The EPA Clean School Bus Program is the largest school bus funding opportunity in U.S. history. With up to \$5 billion available for school bus electrification, the 5-year program's goal is to replace as many existing school buses as possible with zero-emission and low-emission vehicles. The EPA announced the Round 3 rebate program in September 2023.

Round 3 is Different.

Round 2 of the CSBP included a highly competitive application process. Round 3 will provide at least \$500M in rebate funding for electric school buses through a random lottery. The EPA lowered the incentive levels and is allowing contractors like Highland to apply on behalf of districts. In addition, the EPA set aside specific amounts of funding for priority and non-priority districts and is requiring additional documentation to ensure the quality of applications.

Key Application Elements



Based on our experience with program applications, these elements will be critical to your success:



1 SAM.GOV VERIFICATION

Prepare for a successful submission by verifying that your SAM.gov login is active and ready for use.



2 EXISTING FLEET INFORMATION

Gather and collect all of the required information for each of your buses. This includes VINs, vehicle descriptions, and more.



3 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Compile all of the support letters relevant to your application. One or more of the following letters are required:

- School Board Awareness Certification (All Applications)
- School District Approval Certification (All Third-Party Applications)
- Utility Partnership Agreement (All Applications)



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Set yourself up for success

Five Things You Can Do to Prepare for Round 3

- 1 Check your SAM.gov registration and make sure it's up to date.
- 2 Start collecting details on your existing fleet (bus types, ages, and VINs) and consider which buses you'd like to replace with electric buses.
- 3 Contact your utility to start a conversation about your potential project.
- 4 Begin pulling together the supporting documentation.
- 5 Talk to electrification partners who could help support your application and project implementation.

Strengthen Your Application with an Experienced Partner

Highland has the most experience applying for electric school bus incentives in the United States. All the districts we are working with who were awarded EPA Round 1 funds have projects successfully in development. We look forward to working with you.

We're Here to Help

Our goal is to help bring cleaner, healthier transportation to students and communities. Whether you choose to work with Highland or not, send us your questions and our team will be happy to help.

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