



COG PROJECT UPDATES FOR CEEPC 1/23/2019

Greenhouse Gas, Mitigation, and Resiliency Services RFP

Through a competitive procurement process, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has issued contracts to ICF International and Cadmus to assist COG's Department of Environmental Programs (DEP), as well as COG member governments and other regional stakeholders in responding to the challenges of addressing emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and climate change. The scope of services includes greenhouse inventories and climate action planning support, support for implementation of mitigation measures, and support for climate resilience activities. Contact Jeff King at jking@mwkog.org or 202-962-3238 for more information.

US EPA Diesel Emission Reduction Act Funding Assistance Opportunity

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has opened its next round of Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) funding opportunities. COG is seeking partners to propose projects to reduce emissions from diesel vehicles. Eligible projects can include vehicle replacement, engine repowers, diesel particulate filters for both on and off-road vehicles. COG is currently repowering switcher locomotives at Union Station and marine passenger vessels operating on the Potomac River. Proposals are due March 6, 2019. Please contact Leah Boggs at lboggs@mwkog.org.

Program to Facilitate LED Streetlighting Conversions by Local Governments

The Maryland and Virginia Program to Facilitate LED Streetlighting Conversion by Local Governments is a U.S. Department of Energy grant funded project. The project team is led by the Maryland Energy Administration and the team includes Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (VA DMME), Clean Energy Solutions Inc, National Association of State Energy Offices, Northern Virginia Regional Commission, and COG. The project will involve providing technical support to local jurisdictions in their efforts to convert existing streetlights to more efficient LED technology. For more information, contact Maia Davis at mdavis@mwkog.org.

CDP Cities and Investor Matchmaker Programs Webinar

COG is hosting a webinar for metropolitan Washington local governments to learn more about the CDP Cities and Investor Matchmaker Programs. The webinar will be held Thursday, February 21, 2019 from 10-11am. To participate, please register here:

<https://mwkog.webex.com/mwkog/j.php?RGID=r80cc25b978924c5406bd193e72af30c7>

A brochure on the CDP Matchmaker Program is provided in the meeting documents. For more information, contact Maia Davis at mdavis@mwkog.org.

Fleets for the Future (F4F) Project

F4F is a U.S. DOE-funded effort to develop and implement procurement processes that will coordinate and consolidate bulk orders of advanced fueled vehicles, alternative fuels, and refueling and charging infrastructure for public sector fleets. As part of this effort, COG, in partnership with the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) and four other regional councils, worked towards reducing incremental costs of commercially available alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure.

COG awarded contracts to three vendors for bulk purchases of 16 types of alternative vehicles, including all electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. Five best practice guides were developed, which include: GUIDE to the Guides - Municipal EV Charging Resources, Gaseous Fuel Vehicle Procurement Best Practices Guide, Electric Vehicle Procurement Best Practices Guide, Guide to

Financing Alternative Fuel Vehicle Procurement and Fleet Transition Planning for Alternative Fuel Vehicles. For more information, contact Leah Boggs (lboggs@mwkog.org) of COG staff.

Metropolitan Washington Regional Schools Roundtable on Energy

COG hosted its first regional schools' roundtable on November 27. Specific topics included energy benchmarking and strategic energy planning and linking energy benchmarking and strategic planning to co-benefits. Participants included US DOE, the New Building Institute, school and local government energy managers, facility engineers and managers, and sustainability managers. The Regional Schools Roundtable is hosted by the [Built Environment and Energy Advisory Committee \(BEE-AC\)](#). Highlights from the roundtable and presentations can be found on the web site [here](#). For more information, contact COG staff, Leah Boggs (lboggs@mwkog.org).

COG Hosts Montgomery County Green Bank Workshop

On November 16, 2018, COG hosted the Montgomery County Greenbank's Thinking Local: A Follow-Up to the "Benefits of a Green Bank for your Community" workshop. The workshop was intended to continue the conversation started by the original group of green bank practitioners and local county/government officials in attendance from Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC about the green bank model, best practices and how those can be applied at the local level. There were discussion sessions on several topics including: Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE), affordable rental, community solar, single-family homeowner, commercial loan for energy efficiency and renewables, single-family solar and storage, EVs and micro grids. A potential outcome of the event is reviving the COG Regional PACE Work Group into a Clean Energy Finance Work Group. For more information, contact Leah Boggs at lboggs@mwkog.org and Tim Masters at tmasters@mwkog.org.

2018 Greenhouse Gas Inventories

CEEPC has directed COG staff to complete GHG inventories for all COG local government members and the region for the years 2018 and 2020. All data to support a 2018 will be available by mid-2020 and the local and regional inventory results are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2020. If you would like additional information on data availability or methodologies, please contact Maia Davis (mdavis@mwkog.org).