

# Transportation Programs

## IGAP Request for Information Snapshot

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<u>Department:</u> Environmental Protection Agency	<u>Agency:</u> N/A
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### Summary

Through the Inflation Reduction Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received \$4 billion for two new programs to reduce emissions from the transportation sector: the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Program and the Clean Ports Program.

### Background

The Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle program will invest \$1 billion to help cover the costs of replacing dirty heavy-duty vehicles with clean alternatives, deploy supporting infrastructure, and/or train and develop the necessary workforce. The program will be open to states, municipalities, Indian tribes, nonprofit school transportation associations, and eligible contractors.

The Clean Ports Program will provide \$3 billion in grants to reduce air pollution at ports. These funds can be used for a range of activities including purchasing and installing zero-emission port equipment and technology, covering the associated costs of planning and permitting, and developing qualified climate action plans – a detailed and strategic plan that establishes goals, implementation strategies, and accounting and inventory practices to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants at one or more ports. Eligible entities include: port authorities; any state, regional, local, or tribal agency with jurisdiction over a port authority; air pollution control agencies; and non-profits and private entities partnering with the above and own, operate, or use port facilities.

### Who Should Respond

There are no restrictions on who should respond. Any parties interested in the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Program or the Clean Ports Program should provide comments.

### Response Guidelines

You do not need to address every question and should focus on those where you have relevant expertise or experience. Please identify the question(s) you are responding to by question number when submitting your comments.

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## Key Questions

Respondents do not need to address every question to submit a response.

### Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles

1. How do you see this program working in conjunction with the existing Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA), the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Clean School Bus program, and programs at other agencies given the overlap in vehicles that could be funded?
2. For which significant Class 6/7 vehicle sectors should EPA prioritize funding?
3. How can EPA ensure the benefits of this program reach low-income and disadvantaged communities?
4. What should EPA consider in the design of the program to encourage grantees to support high quality jobs and adhere to best practices for labor standards, consistent with guidance such as Executive Order 14063 on the Use of Project Labor Agreements and the Department of Labor's Good Jobs Principles?
5. What metrics should this program use for measuring success and ensuring accountability?

### Grants to Reduce Air Pollution at Ports

1. How can EPA structure this program to reduce air pollution in port communities and accelerate long-term trends to decarbonize the nation's ports?
2. How do you see the IRA ports program complementing other programs (e.g., at EPA and the Department of Transportation) that can support efforts to reduce emissions at ports? What funding gaps can this program fill (e.g., specific zero emissions technologies or related planning support)?
3. The IRA ports program can fund the development of climate action plans as well as zero emissions port technology, equipment and related planning and permitting. How would you like to see the action plans and infrastructure funding work together? Should they be sequenced or combined?
4. What types of zero-emission port technologies or related planning support do you see as most critical for delivering emissions reductions?
5. What do you see as the biggest hurdles to transitioning to zero-emission port equipment?
6. How can we help ensure this program addresses concerns of near-port communities and advances environmental justice?
7. What should EPA consider in the design of the program to encourage grantees to support high quality jobs and adhere to best practices for labor standards, consistent with guidance such as Executive Order 14063 on the Use of Project Labor Agreements and the Department of Labor's Good Jobs Principles?
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## How to Submit

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0874, to the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#).

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## Resources

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