



Advantage Truck Group LLC

Elizabeth Mahony
Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
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Dear Commissioner Mahony,

On behalf of Advantage Truck Group, I am writing to express our enthusiasm for partnering with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (MA DOER) on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application. We are committed to working with MA DOER in its effort to support medium- and heavy-duty fleet electrification in Massachusetts and the application's goal to equitably benefit low-income and disadvantaged communities.

While medium- and heavy-duty diesel vehicles in Massachusetts represent around 5% of total vehicles on the road, they contribute approximately 20% of on-road transportation greenhouse gas emissions and almost all of on road diesel particulate matter emissions. In addition, the emissions from these vehicles are inequitably concentrated in urban and low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), disproportionately affecting the health of residents in those communities.

In the CPRG proposal, MA DOER has proposed a set of comprehensive and effective strategies that will address the many electrification challenges faced by fleets and enable the Commonwealth to achieve the substantial emissions and pollution reduction goals outlined in the application. Through enhanced electric vehicle rebates, technical and financial support for charging infrastructure, expanded fleet advisory services, LIDAC-based outreach and engagement efforts, and workforce development programs targeting training for essential electric vehicle maintenance and repair, this project, if awarded, will definitively support an accelerated transition to zero emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles among fleets throughout the Commonwealth.

Advantage Truck Group comprised of (8) Dealerships has been providing Freightliner, Western Star, Isuzu, Rizon, and Thomas Built Bus Sales, Parts, and Service support for over (40) years, to the more than 6080 Commercial Vehicle Registrations in the State of Massachusetts as well as employing over 425 Members and Managers of the approximate 5080 Dealership Employees in the Massachusetts' Commercial Truck Business.

Advantage Truck Group, myself as President of ATG, and my Leadership Team will directly support the outreach and engagement component of the MA DOER CPRG program through a host of commitments, including:

- Partner with MA DOER and other applicable entities to coordinate an outreach strategy to identify fleets and ensure they are made aware of this opportunity.
- Execute outreach and engagement methods in order to recruit fleets and support the program.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has proven to be committed to the decarbonization and electrification of Massachusetts and its fleets specifically. Advantage Truck Group is excited about the possibility of joining MA DOER to implement this important and far-reaching program. As evidenced by its oversight of the MOR-EV medium- and heavy-duty rebate program, as well as other related programs, we believe MA DOER has demonstrated a clear ability to manage this CPRG grant and all its components. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,
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