



March 20, 2024

Elizabeth Mahony
Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
100 Cambridge St. 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Commissioner Mahony,

On behalf of Massasoit Community College, 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 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.

Massasoit Community College is a dynamic, diverse learning community that supports all students in their education, leading to a career, transfer to four-year institutions, and the pursuit of lifelong learning. Faculty and staff are committed to student success and strive to offer accessible and innovative programs with comprehensive support services to prepare students for membership in a global society. Massasoit Community College prides itself on the tradition of excellence and the mission of accepting all who desire to learn.

Massasoit Community College will directly support the workforce development component of the MA DOER CPRG program through a host of commitments, including:

- Partner with MA DOER to develop a workforce training program for diesel technicians and fleet operators that are looking to enter the battery electric diesel field as well as enhance their current skills.
- Develop a pre-apprenticeship pathway to a full registered apprenticeship program in medium/heavy duty Electric Vehicle Technology.
- Develop an advanced fleet training program to support continuing education for electric vehicles maintenance and repair among current diesel technicians.
- Use existing partnerships with fleets and dealerships in Massachusetts to ensure a smooth transition from higher education to working in the field as well as provide connections for future career opportunities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has proven to be committed to the decarbonization and electrification of Massachusetts and its fleets specifically. Massasoit Community College 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,



William Mitchell
Vice President for Administration/CFO