

Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program

Application Form TCEQ-20684 Version 22.01 Solicitation No. 582-22-30656-LD



These forms are to be used to apply for a rebate grant under the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program (LDPLIP). The LDPLIP is a program under the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP).

Project eligibility criteria and types of purchases/leases eligible under this program are explained in the TCEQ's Notice of Rebates. By signing the application, the applicant is agreeing to the Program Certifications and Terms and Conditions included in the application. Documents can be found at www.terpgrants.org or a copy may be obtained by calling **1-800-919-TERP (8377)**. Dealers and leasing companies (but not the buyer/lessee themselves) may request that TCEQ reserve a place in line for vehicles on order for a specific customer, subject to approval by TCEQ. Information on the reservation process is available in the Notice of Rebates and at www.terpgrants.org.

TCEQ will attempt to provide updated information on the TERP webpage at www.terpgrants.org regarding the number of rebate grants still available. This information may also be obtained by calling 1-800-919-TERP (8377). However, as the grant awards approach the limits of funding availability, TCEQ may not be able to provide assurances that funding will be available when an application is submitted. TCEQ makes no guarantee that an eligible application will be funded, and buyers or lessees should not make a purchase or lease decision that is dependent on receiving the rebate grant. TCEQ may suspend acceptance of applications prior to the closing date if all available grants have been awarded.

Public Information Notice: Upon submission, all proposals become the property of the State of Texas and subject to the Texas Open Records Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 552.

Application Deadline: This application form is only valid for the application period ending January 7, 2023, unless otherwise changed through published notice. Eligible applications are selected for funding on a first-come, first-served basis.

How to Submit an Application: If you have questions on how to fill out this form or about the LDPLIP, please contact us at 1-800-919-TERP (8377).

1. Submit a separate application for each vehicle to be funded. Only one vehicle is allowed per application.
2. Submit a completed and signed application form via electronic mail to TERPapply@tceq.texas.gov or to one of the addresses below:

Regular Post Delivery

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Grant Design and Coordination Section
(LDPLIP), MC-204
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087



Express Delivery

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Grant Design and Coordination Section
(LDPLIP), MC-204
12100 Park 35 Circle
Austin, Texas 78753

Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program Application Checklist

Please ensure that you have read and attached all of the required documents. All pages that require signatures or initials must be signed or initialed in the designated areas. If a signature page is missing or has been altered, the application will not be considered.

Note: Both the applicant and the dealer/lessor MUST sign the purchase or lease documents prior to submitting the application.

Application Form Checklist (all applications):		
Application Checklist	Please read and include with application.	
Form 1: Application Information	Please fill out entirely. Applicant Signature Required.	
Form 2: New Vehicle Information	Please fill out entirely. Dealer Signature Required.	
Form 3: Certification of Eligibility	Applicant Initials and Date Required.	
W-9 Form	Signature Required. Instructions: https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf	
Form 4: Program Certifications	Please read and include with application.	
Form 5: Terms and Conditions	Please read and include with application.	
Required Attachment Checklist (all applications):		
Copy of State or Federal Identification Card	Only applicable if applicant is an individual or sole proprietor.	
Copy of Current Title and Registration OR Copy of Completed Application for Texas Title and Registration	Include with application.	
Copy of Completed Purchase/Lease Agreement	Applicant and Dealer Signature Required. All pages of the agreement must be included.	
Other Acceptable Documents (in place of purchase/lease Agreement):	A Buyer's Order (all pages must be included) signed by the Applicant and Dealer, plus one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Copy of cancelled check (front and back) showing payment in full; 2. A finance agreement with a financial institution (VIN and loan amount must be on agreement); 3. A retail installment contract signed by the financial institution and buyer; 4. Copy of Registration Receipt; or 5. Copy of Title 	
Required Attachments (CNG/LPG applicants only):		
Copy of Conversion Invoice	From conversion company listing the Engine Family Code for the OEM and the converted engine, VIN, and mileage at conversion.	
Photo of Engine Plate/EPA Certification sticker	Must have Engine Family Code for the OEM and the converted engine.	
Proof of Payment for the Conversion System	Include if conversion was not part of the flow through process.	

Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program

Form 1: Application, Contract and Payment Approval.

1. Applicant Legal Name (Performing Party):

2. Applicant Information:

Applicant Type:	
Federal Employer Identification Number (if applicable)	

3. Applicant Contact Information: The applicant or an employee who has legal authority to sign for and speak on behalf of the entity.

Prefix		First		MI		Last		Suffix	
Title									
Primary Phone					Cell Phone				
E-mail Address									
Mailing Address									
City				State			Zip Code		

4. Applicant Signature (Performing Party): By signing below, PERFORMING PARTY makes all certifications on the accompanying certification form (Form 4). Additionally, the PERFORMING PARTY agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this grant and any changes posted through addenda on the Electronic State Business Daily.

Performing Party Printed Name:	
Title:	
Performing Party Signature:	
Date of Signature:	

This form must be signed by the Performing Party.

For Official TCEQ Use ONLY:

TCEQ Authorized Representative Contract Execution and Payment Approval:		
Printed Name:	Jody Ibarguen	
Title:	Manager, Project Creation & Management Section	
By (Authorized Signature):		
Date of Signature:		
Contract Amount (as marked by TCEQ below)		
CNG or LPG:		Hydrogen Fuel Cell or Electric Drive (Plug-in or Plug-in Hybrid):
Purchase or Lease (three-year or longer term) (\$5,000.00)		Purchase or Lease (three year or longer term) (\$2,500.00)
Lease Two-year to less than three-year term (\$3,300.00)		Lease two-year to less than three-year term (\$1,665.00)
Lease One-year to less than two-year term (\$1,665.00)		Lease one-year to less than two-year term (\$832.50)
Contract Period: The Effective Date of this Contract is the last date of signature by the parties above. The Expiration Date of this contract is the one-year (12 month) anniversary date of the vehicle purchase or lease date or 45 days after the Effective Date, whichever occurs later.		

Form 2: New Vehicle Information.

This form must be completed by an authorized representative of the vehicle dealer or leasing company and submitted with the other application forms.

1. Buyer/Lessee Information:

Name of Buyer/Lessee:	
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2. Reservation Number:

Complete only if a reservation number was assigned by the TCEQ.	
TCEQ assigned Reservation Number (if applicable):	

3. New Vehicle Information:

The information for this section can be obtained from registration and/or purchase/lease documents.					
Last 4 digits of Vehicle Identification Number (VIN):					
Odometer Reading (at the time of purchase):					
County of Registration:		Purchase/Lease Date:			
Vehicle Make:		Vehicle Model:		Model Year:	

4. Fuel Type/Vehicle Weight:

Refer to the Notice of Rebates for eligible fuel types, vehicle weight requirements, and other eligibility requirements. Information must be consistent with the application for title/registration and the purchase or lease documents.										
New Vehicle Fuel Type (Mark with an X):	Compressed Natural Gas:		Liquified Petroleum Gas:		Electric Drive (Plug-in only)		Electric Drive (Plug-in Hybrid):		Hydrogen Fuel Cell:	
Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR):										

5. Dealership/Lessor Information:

By signing below, I certify that the company I represent is licensed by the State of Texas to sell or lease new vehicles in Texas. If a purchase, I certify that the vehicle is new and has never been subject to a first sale prior to this sale. If a lease, I certify that the vehicle was purchased new for the purpose of providing the lease, was never subject to a first sale prior to the purchase for lease and was never subject to lease prior to this lease. To the best of my knowledge and belief the vehicle meets the eligibility requirements as set forth in the Notice of Rebates and all information provided on this form is true and correct. I understand that failure to sign this form or signing a false statement may make the rebate contract voidable.					
Name of Dealership/Leasing Company:					
Address:				County:	
City:		State:	Texas	Zip Code:	
Contact Phone Number:					
Email Address:					
Independent Dealer/Lessor TX License Number:					
Representative Printed Name:					
Dealer/Lessor Authorized Signature:			Date of Signature:		

This form must be signed, or the application will not be accepted.

Form 3: Certification of Eligibility to Receive a State-Funded Grant.

All applicants must complete this form to certify eligibility to receive a grant under this program, even if child support obligations do not apply to the applicant. Failure to submit this form may result in rejection of the application.

Certification Regarding Child Support Obligations.

Under Section 231.006, Texas Family Code, a child support obligor who is more than 30 days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25% is not eligible to receive a state-funded grant or loan. All applicants must include in the application the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of 25% of the business entity submitting the application.

FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: This notice is given pursuant to the Federal Privacy Act. Disclosure of your Social Security Number (SSN) is required under Section 231.006(c) and Section 231.302(c)(3) of the Texas Family Code. The SSN will be used to identify persons that may owe child support. The SSN will be kept confidential to the fullest extent allowed under Section 231.302(e), Texas Family Code.

Please check one of the following applicant options.

1. Individual or sole proprietorship	
2. One or more individuals own 25% or more of the business entity	
3. No individual owns 25% or more of the business entity	
4. Governmental entity	

If Option 1 or 2 is checked, list the name(s) and social security number(s) (SSN) below.

Name:		Social Security Number (SSN):	
Name:		Social Security Number (SSN):	
Name:		Social Security Number (SSN):	
Name:		Social Security Number (SSN):	
Name:		Social Security Number (SSN):	

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the individual or business entity submitting this application is eligible to receive a grant. I acknowledge that the grant contract may be terminated, and any payments withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

Initials:		Date:	
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Form 4: Program Certifications.

By signing this application, the applicant assures and certifies that:

- 1. Legal Authority.** The applicant possesses legal authority in the State of Texas to apply for the grant. The applicant's governing body has authorized the filing of the application, understands these certifications, and has directed and authorized the person identified as the authorized official to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information.
- 2. Terms and Conditions.** The applicant has read and understands the included terms and conditions.
- 3. Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs).** Qualified HUBs, as defined and designated under state law, shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of the work arising out of this project.
- 4. Conflict of Interest.** Applicant represents and warrants that performance under this grant will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or reasonably create an appearance of impropriety. Further, Applicant agrees to comply with all conflict of interest prohibitions and disclosure requirements during the course of the contract. Applicant has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted application. Under Texas Government Code, Section 2155.004, no person involved in the preparation of the Request for Grant Applications may have any financial interest in this application. If applicant is not eligible, then any contract resulting from this application shall be immediately terminated. Furthermore, under Texas Government Code, Section 2155.004, the applicant certifies that the individual or business entity named in this application is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated, and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- 5. Nondiscrimination.** The applicant will comply with all State and Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination.
- 6. Arms-Length Bargaining.** The applicant acquired the grant-funded vehicle based on sound business practices and arms-length bargaining. The applicant complied with any applicable Texas statutes and rules relating to procurement. An entity will not be awarded a grant for the purchase or lease of a vehicle from itself. For example, a dealership may not purchase or lease a vehicle from itself or an affiliated dealership.
- 7. Grant Administration.** The applicant will maintain an appropriate grant administration system to ensure that all terms, conditions, and specifications of the grant, including these certifications, are met.
- 8. Audit.** Acceptance of funds under this program acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office, or any successor agency, to conduct an audit n investigation in connection with those funds. The applicant or other entity that may receive funds directly or indirectly under LDPLIP must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit.
- 9. Debt to the State.** The applicant is not indebted to the state or has an outstanding tax delinquency and understands that the Texas Comptroller may not pay a person who is indebted to the state or has a tax delinquency. Additionally, the applicant may not have an outstanding invoice to the TCEQ. The applicant must comply with all State and Federal tax laws and fee requirements and is solely responsible for filing all State and Federal tax and fee forms.
- 10. Contracting with an Executive of a State Agency.** Under Government Code, Section 669.003, relating to contracting with an executive of a state agency, applicant represents that no person who, in the past four years, served as an executive of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) or any other state agency, was involved with or has any interest in this application. If applicant employs or has used the services of a former executive head of TCEQ or other state agency, the applicant shall provide the following information: name of former executive, name of state agency, date of separation from state agency, position with applicant, and date of employment with applicant.
- 11. Debarment.** Applicant certifies that the applying entity and its principals are eligible to participate in this transaction and have not been subjected to suspension, debarment, or similar ineligibility determined by any federal, state or local governmental entity. Applicant certifies that it is not listed on the federal government's terrorism watch list as described in Executive Order 13224.
- 12. Statutory Eligibility.** Under Section 2155.006 of the Texas Government Code relating to convictions or penalties during natural disasters, the applicant certifies that the applicant is not ineligible to receive the grant and acknowledges that any resulting contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate. Under Section 2155.0061 of the Texas Government Code relating to human trafficking, the applicant certifies that the applicant is not ineligible to receive the grant and acknowledges that any resulting contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate. The applicant represents and warrants that it does not perform political polling and acknowledges that appropriated funds may not be granted to, or expended by, any entity which performs political polling.

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13. The applicant has not been adjudicated during the preceding three-year period to have committed substantive, non-clerical violations resulting in an actual release of hazardous waste that presented an imminent and substantial danger to the public health and safety or the environment.
14. If any of these certifications change between submittal of the application and award of a contract or cancellation of the Solicitation, you will promptly notify TCEQ.

Contract Documents.

By signing the signature block on Form 1: Application, Contract, and Payment Approval, and subject to execution of a contract by the TCEQ, PERFORMING PARTY agrees that the following documents comprise the entire Contract between TCEQ and the PERFORMING PARTY (in order of precedence in the event of conflicts):

- a) TCEQ Grant Contract, including Form 1: Application, Contract, and Payment Approval; Form 2: Vehicle Information; Form 4: Program Certifications; Form 5: LDPLIP Terms and Conditions;
- b) purchase or lease documents submitted with the application forms;
- c) Notice of Rebates; and
- d) the following, which may be delivered or issued after the Effective Date of the Agreement and are not attached: all other written documents amending, modifying, or supplementing the Contract Documents pursuant to the LDPLIP Terms and Conditions.

There are no Contract Documents other than those listed above. The Contract Documents may be amended, modified, or supplemented only as provided in the LDPLIP Terms and Conditions.

Personally identifiable information (PII) such as driver's license number, social security number, bank account, or any other data that could potentially identify a specific person will be redacted from the contract documents, including the copy that you receive if awarded a grant.

Release of Claims.

By signing the signature block on Form 1 - Application, Contract, and Payment Approval and subject to execution of a contract by TCEQ and receiving all payment due and payable under the contract, the PERFORMING PARTY hereby releases all claims against the TCEQ and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims arising under or by virtue of the TCEQ's contract with PERFORMING PARTY.

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate	Exempt payee code (if any) _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.	Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	<i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code		
7 List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
-				-					
or									
Employer identification number									
-									

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
 - Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
 - Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
 - Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
 - Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
 - Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
 - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
 - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.
- If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.*

FORM 5: CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 1. STATEMENT OF CONTRACT

1.1 Statement of Contract. This Contract is entered into by the parties listed on Form 1: Application, Contract & Payment Approval ("Form 1") for the purpose of awarding a rebate to incentivize the purchase or lease of a LDPLIP-eligible vehicle. The purchaser or lessee ("Applicant" or "PERFORMING PARTY") agrees to operate and register the eligible vehicle purchased or leased under this Contract in Texas for a minimum of one calendar year (12 months) from the date of purchase or lease. If the LDPLIP application is approved and funds are available, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will issue the Applicant the appropriate LDPLIP rebate. All incentives are subject to the Notice of Rebate qualifications, application certifications, and these Contract terms.

1.2 All representations, indemnifications, warranties, and certifications made in, required by, or given in accordance with the Contract Documents, as well as all continuing obligations indicated in the Contract Documents, will survive final payment, and termination or completion of this Contract.

1.3 Remedies Available to the TCEQ. In accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2261, TCEQ may implement any of the following Remedies in the event of any breach of the requirements of this Contract, including failure to conform to the LDPLIP requirements or applicable law:

- 1.3.1 reject substandard performance and request corrections without charge to the TCEQ;
- 1.3.2 issue notice of substandard performance or other non-conforming act or omission;
- 1.3.3 request and receive return of any over payments or unallowable payments; and
- 1.3.4 reject LDPLIP request and suspend payment pending accepted revision of substandard performance or non-conformity.

1.4 Dispute Resolution. The dispute resolution process provided in Chapter 2009 of the Texas Government Code is available to the parties to resolve any dispute arising under this Contract.

1.5 Cumulative Remedies. TCEQ may avail itself of any remedy provided in this Contract or in law to recover any losses arising from or caused by the PERFORMING PARTY's substandard performance or any material non-conformity with the Contract or the law. The remedies available to either party in this Contract shall not limit the remedies available to the parties under law.

1.6 Amendments. This Contract may be amended by written, signed, mutual agreement for Material Changes such as changes in the Contract Amount and other changes that affect the material obligations of the parties. TCEQ may issue unilateral amendments to correct typographical errors or other minor, non-material changes.

ARTICLE 2. FUNDING AND LEGAL AUTHORITY

2.1 Amounts of costs stated in this Contract are maximum amounts of the LDPLIP. By stating the amounts, TCEQ does not 1) guarantee payment of those amounts or 2) waive the requirements for the LDPLIP which must be satisfied by the PERFORMING PARTY.

2.2 This Contract and all claims, suits or obligations arising under or related to this Contract are subject to the availability of grant funds. The Contract is subject to termination or cancellation, either in whole or in part, without penalty to TCEQ if such funds are unavailable.

2.3 This Contract is entered into by the TCEQ and the PERFORMING PARTY pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 386. Further authority is contained in Texas Water Code Section 5.124, Authority to Award Grants, and Section 5.229, pertaining to the TCEQ's general authority to enter contracts.

ARTICLE 3. INCENTIVE

3.1 If the LDPLIP application is approved and signed by both parties, and funds are available, the TCEQ will issue the PERFORMING PARTY up to \$5,000 for the purchase or lease of an eligible LDPLIP vehicle. Leases will be prorated based on a one to four-year lease term. The approved amount is marked Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program TCEQ-582-22-30656-LD

by TCEQ on Form 1 of the application.

3.2 For any purchase or lease, the PERFORMING PARTY must submit any supporting documentation required or requested by TCEQ.

3.3 The TCEQ may waive the requirement for submission of any supporting documents that are not applicable to the PERFORMING PARTY.

3.4 The TCEQ may at any time, in its sole discretion, in the best interests of the State establish additional criteria and requirements for the LDPLIP.

3.5 The TCEQ is not obligated to make payment until the LDPLIP application is approved by the TCEQ.

3.6 No entitlement. The PERFORMING PARTY does not have an expectation or entitlement to any financial assistance under this Contract. Therefore, the PERFORMING PARTY waives any claim for damages arising or resulting from TCEQ's termination of this Contract for any reason.

3.7 The PERFORMING PARTY is not a "vendor" of goods and services within the meaning of Texas Government Code Chapter 2251. Therefore, the provisions for interest on payments under that statute do not apply to this Contract.

ARTICLE 4. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

4.1 Laws. This Contract is subject to: (1) Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 386; (2) 30 Texas Administrative Code Sections 114.610 – 114.612; (3) Texas Government Code Chapter 2261, pertaining to cost reimbursement contracts; (4) Texas Government Code Section 556.0055, pertaining to lobbying; (5) TCEQ rules and policies, pertaining to TCEQ contracts and grants; and (6) other applicable Federal and State rules and statutes.

4.2 Notice of Rebates. This Contract is subject to the criteria established in the Notice of Rebates issued by the TCEQ and under which the LDPLIP application was submitted, including any subsequent amendments.

4.3 Child Support. Under Texas Family Code Section 231.006, a child support obligor who is more than 30 days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent is not eligible to receive a state-funded grant or loan. By executing this Contract, the PERFORMING PARTY certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract is eligible to receive the specified rebate and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated, and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

4.4 State Auditor's Office. The PERFORMING PARTY understands that acceptance of funds under this Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office, or any successor agency, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the Legislative Audit Committee, a person or entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the State Auditor's Office must provide the State Auditor with access to any information the State Auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. The PERFORMING PARTY agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office in the course of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested.

4.4.1 The PERFORMING PARTY agrees to comply with Section 321.022 of the Texas Government Code which requires that suspected fraud and unlawful conduct be reported to the State Auditor's Office.

4.5 Compliance with Laws. The PERFORMING PARTY shall give all notices and comply in all material respects with all laws and regulations applicable to the award and performance of the LDPLIP. Except where otherwise expressly required by applicable laws and regulations, TCEQ shall not be responsible for monitoring the PERFORMING PARTY's compliance with any laws or regulations.

4.6 Sovereign Immunity. The parties hereby agree that no provision of the grant or contract is in any way intended to constitute a waiver by TCEQ or the State of Texas of any immunity relating to suit, liability, and the payment of damages.

4.7 Governing Law and Venue. This Contract shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program TCEQ-582-22-30656-LD

with the laws of the State of Texas, excluding any choice of law rules which may direct the application of laws of another jurisdiction. Any action at law or in equity to enforce the terms and conditions of this Contract shall be brought in Travis County, Texas. This provision does not waive the TCEQ's sovereign immunity.

4.8 Severability. If any provision of these Contract Documents is found by any court, tribunal or administrative body of competent jurisdiction to be wholly or partly illegal, invalid, void or unenforceable, it shall be deemed severable (to the extent of such illegality, invalidity, or unenforceability) and the remaining part of the provision and the rest of the provisions of these Contract Documents shall continue in full force and effect. If possible, the severed provision shall be deemed to have been replaced by a valid provision having as near an effect to that intended by the severed provision as will be legal and enforceable.

4.9 Indemnification. To the extent permitted by law, the PERFORMING PARTY agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Texas and the TCEQ, including its employees and officers, against and from any and all liability, loss, or damages arising out of actions of the PERFORMING PARTY in the performance of this Contract.

4.10 Additional Evidence. The TCEQ may at any time before or after reimbursement, as necessary in its sole discretion, request additional evidence concerning costs.

4.11 Offsets for debts owed to the State. The TCEQ may offset against payments, any amounts owed by the PERFORMING PARTY or its principals to the TCEQ or the State of Texas, whether owed under this program or otherwise.

4.12 Maintenance of Records.

4.12.1 The PERFORMING PARTY shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence reasonably pertinent to requirements of the Contract, including the Contract Documents or subsequent amendments. All financial records will be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The PERFORMING PARTY shall allow access to all the materials, including bank statements and records, to the TCEQ, the State of Texas, the State Auditor's Office, and any of their authorized representatives for the purpose of review, inspection, audit, excerpts, transcriptions, and/or copying during normal business hours. The PERFORMING PARTY shall provide appropriate facilities and equipment for such access and inspection.

4.12.2 The PERFORMING PARTY agrees to the disclosure of all information and reports resulting from access to records under this Contract.

4.12.3 Records under this Article shall be maintained by the PERFORMING PARTY while participating in the LDPLIP and for three (3) years after the termination of this Contract. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, cost recovery, or other action (including actions concerning costs of items to which an audit exception has been taken) involving such records has been started before the expiration of the three-year period, such records must be retained until completion of the action or resolution of all issues which arise from it, or until the end of the regular three-year period, whichever is later.

4.13 Data and Publicity.

4.13.1 All data and other information developed under this Contract shall be furnished, upon request, to the TCEQ and shall be public data and information except to the extent that it is exempted from public disclosure by the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 552.

4.13.2 The PERFORMING PARTY agrees to notify TCEQ prior to releasing any information to the news media regarding the Grant Activities. The PERFORMING PARTY will acknowledge the financial support of the TCEQ whenever a Grant Activity is publicized or reported in news media or publications.

4.14 TCEQ retains the discretion to determine what actions constitute a material breach, whether or not the non-compliance is specified as a material breach in this Contract.

4.15 The parties to this Contract expressly agree that time is of the essence for this contract.

4.16 The terms *include*, *included*, *including*, and *includes* when used in this Contract shall

mean, “includes but not limited to.”

4.17 Unless authorized in writing by the TCEQ in accordance with this Contract, no waiver of any obligation of the PERFORMING PARTY shall bind the TCEQ. Any such authorized waiver shall not constitute a continuing waiver of the obligation

4.18 Assignment. No delegation of the obligations, rights, or interests in the Contract, and no assignment of payments by PERFORMING PARTY will be binding on TCEQ without its written consent, except as restricted by law. No assignment will release or discharge the PERFORMING PARTY from any duty or responsibility under the Contract.

4.19 TCEQ and the PERFORMING PARTY each binds itself, its successors, assigns and agents to the other party's, successors, assigns and representatives in respect to all covenants and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

4.20 Abortion Funding Limitation – PERFORMING PARTY represents and warrants that payments made by TCEQ to PERFORMING PARTY and PERFORMING PARTY's receipt of appropriated funds under the Contract are not prohibited by Article IX, Section 6 of the General Appropriations Act, nor by Texas Government Code, Chapter 2272 *Prohibited Transactions*.

ARTICLE 5. TERMINATION

5.1 This Contract may be terminated in whole or in part by the TCEQ for cause, including a material failure to comply with the Contract Documents.

5.2 Termination of this Contract under any circumstances shall not constitute a waiver of any rights or remedies that TCEQ may exercise under this Contract or otherwise as provided by law.

5.3 This Contract may be terminated in whole or in part by the TCEQ for its convenience. Circumstances in which this may occur include the Texas Legislature's withdrawal of the appropriation for this project or the depletion of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Fund, which results in the unavailability of funds to complete this project.

5.4 If, during the performance of the Grant Activities, the PERFORMING PARTY chooses to not complete the Grant Activities and withdraws from the obligations under this Contract, the PERFORMING PARTY may terminate this Contract by providing ten (10) days written notice to the TCEQ and returning any payments already received.

— End of Terms and Conditions —