

## **Anahuac Independent School District**

### **Clean School Bus Project**

**SEP No. 2013-18 – as Amended on October 4, 2019**

#### **Project Description**

Third-Party Administrator operates a fleet of school buses. Some of these buses are older and emit harmful air pollution. Third-Party Administrator shall use SEP Funds to purchase lower-emission school buses that are model year 2010 or newer (“Replacement Buses”) to replace buses that are model year 2007 and older (“Older Buses”), thus removing the Older Buses from the roads. Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that each Replacement Bus has an engine that meets 2010 EPA Standards. Third-Party Administrator certifies that Older Buses are currently in use, driven on a regular route on a weekly basis for at least the past two years. Third-Party Administrator shall own and operate each Replacement Bus for at least five years following the date of purchase.

The Older Bus shall be fully decommissioned as required in the SEP Vehicle Replacement Disposition Form. All funds received for the scrap value of the Older Bus shall be deposited into the SEP Account, become part of the SEP Funds, and be reported on the SEP Quarterly Report as a deposit.

#### **Environmental Benefit**

This SEP will benefit air quality by reducing harmful exhaust emissions from older school buses. Older school bus engines emit larger amounts of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and particulate matter (PM), as well as other harmful pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and carbon monoxide (CO), than new buses. These pollutants contribute to the formation of ozone and may cause or exacerbate a number of respiratory diseases, including asthma, especially in children. The Project will reduce CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, PM, and VOC emissions by replacing model year 2007 and older school buses with new, lower-emission buses.

#### **Eligible Areas and Counties**

This project may receive contributions from the following:

Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties

#### **Minimum Contribution Amount**

\$1,000

#### **Total Project Budget**

\$600,000.00