

Frequently Asked Questions regarding Green Driver RFQ July 2011

Can telematics be included as a driver-training approach in response to this RFQ?

Yes, the Agency recognizes that fleet telematics are an emerging and important technology for giving direct feedback to drivers about their driving behavior, and thus qualifies as a curriculum under this RFQ. Many telematics programs are currently under development by a variety of companies, and we strongly encourage those companies to submit their qualifications to this RFQ.

Do telematics need to address all the curricula listed in the RFQ?

Responders whose programs focus on telematics still need to clearly identify how their program will address the concepts listed in the RFQ such as trip routing, vehicle loads, and vehicle maintenance including tire pressure, but they do not have to comprise a significant or large portion of the responder's curriculum. For example, telematics programs may focus on acceleration or vehicle speed as key areas for providing driver feedback. However, responders may choose to supplement their in-vehicle technology with written or web-based materials that describe how drivers can address concepts such as vehicle loads or vehicle maintenance.

Is there a deadline for submitting qualifications under this RFQ?

No, the Agency recognizes that the field of energy-efficient driver training is evolving and that new approaches continue to emerge. This RFQ allows for piloting of different training systems to learn what curriculum and technologies are available. As a result, responders may submit their qualifications at any time. The Agency also has a variety of funding opportunities that arise at different times throughout the year, and new funds for these types of projects may become available.

What is the budget available for the driver training?

There is a \$20,000 limit for pilot projects conducted under this RFQ. However, we recommend that responders provide a range of costs for their services including a minimum budget amount along with a per-driver cost estimate.