

**P2023-07**  
**Implementation of New or Expanded Microtransit Service**  
**Bidders Conference – January 19, 2023**  
**Q & A**

1. Q: Are the vehicles required to be ADA-compliant?  
A: Yes. MSRC funding can only be provided towards service given by ADA-compliant vehicles. The proposer may have other vehicles in their fleet which are not ADA-compliant, so long as they are not involved in providing the proposed service.
2. Q: How is “zero-emission vehicle” defined?  
A: The MSRC uses the California Air Resources Board (CARB) definition: the vehicle can have no tailpipe emissions. “Hybrid” vehicles, including those which perform a portion of their operation in a zero emission mode, do not qualify.
3. Q: Can a service provider be listed on the application as a partner with a city?  
A: Yes, but one entity must act as the contractor of record
4. Q: What if the \$2.5M funding target is exceeded?  
A: The MSRC may opt to increase the funding limit, or if feasible may opt to reduce the per-applicant funding level. It is also possible that some projects may not be funded.
5. Q: What criteria is used to determine if a given area is a disadvantaged community (DAC)?  
A: The evaluators will initially depend upon the proposer’s representations regarding such status—in other words, if the proposer does not claim the service area is a DAC, the evaluators will not independently attempt to make such a determination. If the proposal claims DAC status for the service area, the evaluators will also **verify** the evidence put forward by the proposer with the assistance of appropriate agencies, such as CARB and the South Coast AQMD
6. Q: Can a ZEV trolley be added to an existing non-ZEV fleet to perform service on a new route?  
A: Yes, provided the new route meets the MSRC’s definition of microtransit. To be competitive, it should fulfill the additional desired features as specified in the RFP
7. Q: Can MSRC funding be used for equipment or vehicles?  
A: No
8. Q: Can you provide a list of interested parties who have downloaded the RFP?  
A: No – the RFP is freely available for download from both the MSRC and South Coast AQMD websites
9. Q: Is this the first time this funding opportunity has been offered?  
A: Yes
10. Q: Can the Bidders Conference PowerPoint presentation be made available?  
A: Yes, the presentation is now posted

11. Q: Is this a one-time funding opportunity, or will it be a recurring program?  
A: If this program meets the MSRC's criteria for success, there *may* be a similar opportunity at an unspecified point in the future
12. Q: Would a zero-emission and ADA compliant trolley qualify for this program?  
A: Yes, if it is used in a service which fits the program criteria
13. Q: Is it necessary for the applicant to have the proposed vehicles before applying for funding?  
A: No
14. Q: Can a list of Bidders Conference attendees be made available?  
A: No – that sort of information is not retained for this type of meeting