

Louisiana Clean Fuels Summit



Last month we attended the Louisiana Clean Fuels Summit in Baton Rouge which we help co-host annually with Louisiana Clean Fuels. The event hosted multiple great sessions and covered a variety of alternative fuel topics. We want to thank everyone again who came to the conference and extend another thanks to all the speakers and exhibitors. Governor John Bel Edwards delivered an inspiring speech on the work that Louisiana has undertaken during his tenure as governor including the State's first Climate Action Plan. Through this plan, Louisiana has committed to decreasing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting a more sustainable and resilient economy and workforce. We're excited to continue the momentum for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in our region and building on this work.

Workplace Charging Listening Session

Our coalition is interested in creating programming around workplace charging, but we first want to hear from area employers to target our future work. We are planning a virtual listening session on **Tuesday**, **June 20 at 10:00 am**. All New Orleans region employers are invited to join this session. Regardless of where you are in the planning stages for workplace EV charging, we want to hear from you. We will be sending out more details about this session as the date nears and posting the virtual meeting link on our website.

2023 Goals and Redesignation



The Clean Cities Coalition Network celebrates 30 years this year. As a Department of Energy Designated Clean Cities Coalition, we will be celebrating 15 years as a coalition and are now up for re-designation. Our coalition was designated in 2008 and every four years we bring together key stakeholders with Department of Energy staff to outline our future goals and look back on our Coalition's progress. We will be reaching out to stakeholders in the next month for participation in this redesignation.

Additionally, as we look to the future, our coalition is also embarking on a Strategic Plan which will outline our vision and work plan over the next four years. As part of this plan, our coalition plans to build our stakeholder base and create more partnerships within the Greater New Orleans area to create more greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals. We invite our stakeholders and partners to take an active role in this plan.

Funding Opportunities

DOT FHWA Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Funding (CFI)

The grant period is still open for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant. SLCFP gave a presentation on this funding opportunity at our EV Roundtable in April and at the Louisiana Clean Fuels Summit.

<u>Slides</u> to this presentation are available on our website.

Grants are due May 30, 2023 through grants.gov.

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cfi/

EPA Clean School Bus Program

EPA has also released the NOFO for the 2023 Clean School Bus Program https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/clean-school-bus-program-grants

Applications are due August 22, 2023 through grants.gov.

SLCFP will continue to send out updates and provide resources for these grants as opportunities are made available. We offer our stakeholders technical assistance and letters of support where appropriate for these grant opportunities.

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ABOUT US

The <u>Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership</u> is part of a network of almost 80 US Department of Energy-designated Clean Cities Coalitions nationwide. We provide education, technical assistance, funding information and other services to assist vehicle fleet managers and personnel incorporate cleaner transportation options into their operations. For additional information on cleaner transportation options, please visit the U.S. Department of Energy's <u>Alternative Fuels Data Center</u> and <u>Clean Cities</u> websites.

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