

Identification of Governmental Entity Responsible for Reviewing and Auditing Expenditures of Eligible Mitigation Action Funds to Ensure Compliance with Applicable Law (5.2.7.1):

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

Describe how the Beneficiary will make documentation publicly available (5.2.7.2).

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Describe any cost share requirement to be placed on each NOx source proposed to be mitigated (5.2.8).

25% matching funds will be allocated for the replacement eligible buses with newer, cleaner burning diesel buses and 50% matching funds will be allocated for the replacement of eligible buses with eligible alternate fuel powered buses, including Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), propane, etc.

Describe how the Beneficiary complied with subparagraph 4.2.8, related to notice to U.S. Government Agencies (5.2.9).

Notice to U.S. Government Agencies was emailed on August 23, 2018.

If applicable, describe how the mitigation action will mitigate the impacts of NOx emissions on communities that have historically borne a disproportionate share of the adverse impacts of such emissions (5.2.10).

All areas of Louisiana are currently designated attainment with all NAAQS, except St. Bernard Parish that is designated nonattainment for SO₂. However, Louisiana has achieved significant reductions in SO₂ in St. Bernard Parish and monitors currently meet the SO₂ NAAQS. By concentrating on school buses, Louisiana will provide significant emission reductions both for NO_x and Toxic Air Pollutants (TAPs). Since these emissions occur at or near ground level, there is relatively little dispersion with maximum impact on the passengers and school children. Addressing school buses first provides the greatest improvement in local air quality for one of the most sensitive populations.

ATTACHMENTS
(CHECK BOX IF ATTACHED)

- Attachment A** **Funding Request and Direction.**
- Attachment B** **Eligible Mitigation Action Management Plan Including Detailed Budget and Implementation and Expenditures Timeline (5.2.4).**
- Attachment C** **Detailed Plan for Reporting on Eligible Mitigation Action Implementation (5.2.11).**
- Attachment D** **Detailed cost estimates from selected or potential vendors for each proposed expenditure exceeding \$25,000 (5.2.6). [Attach only if project involves vendor expenditures exceeding \$25,000.]**
- Attachment E** **DERA Option (5.2.12). [Attach only if using DERA option.]**
- Attachment F** **Attachment specifying amount of requested funding to be debited against each beneficiary's allocation (5.2.13). [Attach only if this is a joint application involving multiple beneficiaries.]**

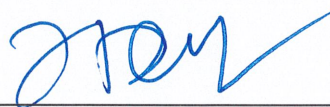
CERTIFICATIONS

By submitting this application, the Lead Agency makes the following certifications:

1. This application is submitted on behalf of Beneficiary Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and the person executing this certification has authority to make this certification on behalf of the Lead Agency and Beneficiary, pursuant to the Certification for Beneficiary Status filed with the Court.
2. Beneficiary requests and directs that the Trustee make the payments described in this application and Attachment A to this Form.
3. This application contains all information and certifications required by Paragraph 5.2 of the Trust Agreement, and the Trustee may rely on this application, Attachment A, and related certifications in making disbursements of trust funds for the aforementioned Project ID.
4. Any vendors were or will be selected in accordance with jurisdiction's public contracting law as applicable. (5.2.5)
5. Beneficiary will maintain and make publicly available all documentation submitted in support of this funding request and all records supporting all expenditures of eligible mitigation action funds subject to applicable laws governing the publication of confidential business information and personally identifiable information. (5.2.7.2)

DATED:

3/4/26



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Attachment B

Eligible Mitigation Action Management Plan Including Detailed Budget and Implementation and Expenditures Timeline

Project Schedule and Milestones	
Milestone	Date
Request for Proposal opened	2019
Projects selected and agreements executed	Ongoing until funds expended
DEQ Submits D-4 and attachments to Trustee for mitigation action	March 2019
Trustee Approves D-4	April 2019
Grantee submits required documentation	prior to reimbursement
Eligible Costs are awarded to Grantee	upon receipt of required documentation
Project Closed	May 2023
Unspent Funds Returned to Trust	February 2026
DEQ reports to the Trustee on the status of expenditures with Mitigation Actions completed and Underway	January 30 and July 30 on a calendar year basis

Project Budget			
Budget Category	Total Approved Budget	Share of Total Budget to be Funded by the Trust	Cost-Share
Equipment Expenditure			
One (1) 2019 Bluebird, Thomas, or International School Bus	\$96,471.12	\$24,117.78	\$72,353.34
One (1) 2019 Bluebird, Thomas, or International Head Start School Bus	\$102,248.00	\$25,562.00	\$76,686.00
Administrative	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project Total	\$198,719.12	\$49,679.78	\$149,039.34
Percentage		25%	75%

Attachment C

Detailed Plan for Reporting on Eligible Mitigation Action Implementation (5.2.11)

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In addition, Wilmington Trust will post on its public facing website the semi-annual reports LDEQ is required to submit pursuant to Settlement section 5.3.

ATTACHMENT D

SCHEDULE OF PRICES

Payment for the buses to be purchased under this contract shall use the unit rates provided in Table A, Unit Rates for Buses. The total spent each fiscal year of this contract shall not exceed the amount listed in Table B, Total Expenditure for Each Fiscal Year.

**Table A
Unit Rates for Buses**

Payment Item	Payment Unit	Department Amount	Contractor Amount	Total for each bus
2019 Bluebird, Thomas, or International School Bus	Each	\$24,117.78	\$72,353.34	\$96,471.12
2019 Bluebird, Thomas, or International Head Start School Bus	Each	\$25,562.00	\$76,686.00	\$102,248.00

**Table B
Total Expenditure for Fiscal Year**

Fiscal Year	Department Total	Contractor Total	Fiscal Year Total
FY 2018-2019	\$49,679.78	\$149,039.34	\$198,719.12
FY 2019-2020	\$49,679.78	\$149,039.34	\$198,719.12
FY 2020-2021	\$49,679.78	\$149,039.34	\$198,719.12

- The rates shall include all associated direct costs (labor, supplies, equipment, incidentals and expendables, duplication/copying, communications, postage, shipping and handling, transportation, taxes, etc.), all indirect costs (fringe, overhead, general and administrative costs), travel expenses associated with each line item and profit.
- The Department reserves the right to transfer among existing “schedule of prices” line items. The cumulative transfers cannot exceed 10% of the total contract amount. Supporting documentation must accompany each transfer request.