

BENEFICIARY ELIGIBLE MITIGATION ACTION CERTIFICATION

Beneficiary State of Louisiana

Lead Agency Authorized to Act on Behalf of the Beneficiary: Louisiana Dept. of Environmental Quality
(Any authorized person with delegation of such authority to direct the Trustee delivered to the Trustee pursuant to a Delegation of Authority and Certificate of Incumbency)

Action Title:	Centenary College of Louisiana EVSE D-4
Beneficiary's Project ID:	204948
Funding Request No.	
Request Type: (select one or more)	☐ Reimbursement ☐ Advance ☒ Other (specify): Cancel Project
Payment to be made to: (select one or more)	☐ Beneficiary ☐ Other (specify):
Funding Request & Direction (Attachment A)	☐ Attached to this Certification ☐ To be Provided Separately

SUMMARY

Eligible Mitigation Action	☒ Appendix D-2 item (specify): <u>Light duty zero emission vehicle supply equipment</u>
Action Type	☐ Item 10 - DERA Option (5.2.12) (specify and attach DERA Proposal):
Explanation of how funding request fits into Beneficiary's Mitigation Plan (5.2.1):	
The Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement authorized each Beneficiary to use up to 15% of its allocation of Trust Funds on the costs necessary for, and directly connected to, the purchase, installation, and maintenance of new, light-duty zero emission electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) located in a public place, workplace, or multi-unit dwelling that is not consumer light-duty EVSE (i.e., not located at a private residential dwelling that is not a multi-unit dwelling). The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's (LDEQ) Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (BMP), first published in April 2018 and updated December 2018, proposed to budget up to 15% of its allocation of Trust Funds on the costs necessary for, and directly connected to, the purchase, installation, and maintenance of new light-duty zero emission EVSE for Eligible Mitigation Action projects. (See LDEQ Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, Section IV. Preferred Mitigation Projects.) The Trust Funds will be used in accordance with the VW Consent Decree, Attachment A, Appendix D-2 (Case 3:16-cv-00295-CRB Document 55-1 Filed 10/02/17, which provides EVSE funding eligibility and ineligibility award requirements. These EVSE funding conditions are also included in the cooperative endeavor agreement between the Lead Agency and the Beneficiary's EMA project awardee. This funding request will provide approximately \$13,600 of Trust Funds to Centenary College of Louisiana for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of two (2) Level 2 Chargers.	

Detailed Description of Mitigation Action Item Including Community and Air Quality Benefits (5.2.2):

The allocation of up to 15% of the Trust Funds on the costs necessary for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of new light-duty zero emission EVSE projects located in a public place, workplace, or multi-unit dwelling will reduce emissions from on-road light-duty vehicles. Plug-in, hybrid electric vehicles or all-electric vehicles produce lower or zero tailpipe emissions, respectively, compared to conventional vehicles. Specifically, greenhouse gas emissions are reduced in addition to products of combustion, such as nitrogen oxide (NO_x), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), particulate matter (PM), and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs). NO_x is a criteria pollutant with a National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and a precursor for ozone formation and PM. Breathing air with a high concentration of NO_x can irritate airways in the human respiratory system. Such exposures over short periods can aggravate respiratory diseases, particularly asthma, leading to respiratory symptoms (such as coughing, wheezing or difficulty breathing), hospital admissions and visits to emergency rooms. Longer exposures to elevated concentrations of NO_x may contribute to the development of asthma and potentially increase susceptibility to respiratory infections. People with asthma, as well as children and the elderly, are generally at greater risk for the health effects of NO_x. By reducing the amount of NO_x produced, there will be a decrease in potential lung irritation and respiratory ailments.

Along with emissions reductions, the purchase and installation of light-duty EVSE will expedite deployment of EVSE infrastructure to support adoption of zero emission and near-zero emission vehicles and engines, and stimulate the confidence of out-of-state travelers and residents within the state due to EVSE charging travel range guarantees. Light-duty EVSE funding priority will be given to project proposals for light-duty EVSE charging stations installed on college and university campuses, other public places, and along highways and interstates.

Estimate of Anticipated NO_x Reductions (5.2.3):

9.2 lbs/yr

92 lbs/lifetime

The anticipated NO_x reductions were calculated using AFLEET 2019 Tool which added the Electric Vehicle Charging Calculator to estimate the benefits of utilizing public charging infrastructure.

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).

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) is subject to Louisiana Public Records Laws and Louisiana Open Meetings Laws. As such, LDEQ has established a VW Settlement webpage, <http://deq.louisiana.gov/page/louisiana-volkswagen-environmental-mitigation-trust>. All public documents related to the VW Settlement are also placed on LDEQ's Electronic Document Management System (EDMS), the repository of official records and records that have been created or received by LDEQ. All LDEQ employees are responsible for ensuring official records are routinely submitted to the EDMS. Employees and members of the public can search and retrieve documents stored in the EDMS via this web application. All public records related to the VW Settlement can be found by searching for Agency Interest (AI) Number 204948.

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

The Department will provide 80% of the cost to purchase, install, and maintain eligible light-duty EVSE that will be available to the public at Non-Government Owned Property. CLECO POWER will provide 20% of the cost to purchase, install, and maintain eligible light-duty EVSE that will be available to the public at Non-Government Owned Property.

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).

By providing Trust Funds for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of new light-duty zero emission EVSE, public charging infrastructure will be strategically placed throughout the state and the State of Louisiana can continue improvements of its ambient air quality and protect human health and the environment through reductions in the ground level exposure of vehicle exhaust.

ATTACHMENTS
(CHECK BOX IF ATTACHED)

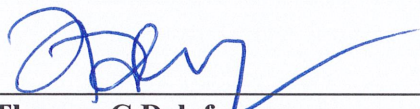
☐ Attachment A	Funding Request and Direction.
☒ Attachment B	Eligible Mitigation Action Management Plan Including Detailed Budget and Implementation and Expenditures Timeline (5.2.4).
☒ Attachment C	Detailed Plan for Reporting on Eligible Mitigation Action Implementation (5.2.11).
☒ Attachment D	Detailed 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: 6/1/26



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La. Dept. of Environmental Quality

for

State of Louisiana

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	April 2023
Trustee Approves D-4	September 2024
Grantee submits required documentation	prior to reimbursement
Eligible Costs are awarded to Grantee	upon receipt of required documentation
Project Canceled	May 2026
Unspent Funds Returned to Trust	May 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			
2 level 2 Light Duty zero EVSE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Administrative	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Percentage		100%	0%

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 EVSE to be purchased under this contract shall use the unit rates provided in Table A, Unit Rates for EVSE. 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 EVSE

Payment Item	Payment Unit	Department Amount (80%)	Contractor Amount	Total for each charger
Level 2 Charger (Private)	Each	\$13,600	\$3,400	\$17,000

Table B
Total Expenditure for Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	Department Total	Contractor Total	Fiscal Year Total
FY 2022-2023	\$13,600	\$3,400	\$17,000

- 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.