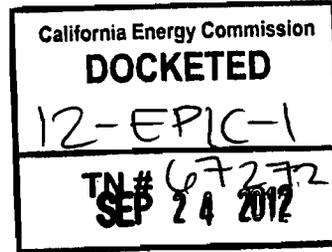


SCR TTC

Southern California
Regional Transit
Training Consortium
www.scrttc.com

Board of Directors

Patrick Astredo, Chair
LA Metro
Jannet Malig, Vice Chair
Cerritos College
Rolando Cruz, VP/CFO
Long Beach Transit
Tom Barrio
Montebello Transit
Mike Bonacio
OMNITRANS
Pamela L. Boswell
APTA
Larry McLaughlin
College of the Desert
Tommy Edwards
SunLine Transit
Jack Gabig
Gardena Transit
Jesus Guerra
LA Trade Tech College
Cal Macy
Long Beach City College
Ed King
Santa Monica Big Blue Bus
Greg Newhouse
San Diego Miramar College
Frank Scholl
OCTA
Cliff Meyer
Saddleback College



California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
RE: Docket no. 12-EPIC-01
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento CA 95814-5512

RE: Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC); Market Deployment and Facilitation

To Whom It May Concern:

In order to ensure an effective and successful 'Market Facilitation' described within the EPIC's Energy Innovation Pipeline, the Southern California Regional Transit Training Consortium (SCR TTC) would like to focus one's attention on the previously funded and existing workforce development resources which should be leveraged to help meet the range of activities defined in the CEC Investment Plan.

When considering fueling and new technological advances, transit agencies want to reduce their dependency on imported oil and are often the first to address multiple concerns complying with clean-air mandates and controlling fuel costs. In addition, transits are also one of the major fleet segments that stand to benefit from reduced costs of energy efficiency and demand side technologies.

Because Southern California transit systems are challenged with the regional air emission mandates of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to operate and maintain low emission transit buses, they are acutely aware of how significant workforce development, including transit technician training, is to the successful maintenance and operation of alternative fueling systems and deployment of new technologies. The SCR TTC members can attest to how important it is to meet the training and standards requirements so that new technologies can be rapidly deployed and operated safely and successfully.

Slated with the AQMD mandates, the transit agencies in Southern California could no longer just talk about the need of delivering transit technician training. As a result, they initiated and lead the development of a national transit training learning model. After nearly a decade of its formation, securing various sources of funding enabling the successful development and delivery of transit training this unique entity, the SCR TTC, has become nationally known for its transit training accomplishments.

The SCR TTC, incorporated as a 501c(3) nonprofit organization, is currently comprised of a partnership of forty-one (41) members consisting of transit systems, community colleges, affiliate members and private industry partners. The SCR TTC was conceived from a genuine spirit of collaboration to find, share and develop solutions to the problem of advancing transit technologies that are rapidly outpacing the transit agencies preparedness of these advancements.

The SCR TTC has been persistent in order to achieve its goals; to develop a new "Learning Model" to increase the professional and technical competency of the Southern California public transit workforce; to assure that this new "Learning Model" includes the elements of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS); to develop industry driven, competency based courses that meet present and future needs; and to expand the "Learning Model" to a Regional and National level.

The SCR TTC was originally funded by a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) earmark under the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). This earmark award of \$1.28 million in Research and Technology funds over a four year period was a direct result of the support and leadership of Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA).

The funds were awarded to the SCR TTC to enhance and standardize transit training in the Southern California region. More specifically, the program is a collaboration between community colleges and transit agencies in Southern California to develop and conduct technical training courses for transit industry maintenance employees.



SCR TTC

Southern California
Regional Transit
Training Consortium
www.scrttc.com

Board of Directors

Patrick Astredo, Chair
LA Metro
Jannet Malig, Vice Chair
Cerritos College
Rolando Cruz, VP/CFO
Long Beach Transit
Tom Barrio
Montebello Transit
Mike Bonacio
OMNITRANS
Pamela L. Boswell
APTA
Larry McLaughlin
College of the Desert
Tommy Edwards
SunLine Transit
Jack Gabig
Gardena Transit
Jesus Guerra
LA Trade Tech College
Cal Macy
Long Beach City College
Ed King
Santa Monica Big Blue Bus
Greg Newhouse
San Diego Miramar College
Frank Scholl
OCTA
Cliff Meyer
Saddleback College

Additionally and as a direct result of its successful outcomes, in January 2011 the SCR TTC was awarded \$450,000 by FTA as directed specifically by Secretary of the Department of Transportation Ray La Hood, to continue funding the SCR TTC Program enabling the SCR TTC to further expand this transit industry workforce development training program another full calendar year beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011.

The SCR TTC is an experienced and ready resource and provides a prime example of how working in partnership with the California Community College (CCC) system has already developed a successful industry "innovation cluster" and how this proven Learning Model can benefit the goals of the CEC's EPIC program. It clearly demonstrates how CCC is actively involved in the development, testing, workforce training and deployment of renewable energy technology.

The SCR TTC is prepared and willing to meet an opportunity to compete for funding which would carry out programs that work with community colleges and by choosing the CCC campuses as anchors of the EPIC program, the entire state can contribute to the economic vitality in this critical technological area. The CCC campuses are not only located in the jurisdictions of all three of the participant Investor-Owned Utilities, which are collectively managing the EPIC program but the CCC campuses and California transits also comprise some of the largest power users in the state. Working collaboratively, which this successful model has proven can ensure that promising renewable energy technologies can be developed, tested and deployed system-wide, rapidly building both a commercial market for the new technology firms and also energy savings for our State.

We welcome the opportunity to work with the California Energy Commission (CEC) in order to assess, anticipate and address critical market barriers by meeting the key areas and range of activities as defined in the market facilitation section of your investment plan; market research, education and outreach, regulatory assistance and streamlining and workforce development to support clean energy technology and strategic deployment. By experience we firmly believe that meeting these needs will result in an optimum return on investment for the CEC and its private industry partners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Patrick Astredo, Chairman

cc: Board of Directors, David Stumpo, Program Administrator, Nina Babiarz, Training Director