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## **MARYLAND ELECTRIC TRUCK VOUCHER PROGRAM NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS**

*Maryland Electric Truck Voucher Program will provide financial assistance to minimize the costs associated with all-electric truck technologies.*

**Annapolis, Maryland** (February 2, 2012) — Today, the Maryland Energy Administration will begin accepting applications for the Maryland Electric Truck Voucher Program (MET). The MET Voucher Program incentivizes the purchase of 100% electric trucks which will aid the establishment of the electric vehicle market and promote Maryland's energy independence. The new program is funded through the Maryland Department of Transportation in partnership with the Maryland Department of Environment, the Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Motor Truck Association and the Maryland Clean Cities Coalition.

"Smart investments in clean transportation technologies improve air quality in Maryland," said Malcolm Woolf, Director of MEA. "This program will expand electrified transportation in Maryland and reduce our reliance on imported petroleum fuel."

"This program will help Maryland truckers purchase more no-emission all electric trucks that will reduce greenhouse gases and ozone precursors and save gallons of diesel fuel for Maryland Truckers," said Maryland Transportation Secretary Beverley K. Swaim-Staley. "In addition to buying down the cost of the electric trucks, the program will also serve to educate Maryland companies on the benefits of utilizing trucks with this kind of technology."

### **Electric Truck Grant Program**

The Maryland Electric Truck (MET) Voucher Program will provide vouchers to registered Maryland Motor Truck Carriers to offset the incremental cost of higher priced 100% electric, zero-emission medium and heavy duty trucks. The program is expected to provide approximately 25 awards to advanced-minded fleets. Vouchers will be offered for up to \$20,000 per vehicle.

Applications are being received on a first-come, first-served until the program runs out of funds or the application deadline. All applications must be received by 6/15/13.

### *Eligible Vehicles*

- New on-highway all electric trucks over 10,000 GVWR (Class 3 and above) which will be registered in Maryland.
- Electric truck must be a commercial, non-profit agency or public fleet vehicle.
- Leased electric trucks

- Pre-owned electric trucks, passenger-carrying vehicles and electric trucks that have been previously registered (in any state) or paid for by the Motor Carrier (other than a vehicle down payment in order to receive a voucher) are ineligible.

More information on this program is available at <http://energy.maryland.gov/Transportation/met>  
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The Maryland Energy Administration's (MEA) mission is to assist Maryland citizens and businesses to save money through smart investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy and conservation. A Maryland state agency, MEA fuels the creation of green jobs by providing funds and resources to expand the use and availability of clean, safe energy in Maryland.