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# Clean Energy Vehicle Advanced Research and Commercialization (ARC) Program

## ARC-2018-1 RFEOI

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The following questions and answers are issued in response to the questions of prospective applicants:

**Question 1: Does the Clean Energy Vehicle Program include only transportation vehicles? Or can an electric excavator or a mower also be part of the CEV Program?**

The Province's Clean Energy Vehicle Program includes vehicles that move people or goods (excluding bicycles). The list of vehicles approved for incentives under the Specialty Use Vehicle Incentive program may be helpful in determining the types of vehicles that would be eligible for ARC funding:  
<https://pluginbc.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/BC-SUVI-list-of-eligible-vehicles-October-16-2018.pdf>

The list includes Zambonis, crane trucks and forklifts, so similar types of vehicles would be eligible for funding through the ARC Program. There would need to be justification, though, that the vehicle would replace an alternative vehicle resulting in reduced emissions.

**Question 2: Are we safe to assume that we can include relevant personnel costs, material costs and depreciation for equipment in our project budget?**

Yes, that is correct to assume. Relevant personnel costs, material costs and depreciation for equipment that is directly attributable to project activities are eligible costs for the project budget.

**Question 3: Do project partners have to be based in BC or are we allowed to name partners that we work with who may be based outside of BC? How would project partners outside of BC effect the funding parameters?**

You may name project partners from outside BC in your submission, however per sub-section 1.9 of the RFEOI, project costs must be incurred in Canada with a preference for costs to be incurred in BC.

Expenditures allocated to a scientist in the US, for example, would be ineligible for ARC funding, and would not be taken into account in assessing the funding parameters.

**Question 4: Is it acceptable to state that in conjunction we are applying for a federal funding source for the project, but if unsuccessful, we have company funds to cover the costs? Or will this not meet your screening criteria?**

It is acceptable to note in your application that you have applied for federal funding for the project, but would be able to cover the costs through other source of funding (e.g., proponent funding) should the federal funding opportunity be unsuccessful. We understand that the timing of federal funding decisions may not align with the timelines of the ARC Program.

**Question 5: With respect to costs needing to be incurred in Canada, how would the ARC Program treat purchases of equipment that originate elsewhere or cannot be purchased in Canada?**

While specific equipment for a project may originate outside of Canada, the cost of depreciation for equipment is an eligible expense that would be incurred where the project is located.

For other non-equipment costs that originate outside of BC, please exclude these costs from the total project budget for which you are seeking funding.