

## Q & A from Bicycle Rack Voucher Project (BRVP) RFP Pre-Bidders Webinar - March 6, 2014

### Q: Presentation materials:

- When and where will this presentation be posted online?
- Will you be posting this QA online?

**Answer:** *The presentation slides and QA are posted on the Air District's BRVP website, located at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Strategic-Incentives/Alternative-Transportation/BRVP.aspx>*

### Q: Costs covered by voucher and matching funds:

- We are assuming per unit is per bike? Correct?
- How does sales tax work with your voucher system. Will your voucher of say \$120 include a portion for sales tax?

**Answer:** *Vouchers may be applied to cover all eligible costs up to \$60 per bicycle parking space created. Eligible costs include bicycle racks and associated equipment to install them (e.g., rails), shipping & handling, labor to install, and sales tax.*

*Ex. If an agency applies for a single bicycle rack that is designed to hold two bicycles at a time (1 unit, with capacity for 2 bicycles), then the maximum voucher award amount would be \$120. The voucher recipient is required to pay the vendor for any costs not covered by the voucher (e.g., excess rack costs, taxes, shipping, installation, and maintenance) required to implement the project.*

### Q: Design requirements:

- How many APBP bike rack styles do you want us to list? This count could include tube diameter.
- Specific types of racks you are looking for?
- Will you be providing minimum finish specifications (galvanized, powder coat, etc.)?
- Without rack material, bend, or dimensions specifications you may open yourself up to thin gauged steel or narrow bends on the rack limiting their function. How do you plan on overcoming this, or is it an issue?

**Answer:** *Since the BRVP aims to provide public agencies with options for discounted racks, the Air District will select all designs that are eligible and that are offered at a discounted rate. To be eligible, at a minimum, the proposed equipment must comply with the specific rack requirements found on page 7 and 8 of the RFP.*

### Q: Follow up questions on design requirements:

- Please define u lock compatibility.
- A grid rack can lock up a wheel with a u lock. Can you define u lock compatibility to be the ability to lock up at least one wheel and frame to the rack with a u lock?

**Answer:** *The ability to lock the frame and one or both wheels with a U-lock.*

### Q: Do you have a list of the districts that will be eligible for the voucher program?

**Answer:** *All public agencies located within the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's jurisdiction are eligible for the voucher program. A map and additional information about the BAAQMD's area is found here: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/The-Air-District/Jurisdiction.aspx>*

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**Q: Are you looking for other bicycle related items like Bicycle Lockers or Accessories?**

*Answer: No. The BRVP only covers bicycle racks and ancillary equipment that is needed to install these. The BAAQMD is also currently offering funding for the purchase and installation of electronic bicycle lockers. Information about the E-Locker grant program can be found at the Air District's website at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Strategic-Incentives/Alternative-Transportation/Electronic-Bicycle-Lockers.aspx>*

**Q: Will DVBE and DBE Businesses be considered in the breakdown for awarding contracts?**

*Answer: The evaluation criteria for this program can be found on page 10 of the RFP document.*

**Q: If awarded because of one racks low cost, may end users obtain our other higher costs racks that are listed in the RFQ?**

*Answer: Vouchers may only be obtained for/applied toward the purchase of pre-approved equipment that is selected and contracted through this RFP. For this reason, bidders are encouraged to submit quotes for more than one type of equipment. The Air District will consider any equipment that is offered at a discounted rate and that meets the minimum eligibility requirements.*

**Q: Once awarded, may we pursue and notify end users (k12, city agencies, etc.) in the districts so that they may be aware of the racks available?**

*Answer: Yes, outreach to eligible agencies is encouraged.*

**Q: Will the end users have limits on how many racks or how much money they can use to obtain racks?**

*Answer: The program currently limits the maximum voucher award to \$12,000 per agency (see <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Strategic-Incentives/Alternative-Transportation/BRVP.aspx>). Depending on demand and availability of funding, this amount may be increased at the Air District's discretion.*

**Q: Will the racks be shipped to the end users or to a BAAQMD yard for later date delivery?**

*Answer: The racks will be delivered/shipped directly to the end users.*