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Notice to Manufacturers of Alternative Fuel Vans

SUMMARY: FAA recently published in the Federal Register (77 FR 14583) a notice requesting information from manufacturers of alternative fuel vans meeting Vehicle 1 Category requirements established in the Voluntary Airport Low Emission Program (VALE). In order for FAA to determine whether AIP grant funds can be used to purchase a manufacturer's equipment, the FAA must determine whether the equipment meets the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 50101, Buy American Preferences. Under 49 USC §50101(b)(3), the Secretary of Transportation may waive the Buy American preference requirement if the goods are not produced in a sufficient and reasonably available amount or are not of a satisfactory quality. The Secretary has delegated this authority to the Federal Aviation Administration.

The FAA is seeking to determine if there is sufficient quantity or quality of alternative fuel vans produced in the United States or if the FAA needs to issue Buy American Waivers to foreign manufacturers. To make this determination, domestic and foreign manufacturers are requested to complete the form attached below and prepare a letter of technical certification, and email them to Nancy.S.Williams@faa.gov and Daniel.Favarulo@faa.gov by **April 20, 2012**. The form, percent calculation.xls, is a spreadsheet that is filled out by the manufacturer. Using the complete alternative fuel van as the Level 0 product, the manufacturer must complete the breakdown of components (Level 1) and sub-components (Level 2) indicating the costs of the items and placing them in the column for either US product or non-US product. The costs listed are for materials only, no costs of labor, installation, assembly at the final manufacturing site, overhead, profit or other non-product costs may be included. On the form, the manufacturer must indicate the city and state where the equipment is manufactured.

Technical Requirements: The FAA's Voluntary Airport Low Emission Program (VALE)

Technical Report Version 7.0 Section 3.1.1, *AIP Eligible Fuels*, defines the eligible alternative fuels. In

addition, the FAA's Voluntary Airport Low Emission Program (VALE) Technical Report Version 7.0, Section 5.2, defines the requirements for Vehicle Category 1.

The second required submittal is a certification prepared by the manufacturer on the manufacturer's letterhead that the van listed meets the eligible alternative fuel requirements as well as meets the requirements for the Vehicle Category 1 in the VALE Technical Report. The letter must be signed by a legally-responsible member of the manufacturer who can attest to the technical capabilities of the equipment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Daniel Favarulo, Airports Financial Assistance, APP 520, Room 620, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-8826.

