

**Questions and Answers from the DAQ DERA How to Apply Webinar**  
**January 10, 2024**

**Question 1. Will the slides be shared to attendees?**

*Yes, the slides will be made available on our webpage and an email will be sent to all attendees.*

**Question 2. Are rail car movers eligible to replace freight switchers? If so, can they be tier 4 or do they need to be all electric?**

*Good question. In general, funds for DERA are to replace equipment on a “like for like” basis and can be replaced by EV or use the best achievable technology (BAT) threshold for the new diesel equipment. We are not 100% sure, but it would be best to contact Sheila Blanchard ([sheila.blanchard@deq.nc.gov](mailto:sheila.blanchard@deq.nc.gov)) to discuss it further. We would most likely need to confer with EPA on this.*

**Question 3. Just to be clear, the \$1.1 million will be distributed among all accepted applications? Or each awarded applicant will get that amount?**

*\$1.1 million is the total amount available for this RFP. That amount will be distributed among the applications selected for funding by the selection committee based on the requested amount in the applications.*

**Question 4. Does the new equipment need to comply with Build America Buy America (BABA) requirements?**

*Only projects that include electric vehicle charging infrastructure will need to meet the BABA requirements. These requirements are also only applicable to the supporting infrastructure itself.*