



Low Carbon Bus – Update 02/02/04

Department of Transport grant funding allocation for this specific call of interest for Low Carbon Bus (LCB) is £3m

The initial call for expressions of interest for the **31st December** has attracted a number of applications with a range of Low Carbon technologies.

The expression of interest date has been extended to Mid 04 to allow the larger manufacturers and consortia to come forward with expressions of interest. The final date for all EOI's extended. **Timing End July 04**

The initial expressions of interest are currently being reviewed for their technology and project feasibility, with follow up action from EST to finalise application and project capability. **Timing Mid Feb 04**

The technologies to-date is as follows:

- Flywheels, both Mechanical and electrical
- Long range electric vehicles (100 miles +)
- Diesel electric hybrids
- CNG Electric hybrids
- Turbine hybrid

Test Specification

- Inputs received from Industry for Euro III emission standards
- Test specification for hybrid bus available
- Euro III inputs being analysed against class for LCB – acceptance criteria - discuss at Working Group.

Project plan being finalised with DfT.

Next steps

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| Contact applicants under the initial call for expression of interest to finalise application. | Timing End Feb 04 |
| Review final applicants with TransportEnergy AC | Timing End March 04 |
| Target initial EOI project commencement. | Timing End April 04 |
| Continue to encourage calls for interest. | Timing Target July 04 |
| Low Carbon Buses demonstration. | Timing Target Dec 04 |

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