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Record Description:

I would like copies of the "Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program" application from the following companies: (1) Th!nk North America, (2) Phoenix Motorcars, (3) Project Better Place, and (4) from General Motors (ideally only relating to the Chevy Volt program - but GM's entire application if the Volt car section is not easily separated). These are applications for loans where the applicant also describes the type of new car technology they are planning to use. This information will help the sustainability community in Hawaii better understand what is on the horizon and be able to better work with local with government and utilities as to community planning.

Preferred Form or Format: emailed PDF, or, if not possible, paper copies.

Type of Requester (if provided):

An individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.

Fees and Fee Waivers:

I request a waiver or reduction of fees.

Waiver or Reduction of Fees Factors (if provided):

1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government."

The requst only relates to the operations of a few private companies - not DOE operations

2. The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities.

The information will help the local community better understand what challenges the local county and Hawaii state government will have in incorporting these new electric cars into public and private life.

3. The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

I work with a hoast of local and state planning organizations, and these electric cars are part of our electric vehicle grid and transportation solution discussions

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4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

We need to know what these electic vehicle companies are planning in order to understand and support county and state innitiavies, as well as - specifically - what challenges the local utility provider will have (we pay the highest kW rates in the country)

5. The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so

With this information, we can better learn which electic vehicle programs and companies to support which have a good chance of operating with as little impact on the local grip as is possible.

6. The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

We may or may not "endorce" one company's car or idea over another - but the "primary interest" of this request is not "commercial" at all.

Expedited Processing:

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing:

Just as a general matter, this information can help in near term with sustainable planning meetings