



Press release

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AEA to administer Plug-in Car Grant scheme for ultra low emission cars

Following a competitive process, the Office of Low Emission Vehicles has awarded AEA, a leading energy and environment consultancy, a contract to deliver the platform for the Government's Plug-in Car Grant scheme. Under the new contract, AEA will be delivering a secure, web-based portal for use by car dealerships and manufacturers from when the scheme begins in January 2011.

The Plug-in Car Grant scheme will reduce the upfront cost of eligible vehicles by 25%, capped at £5,000 per vehicle. AEA's web portal will reduce the administrative burden often involved in delivering such complex schemes, by using a bespoke technical platform for the collection of data. The portal will also have the capability to sort and process data to facilitate the payment of grants in a timely manner to vehicle manufacturers.

Dan Rapson, Programme Manager, at AEA said:

"AEA are proud to be involved with the delivery of the Plug-in Car Grant scheme, and believe we have created an effective system that will help ensure a minimum burden for dealerships and manufacturers in relation to the grant's administration."

During the lifetime of the scheme, AEA will be carrying out random checks of the online system to ensure the grant is being claimed appropriately. This will be a key part of the ongoing monitoring of the scheme given that large amounts of data will be inputted into the online portal by dealerships across the UK.

The exact makes and models eligible for the scheme have been announced today by the DfT.

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