

EPA Taps Bostonia's Anita Molino for Zero Emission Transportation Financing Webinar

Anita Molino, Co-founder of Bostonia, was one of three finance industry professionals who lead a September 2024 discussion on private financing strategies at the request of the EPA's Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) in connection with the Inflation Reduction Act multi-billion investment in zero emission transportation initiatives for governments, tribes and non-profits in partnership with the private sector.

The Inflation Reduction Act authorized the EPA to create and implement the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), a \$27 billion investment to combat the climate crisis by mobilizing private capital for projects to reduce greenhouse gas and air pollution in communities across the country.

The GGRF is comprised of three components: the National Clean Investment Fund (\$14B), Clean Communities Investment Accelerator (\$6B), and Solar for All (\$7B); programs to finance clean technology deployment nationally. The national fund is intended to establish financing for clean technology projects and create partnerships with private investors and community organizations.

The GGRF requires its contribution to induce private capital to support rapid clean energy adoption that reduces greenhouse gas while supporting broad access to clean energy systems.

The EPA EFAB Webinar addresses private sector financing issues and strategies for Electric Fuel Cell Vehicles (EVs); Electric Freight and Buses; and EV Infrastructure. The GGRF goal is to achieve maximum leverage of public funds with private capital investment.

Bostonia's Anita Molino and fellow panelists focused the audience on the following major themes: credit, scale, contract uniformity and residual value issues. As the GGRF envisions private sector project delivery partners and maximizing private sector capital as part of the investment equation, the GGRF effectively contemplates a public private partnership (PPP) business model. In this regard, Anita stressed the importance of agreeing upfront on the risk sharing relationship between the public and private sector partners.

Anita called attention to the size and breath of the capital markets – estimated at \$55 trillion as of July 2024 – with plenty of capital available for well structured opportunities. Equity, debt, securitization, and project finance are the types of capital to be employed depending upon the particulars of the project or program. She also noted that tax equity (i.e., monetization of tax benefits) may be an important component of many of the projects envisioned by the GGRF. Lastly, Ms. Molino set forth general transaction requirements to maximize debt and minimize equity to achieve the lowest cost of financing.

The EPA will make available the webinar recording and can be accessed at the EPA's website. See [here](#) for Ms. Molino's Presentation which she shared during the EPA EFAB Webinar.

Any applicant seeking GGRF support will need to develop a financing plan based on the specifics of its proposed project(s) or program. Bostonia welcomes applicants to reach out to us to discuss the potential financing options for your application.