

## FAQs — Better e-Bus Challenge 2022

### 1. Who can apply for the Challenge?

Any organization/association/company/institution with a solution that has the capacity to improve public electric bus systems in Indian cities under one of the given areas of intervention can apply to the Challenge. **Individual entries are not allowed.** Individual applicants must be affiliated to an organization for example, a fleet planning technology solution provider, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) with early-stage tech solutions, students with backing of college/university etc.

### 2. Can international companies apply for the Challenge?

International companies can apply **ONLY IF** they have a registered Indian entity **OR** a formal partnership with an Indian entity.

### 3. Is the application proposal restricted to a particular geography?

The applicants are required to provide a list of cities where they propose their solutions in order of preference as part of the application process. WRI India will reach out to bus transit agencies in different cities for participation and will strive to include the preferred cities as part of the Bootcamp.

### 4. What is the next step after application?

WRI India will evaluate all applications internally and select up to 10 applicants for the Mentorship Bootcamp. The organization will reach out to the selected applicants for confirmation and will provide details of the next steps at the Mentorship Bootcamp.

### 5. What is the Mentorship Bootcamp?

The Mentorship Bootcamp is an in-person event which will be organized in New Delhi in April (exact dates and venue are to be confirmed). WRI India will provide

logistical support to the selected participants for the Bootcamp. The Bootcamp will provide an opportunity for selected applicants to showcase their solutions directly to key stakeholders from partnering bus transit agencies. Additionally, experts from domains like mobility, investment, and business, will provide direct mentorship to the participants and help them improve their proposals.

The selected participants will be provided with an opportunity to fine-tune their proposals directly with the city transit agencies. The final proposal will be presented to an expert Jury panel.

## **6. When will the winners be announced?**

Winner/s of the Challenge will be announced on “Jury Day” which will be scheduled one day after the Mentorship Bootcamp. The participants will present their solutions to a panel of experts. The winner/s will be announced the same day post evaluation by the Jury.

## **7. What is offered to the Better E-Bus Challenge winners?**

The winner/s will be provided with the opportunity to implement their solution pilot with a bus transit agency. They will be offered an implementation support of up to USD 50,000 from WRI India under the TUMI e-Bus Mission for the same. The implementation support will be provided to the winner/s based on milestones/deliverables proposed by the applicants under the pilot. The applicants will need to provide bills and invoices to support the expenses incurred for the pilot implementation under the Challenge only.

## **8. How will the winners work with transit agencies?**

The winner/s, WRI India and the piloting transit agency will sign an agreement for implementation of the pilot proposal. WRI India will facilitate interactions with key stakeholders from within the transit agency and support the project through the implementation. WRI India will also assess the impact of the pilot for internal and external reporting purposes.