

Delivering Zero Emissions Communities Voluntary Program

Delivering Zero Emissions Communities (DZEC) Voluntary Program is an initiative of the City of Chicago and community partners to accelerate the adoption of electric cars and trucks among the business community in the Chicago region.

The program is a voluntary program to incentivize corporate partners operating car, truck, and bus fleets in the City of Chicago and neighboring communities to purchase and deploy electric vehicle fleets. The program's initial goals are to obtain commitments from 10 corporate fleet owners to deploy and operate an average of 50 percent electric fleets by 2030.

DZEC is reaching out to fleets of all sizes operating throughout the city and neighboring Chicagoland communities, but is focused on reducing air pollutant emissions in historically-disadvantaged communities and those overburdened by poor air quality. The program is aiming to convert at least 2,000 vehicles by 2030, reducing annual emissions by at least 50,000 kg nitrogen oxide, 1,000 kg fine particulate matter, and 50,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide in 2030, with a net social benefit of at least \$4 million annually.

Benefits for Program Participants

Business partners in the program will receive the following benefits:

- Publicity highlighting the program partners' contributions to clean air and sustainable energy.
- Identifying sources of state, federal, and private sector funding.
- Estimates of energy and emissions reductions resulting from fleet conversion.

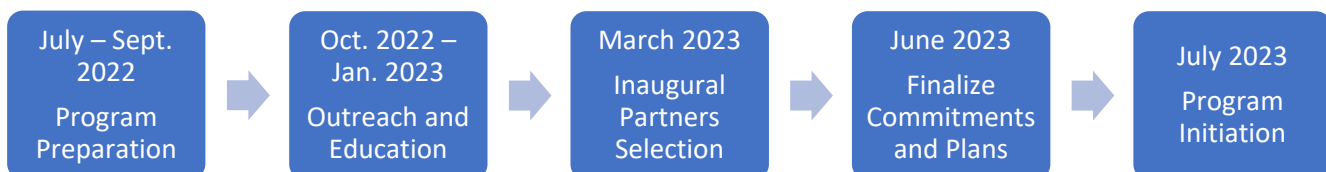
Expectations of Program Participants

Business partners in the program will be asked to:

- Adhere to and report on milestones for fleet transition.
- Participate in marketing and promotional materials.
- Participate in outreach and engagement activities, such as community demonstrations of EV technology and charging infrastructure.

Program Timeline

The City of Chicago and its partners are developing DZEC and reaching out to community groups and businesses to communicate and obtain feedback on the program design between summer 2022 and early 2023. The Program is targeting the first commitments by late winter 2023. The Program will be in full operation through 2030, recruiting new "class years" of corporate partners through 2027. Over the next few months leading up to initiation, the City and its partners will do the following:



Interested in Learning More?

Cambridge Systematics is managing the program launch on behalf of the city and its partners. To schedule an informational interview about DZEC, contact Dan Forbush, dforbush@camsys.com or 240-994-3614. Questions about the program may also be directed to Samantha Bingham at the Chicago Department of Transportation, Samantha.Bingham@cityofchicago.org or 312-744-8096.