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The Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMMLP), overseen by the Department of Energy's Loan Programs Office, is hosting a webinar on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 1pm EDT to discuss its new online application portal. The online portal provides a convenient and secure way to submit applications to the ATVM Loan Program. In addition to the portal, the webinar will cover eligibility requirements and characteristics of a strong application, followed by a brief question and answer session. Applicants, potential applicants, and industry professionals wishing to apply for or learn more about ATVM's direct loans to support the development of advanced technology vehicles and associated components in the U.S. are welcome to attend.

ATVMMLP, through the Department of Energy, provides direct loans to manufacturers of advanced technology vehicles and related automotive components with projects in the U.S. The ATVM Loan Program supports the President's goal to support jobs in the automotive and component manufacturing industries and will help ensure that new advanced technology vehicles (ATV) meet a higher standard (125 percent of the 2005 base year CAFE fuel efficiency standards) than similarly classed conventional technology vehicles. To date, the Program has committed nearly \$8.4 billion to support innovative vehicle technologies, including plug-in vehicles, high-efficiency gasoline vehicles, and natural gas vehicles that meet higher fuel efficiency standards. The Program has substantial remaining authority to support additional eligible projects and is currently accepting loan applications. For more information on the ATVMMLP, please visit [www.lpo.energy.gov](http://www.lpo.energy.gov).

Please click on the following link to register for the upcoming webinar: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/350438072>. If you have additional questions or experience problems registering, please contact Sonia Taylor, External Affairs, DOE's Loan Programs Office at [sonia.taylor@hq.doe.gov](mailto:sonia.taylor@hq.doe.gov).

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