

The *Ministère des Transports du Québec* has established the *Programme d'aide visant la réduction ou l'évitement des émissions de gaz à effet de serre (PAREGES)* [Assistance Program

Aiming to Reduce or Avoid Greenhouse Gas Emissions] through the implementation of intermodal freight projects.

This program is consistent with the implementation of action 8 of the government of Quebec's 2006-2012 climate change action plan, *Québec and Climate Change — A Challenge for the Future*.

Additional information

For details regarding the terms and conditions of the program, project evaluation criteria and other required information, please visit the website of the *ministère des Transports du Québec* at:

www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca

Assistance requests regarding the program must be sent to:

Direction du transport maritime, aérien et ferroviaire

Ministère des Transports du Québec
700, boul. René-Lévesque Est, 24^e étage
Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1

You may also call the *Direction du transport maritime, aérien et ferroviaire* at 418 644-2908 (*Secrétariat au transport maritime et à la mise en valeur du Saint-Laurent*) or at 418 646-6416 (*Service du transport ferroviaire*).

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Transports Québec 

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Aiming to Reduce or Avoid Greenhouse Gas Emissions

FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION



Québec 

Aim

The aim of the program is to reduce or avoid greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated by freight transportation.

The program has two components:

• **Component A: Projects with infrastructure expenditure**

• **Component B: Projects without infrastructure expenditure**

Program eligibility

Any project aiming to reduce or avoid GHG emissions through the improved integration of transportation modes or the use of rail or marine transportation.

Companies, municipal organizations and other legally constituted organizations with a place of business in Quebec are eligible.

Proponent's obligation

Validate the reduction or the avoidance of GHG emissions at the time of application through a Canadian Standards Association-recognized organization for the application of ISO 14064 standard (guidelines for organizations regarding quantification and reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and removals).

A Component A Projects with infrastructure expenditure

The financial aid takes the form of a grant. Projects are admissible at all times.

Eligible expenses

- Track construction and preliminary/preparatory works.
- Construction, development or improvement of buildings, areas or tanks intended for the handling or storage of cargo.
- Acquisition and installation of handling equipment.
- Construction, development or improvement of piers.
- Rehabilitation of transport infrastructures.
- Lease, purchase or improvement of rail, marine or intermodal transportation material and equipment.
- ISO 14064 certification fees.

Financial contribution

- The financial contribution is set at a maximum of \$500 per tonne of GHG emissions reduced or avoided for the project as a whole. The financial contribution cannot exceed 50 % of eligible expenses, up to a maximum of \$6 M per project.
- The proponent's financial contribution must correspond to at least 33 % of eligible expenses associated with the project.
- The financial contribution is paid in three instalments. The proponent must provide a report certifying the tonnage of GHG emissions reduced or avoided issued by an independent organization for the second and third instalments.

B Component B Projects without infrastructure expenditure

A proponent can obtain financial aid if he resorts to a transportation solution allowing for GHG emissions to be reduced or avoided, even if he does not invest in the infrastructures.

Dry and liquid bulk freight projects aiming to avoid GHG emissions are not eligible.

Eligible projects must be received by the *Ministère* before March 31 and September 30 of each year.

Financial contribution

The financial contribution is set at a maximum of \$250 per tonne of GHG emissions reduced or avoided for the project as a whole. The financial contribution cannot exceed \$3 M per project.

One-fifth of the financial contribution is paid after each year of operation over a five-year period following submission of a report certifying the tonnage of GHG emissions reduced.

