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**GFO-24-603**

**California’s Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (EVC RAA) Program**

**Addendum 5**

The purpose of this addendum is to notify potential applicants of changes that have been made to GFO-24-603.

The addendum includes revisions to the Solicitation Manual (Attachment 00) and Charging Station Application Template (Attachment 05). Added language appears in **bold underline**,and deleted language appears in [~~strikethrough~~] and within square brackets.

## Solicitation Manual

The following edits are made to the Solicitation Manual (Attachment 00).

1. **Section I. N. Reference Documents** (page 12)

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20. **California Energy Commission.** [**California’s National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program Map**](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc)**. https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc** [~~U.S. Department of Transportation. Justice40 Initiative.~~ [~~https://www.transportation.gov/equity-Justice40~~]](https://www.transportation.gov/equity-Justice40%5D)

1. **Section II. B. 3. Federally-Designated Disadvantaged Communities (Justice40 Communities)** (page 15)
	1. Federally-Designated Disadvantaged Communities (Justice40 Communities)

This is a Justice40-covered initiative. As such, the FHWA is tracking how EVC RAA benefits disadvantaged communities. [~~FHWA recognizes disadvantaged communities as the census tracts identified as disadvantaged by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST), located at~~ [~~https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/~~](https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/)~~, as well as all Federally Recognized Tribes (whether or not they have land).~~]

At least 40% of the ports funded through this solicitation should be physically located within federally-designated disadvantaged communities (Justice40 communities) as identified **in** [**California’s National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program Map**](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc) **at https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc**[~~by the CEJST tool~~]. To accomplish this, CEC in its sole discretion may award charging stations located in disadvantaged communities that have a lower passing score and otherwise might not have been funded.

Disadvantaged communities may be referred to as “Justice40 communities.”

1. **Section II. B. 10. 3) Energy Star Certification** (page 19)

3) Energy Star Certification

The chargers must be Energy Star certified and listed on the[**Electric Vehicle Chargers (DC-Ouput) page**](https://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-evse-dc-output/results) **at https://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-evse-dc-output/results** [[~~Energy Star Product Finder Page~~](https://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-evse/results) ~~at https://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-evse/results~~]. Chargers do not have to be certified at the time of submitting the proposal, but must be certified prior to submitting an invoice that seeks repayment for the chargers. Chargers over 350 kW are not required to be Energy Star certified.

1. **Section IV. E. 2. Charging Station Application Template** (pages 59-60)
2. **Charging Station Application Template**

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| **Scored Criteria***All scored criterion are in the “Charging Station” tab.* | **Possible Points** |
| **Project Benefits and Sustainability**Projects will be evaluated on the criterion in this category as follows:* Charging stations located in a federally-designated disadvantaged community (Justice40 community) as identified **in California’s National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program Map**[~~by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool~~] will receive 5 points. Charging stations not located in a federally-designated disadvantaged community (Justice40 community) as identified **in California’s National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program Map** [~~by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool~~] will receive 0 points.
* Charging stations located in a California-designated disadvantaged and/or low-income community as identified by the California Climate Investments Priority Populations 2023 map will receive 5 points. Charging stations not located in a California-designated disadvantaged and/or low-income community as identified by the California Climate Investments Priority Populations 2023 map will receive 0 points.
* Charging stations located in a rural area as designated for the 2020 Census by the US Census Bureau will receive 5 points. Charging stations not located in a rural area as designated for the 2020 Census by the US Census Bureau will receive 0 points. Any area not identified as a 2020 Census Urban Area on the National Highway System map, located at <https://hepgis-usdot.hub.arcgis.com/apps/7cd9b8ff84504d1fa473fd3ea2a3c683/explore>, is considered a rural area.
* If on-site renewable energy will be used to power charging, the charging station will receive 2 points. If on-site renewable energy will not be used to power charging, the charging station will receive 0 points.
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1. **Section V. A. Definition of Key Words** (page 65)
2. Definition of Key Words

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| **Word/Term** | **Definition** |
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| Federally-designated disadvantaged communities | [~~FHWA recognizes disadvantaged communities as t~~]**T**he census tracts **designated as federally-designated disadvantaged communities in** [**California’s National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program Map**](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc) **at https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc** [~~identified as disadvantaged by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST), located at~~ [~~https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/~~](https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/)~~, as well as all Federally Recognized Tribes (whether or not they have land)~~]. Federally-designated disadvantaged communities may be referred to as “Justice40 communities.”  |

## Charging station application Template

The following edits are made to the Charging Station Application Template (Attachment 05).

1. **“Instructions” Tab – “Charging Station” Instructions** (Cell C23)
* The cell was revised to read: “Is the Charging Station located in a federally-designated disadvantaged community (Justice40 Community) as identified **in California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program map** [~~by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool~~]?”
* The hyperlink was redirected to [California’s National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program map](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc) at https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc.
1. **“Instructions” Tab – “Charging Station” Instructions** (Cell D23)

Please indicate whether the charging station is located in a federally-designated disadvantaged community (Justice40 Community) as identified **in California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program map**[~~by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool~~] by selecting "Yes" or "No" in the drop-down menu. You may verify this via the link hyperlinked to the column title or here: **https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc** [~~https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5~~]

1. **“Charging Station” Tab** (Cell K2)
* The cell was revised to read: “Is the charging station located in a federally-designated disadvantaged community (Justice40 Community) as identified **in California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program map** [~~by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool~~]? Scored Criterion”
* The hyperlink was redirected to [California’s National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program map](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc) at https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc.
1. **“Charging Station” Tab** (Column K)

The pop-up message in column K was revised to read: “You may verify this via the hyperlinked column title or access the map here: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc”

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