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### **GFO-24-606 Pre-Application Workshop**

California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program Solicitation 2

Fuels and Transportation Division January 14, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.



### Workshop Agenda

- Welcome and Introductory Information
- NEVI Formula Program Overview
- Solicitation Overview
  - $\ensuremath{\circ}$  Eligibility and Requirements
- Application Components
- Application Evaluation
- Application Submittal
- Federal Procedures
- Questions and Answers
- Next Steps
- Adjourn



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• <u>Grant Funding Opportunity Webpage</u>: https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations /2024-12/gfo-24-606-californiasnational-electric-vehicle-infrastructureformula

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- Workshop is recorded on Zoom
- Virtual Participation via Zoom or telephone during the Q&A period
- Written Questions to Commission Agreement Officer: Marissa Sutton
   Email: marissa.sutton@energy.ca.gov
   Subject: GFO-24-606
   Q&A Deadline: Tuesday, January 21, 2025, by 5:00 PM

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The CEC adopted a resolution strengthening its commitment to diversity in our funding programs. The CEC continues to encourage disadvantaged and underrepresented businesses and communities to engage in and benefit from our many programs.

To meet this comment, CEC staff conducts outreach efforts and activities to:

- Engage with disadvantaged and underrepresented groups throughout the state;
- Notify potential new applicants about the CEC's funding opportunities;
- Assist applicants in understanding how to apply for funding from the CEC's programs;
- Survey participants to measure progress in diversity outreach efforts.





#### **One Minute Survey**

The information supplied will be used for public reporting purposes to display anonymous overall attendance of diverse groups.

Zoom Participants, please use the link in the chat to access the survey or scan the QR code on the left of the screen with a phone or tablet to access the survey.

Scan the code on a phone or tablet with a QR reader to access the survey.

Survey will be closed at the end of the day.

Survey Link: https://forms.office.com/g/baYiUrR5As



**Empower Innovation** aims to accelerate your clean tech journey with easy access to funding opportunities from the Energy Commission and others, resources and events, and connections to people and organizations.

#### www.empowerinnovation.net

#### **FIND A PARTNER**

Announce your interest in funding opportunities and message potential project partners directly.

#### **RESOURCES & TOOLS**

Browse the collection of resources including Resource Libraries, Funding Sources, Tools, and Databases.



### National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program Overview



### The NEVI Formula Program

- Created under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to establish a nationwide, interconnected network of publicly available fast chargers for electric vehicles along Alternative Fuel Corridors
- California's share of formula funding: \$384 million over five years
- Justice40 covered initiative

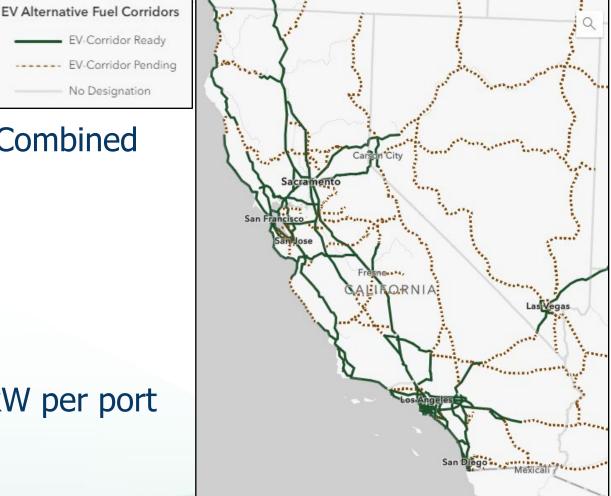


### "National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Standards and Requirements" Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 680 (23 CFR 680) <u>https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-23/chapter-I/subchapter-G/part-680</u>

## **NEVI Basic Requirements**

- Public stations
- 4 Direct Current Fast Charger ports with Combined Charging System (CCS) Connectors
- No more than 50 miles between stations
- Maximum distance from corridor: 1 mile
- Site power  $\geq$  600 kW supporting  $\geq$  150 kW per port and across 4 ports simultaneously

Map link: <u>https://hepgis-</u> usdot.hub.arcgis.com/apps/5c4d9e173301473688468fc7cf6dbe19/explore

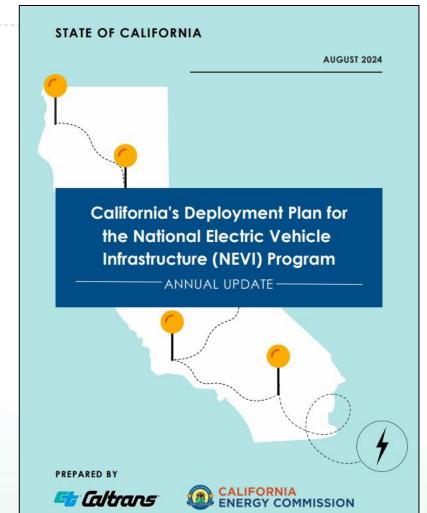


EV-Corridor Ready

No Designation



- Prepared by CEC and Caltrans
- Guides the state's NEVI investments
- Original approved in September 2022
- Annual updates for 2023 and 2024 approved by FHWA



#### California's Deployment Plan for the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program - August 2024

https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/esta/documents/transportation-electrification/nevi/2024-ca-neviplan-update-a11y.pdf. Referenced on page 14 of the Solicitation Manual.



- Four years, nearly \$302 million of formula funds received.
- Of this, \$10 million is reserved for CEC and Caltrans admin costs.
- Remaining \$292 million to be offered as follows:

Solicitation	Release	Funding	Focus
1	October 2023	\$37 million	Light-Duty Charging on Six Corridor Groups
2	December 2024	\$107 million	Light-Duty Charging on remaining Alt Fuel Corridors
3	Spring 2025	\$148 million	Medium/Heavy-Duty Charging on Alt Fuel Corridors

### **Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs)**

- The state's AFCs are organized into corridor groups and corridor segments.
- Shown in <u>California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program Map</u> at https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc.

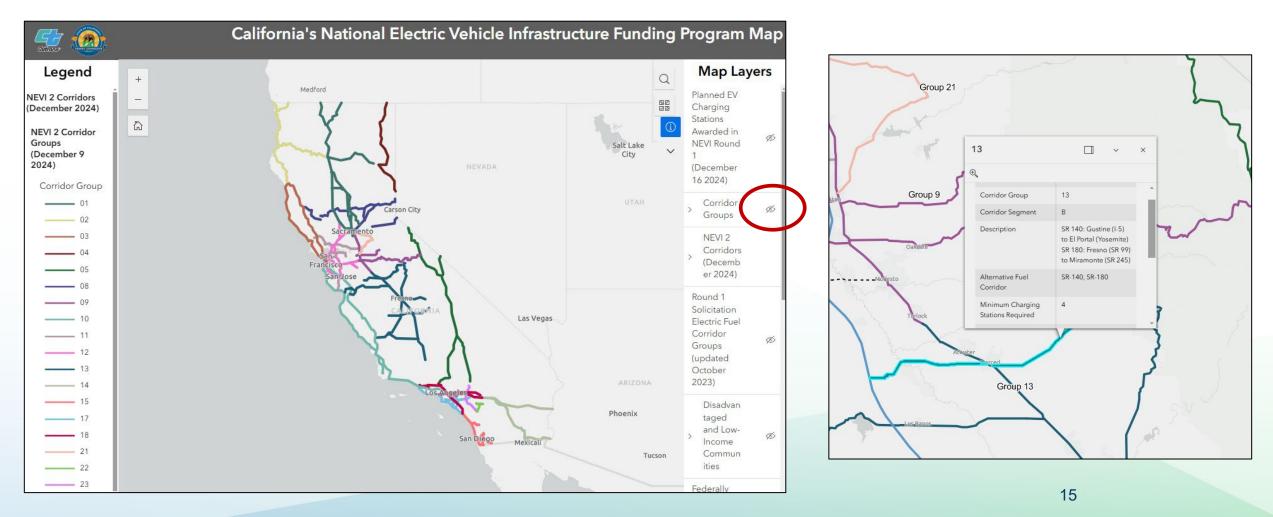
Corridor Group	Corridor Segment	Description	Minimum # of EV Charging Stations	Minimum # of New CCS Charging Ports	Needed Locations	Required Match
1	A	I-5: Sacramento to Oregon*	6	32	<ul> <li>One station along I-5 within 40 miles north of the Elk Grove Blvd junction (Sacramento).</li> <li>One station along I-5 within 25 miles either side of the I-5/SR 36 junction (Red Bluff).</li> <li>One station along I-5 within 25 miles either side of the I-5/SR 44 junction (Redding).</li> <li>One station along I-5 within 25 miles either side of the I-5/US 97 junction (Weed).</li> <li>One station along I-5 in California within 25 miles of the Oregon border.</li> </ul>	50%
1	В	US 97: Weed (I-5) to Oregon	2	8	<ul> <li>One station along US 97 within 25 miles either side of the US 97/I-5 junction (Weed).</li> <li>One station along US 97 in California within 25 miles of the Oregon border.</li> </ul>	20%

Table 2: Project Corridor Segments

#### Solicitation Manual pp. 18-31

### **Online Map of NEVI Corridors**

<u>California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program Map</u> at https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc.





### **Solicitation Overview** GFO-24-606

#### California's NEVI Formula Program – Solicitation 2









- Competitive grant solicitation
- Strategically deploy publicly accessible, high-powered, direct current (DC) fast charger infrastructure to support electric vehicle (EV) travel along major corridors of the state highway system.
- Contribute to the national charging network being built under the NEVI program.

Solicitation Manual p. 5



- A total of \$107 million is available under this solicitation.
- A single applicant is eligible to receive no more than 30% of the funds.



#### Solicitation Manual pp. 7, 9

## Maximum Award Per CCS Port

• The solicitation sets maximum grant awards based on the number of CCS ports proposed in a project:

Proposed EV Charging Station	Maximum Award Per CCS Port if on a Corridor Segment Eligible for 80% Maximum CEC Reimbursable Share	Maximum Award Per CCS Port if on a Corridor Segment Eligible for 50% Maximum CEC Reimbursable Share
Does not include onsite renewable energy generation or storage	\$160,000	\$100,000
Includes onsite renewable energy generation or storage	\$240,000	\$150,000

#### Solicitation Manual pp. 7-8



Corridor Group	Corridor Segment	Description	Minimum # of EV Charging Stations	Minimum # of New CCS Charging Ports	Needed Locations	Required Match
12	D	I-580: San Rafael (US 101) to Tracy (I-5) I-205: Tracy between I-580 and I-5	2	12	<ul> <li>One station along I-580 within 25 miles east of the I-580/US 101 junction (San Rafael).</li> <li>One station along I-580 within 25 miles west of the I-580/I-5 junction (Tracy), or along I-205 between I-580 and I-5.</li> </ul>	50%

Solicitation Manual: Table 2, page 26

- Example project for Corridor Segment 12 D:
  - Four proposed EV charging stations
  - 16 New CCS Charging Ports (4 per station)
  - No onsite renewable energy generation or storage
  - Maximum Award: \$100,000 \* 16 = \$1.6 million

#### Solicitation Manual pp. 7-8, 19-32



#### Consider only if they will:

- Lead to lower costs to consumers.
- Improve EV charging station reliability.
- Not substantially increase the timeline for completing the project.

Any such system must be interconnected to the charging system and must be separately metered from the site host's regular business meter.



Solicitation Manual pp. 42, 54-55



- Applicants may **only submit one application per corridor segment** under this solicitation.
- Applications will be screened.
- Applications that pass screening will be scored.
- The highest-scoring application with at least the minimum passing score for each corridor segment will be recommended for award.
- If the highest-scoring application in a corridor segment is not eligible because the Applicant has exceeded the single applicant cap, the CEC intends to propose an award for that corridor segment to the next-highest scoring application with at least the minimum passing score.

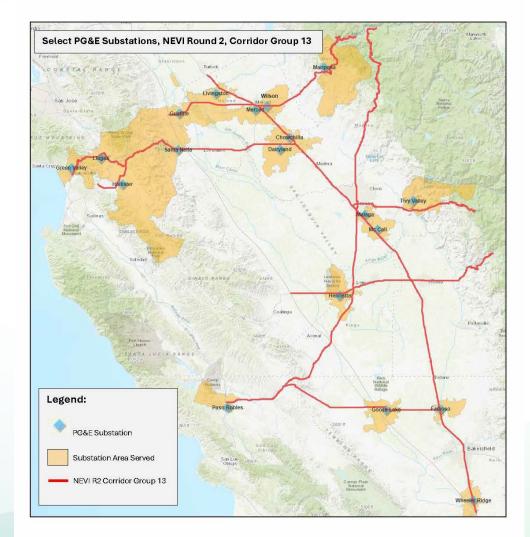
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## Applications and Awards, Continued

- Once all corridor segments with passing applications have one application proposed for award, additional applications may be recommended for award.
- Additional awards would be according to ranked order of score.
- If solicitation funds are insufficient to fully fund a project, the CEC may recommend partially funding the application.
- If an Applicant is proposed for multiple awards, CEC may combine those awards into a single grant agreement for ease of administration.

# Segments 13 A - E

- Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) conducted purpose-driven analysis of current and future capacity of substations along Corridor Group 13
- Provided a map showing substations with greater availability of capacity, and their service areas, to help prospective Applicants with site selection
- Applicants to Corridor Segments 13 A to 13 E: please provide feedback at https://forms.office.com/r/7D29X1ekhs.



#### Solicitation Manual pp. 11-13



- Any private entity
  - Excluding investor-owned utilities
- Applicants must accept the relevant terms and conditions without negotiation



 Applicants are required to register and be in good standing with the California Secretary of State



- Applicants must agree to the terms and conditions to be eligible for funding.
- This solicitation has three sets of terms conditions
  - NEVI Formula Program Terms and Conditions (Attachment 16)
  - Special Federal Award Terms and Conditions (Attachment 17)
  - <u>Special Terms and Conditions related to Insolvency, Bankruptcy, or Receivership</u> found at https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2024-12/Special\_Terms\_and\_Conditions\_Bankruptcy\_ada.pdf
     <u>Special Terms and Conditions</u>

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The Recipient shall immediately, but no later than five calendar days, notify the CEC if the Recipient, the Recipient's parent, a subrecipient, a vendor, or a site host is planning for any of the following events: (1) the entity's filing of a voluntary case seeking liquidation or reorganization under the Bankruptcy Act or similar applicable law; (2) the entity's consent to the institution of an involuntary case under the Bankruptcy Act or similar applicable law; (3) the filing, or planning of filing, of any similar proceeding for or against the entity, or the entity's consent to the dissolution, winding-up or readjustment of its debts, appointment of a receiver, conservator, trustee, or other officer with similar powers over the entity, under any other applicable law; or (4) the entity's insolvency due to its inability to pay debts generally as they become due.

Such notification shall be in writing and shall: (1) specifically set out the details of the occurrence of the event; (2) provide the facts surrounding that event; and (3) provide the impact such event will have on the project being funded by this Agreement.

Upon the occurrence of any of the four events described above, the CEC reserves the right to conduct a review of the Agreement to determine the Recipient's compliance with the required elements of the Agreement (including such items as match share, progress towards project objectives, and submission of required products). If the CEC review determines that there are significant deficiencies or concerns with the Recipient's continued performance under the Agreement, the CEC reserves the right to take any action available under this Agreement including, but not limited to, issuing a Stop Work Order or terminating the Agreement.

Failure of the Recipient to comply with this term may be considered a material breach of this Agreement.

This term shall be flowed-down to all subawards and site host agreements.

#### Solicitation Manual pp. 17, 88



- Each proposed project must install at least the minimum number of EV charging stations and the minimum number of CCS charging ports, in the needed locations, for one corridor segment.
  - Corridor segments require completing between one and nine EV charging stations.
  - At least four CCS ports required per station.
  - Find the list of corridor segments on pages 19 32 of the solicitation manual.
- Projects must comply with all NEVI standards (23 CFR 680).
- A project that receives incentive funding from another CEC grant funding opportunity or block grant incentive project is not eligible.
- Differences from NEVI 1 (GFO-23-601):
  - Complete corridor <u>segment</u> instead of corridor <u>group.</u>
  - The number of CCS ports required is a minimum instead of an exact number.

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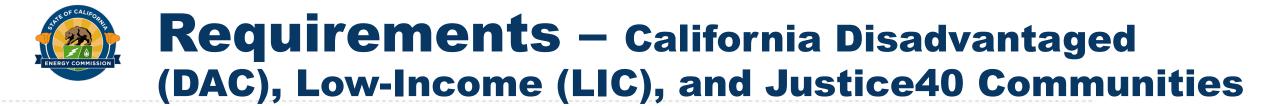
## **Requirements – Federal Compliance**

- Build America, Buy America
- Davis Bacon Act
- National Environmental Policy Act
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act
- NEVI Program requirements explained in 23 CFR 680

## **Requirements – Project Location**

- In California
- As specified for the corridor segment in Table 2 of the solicitation manual, including needed locations
- NEVI compliant charging stations at least every 50 miles, new or existing stations
- Located within 1-mile, as the car drives, from nearest off-ramp or intersection
- Encouraged to be placed on existing paved lots
- Cannot be on property owned by Caltrans

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#### Targets of:

#### • At least 50% of charging ports located within DAC and/or LICs

 <u>California Climate Investments Priority Populations 2024 CES 4.0 Map</u> at https://webmaps.arb.ca.gov/PriorityPopulations/

#### • At least 40% of charging ports located within a Justice40 Community

• Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) at https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/

#### Solicitation Manual pp. 34-35



- Must be accessible to all EV drivers
- 24/7 access without restriction
- Must have paved charging spaces
- Must be well-lit and safe
- Easy to read instructions

## **Requirements – Project Team**

- Must have at least one "Experienced Contactor"
  - A company or organization with a proven record of accomplishment in overseeing the procurement, permitting, and installation of at least 20 DC fast chargers.
  - Must have completed installations at three or more different property locations for three or more different customers since January 1, 2018.
- Serves as a subject matter expert to other contractors.
- It is **NOT** necessary that every contractor/vendor meet the "Experienced Contractor" definition.
- Charging network provider capable of providing networking services through the 5-year in-service requirement.

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### **Requirements – Charging Equipment & Networking**

- Each charging station must have at least four (4) CCS charging ports that can simultaneously supply at least 150 kW each to a vehicle when requested
- Should be supported by a grid connection of at least 600 kW
- Charging ports must:
  - Support output voltages between 250- and 920-volts DC
  - Have at least one permanently attached CCS Type 1 connector
  - Additional connector types such as SAE J3400 are allowed to be installed if the CCS connector requirement is still met
  - CHAdeMO connectors are not eligible
  - Connectors should be rated with a current carrying capacity greater than or equal to 375 Amps

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# Requirements – Charging Equipment & Networking, cont.

- Energy Star certified\* unless over 350 kW
- Conform to ISO 15118-3, implement ISO 15118-2 and ISO 15118-20
- Perform Plug-and-Charge using ISO 15118-2
- Conformance tested following ISO 15118-4 and 15118-5
- Conform to Open Charge Point Protocol (OCPP) 2.0.1 or later
- Communicate with networks in accordance with Open Charge Point Interface (OCPI) 2.2.1
- Designed to securely switch network providers without hardware changes
- Meet all NEVI cybersecurity requirements
- Be networked and include at least a 5-year networking agreement
- Be safety certified

\* Chargers are not required to be Energy Star certified at the time of application submittal but must be certified prior to submitting an invoice for reimbursement. Must be listed on the Energy Star Product Finder Page.

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# **Requirements – State Laws**

- Senate Bill 454 (Corbett, Chapter 418, Statutes of 2013)
- California Air Resources Board Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Standards
- California Department of Food and Agriculture Division of Measurement Standards requirements for public chargers
  - Type approval issued through the California Type Evaluation Program (CTEP) or by the National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP)
  - Installation, repair, or maintenance performed by Registered Service Agency (RSA)

# Requirements – Installation and Operations

- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) use certified electricians as required by Assembly Bill 841 (Ting, Chapter 372, Statutes of 2020).
- Maintain 97 percent or greater annual average uptime for at least five years.
- Meet recordkeeping, maintenance, and data reporting requirements specified in the Scope of Work.
- Payment Options
  - Near Field Communication (NFC) and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) contactless payment methods that accept major debit and credit cards.
  - Either an automated toll-free phone number or short message/messaging system (SMS) that provides the EV charging customer with the option to initiate a charging session and submit payment.
  - Optional: Plug-and-Charge, payment through mobile apps.
- Apply for relevant highway and on-site signage.
- Follow a Data Management and Cybersecurity Plan.
- Comply with restrictions on use of program income (23 CFR 680.106(m)).

### Solicitation Manual pp. 40-42, 44-45



- Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE)
- Transformers, electric panels, conduit, wiring, meters
- Costs for planning and permitting of on-site, renewable distributed energy resource (DER) equipment such as solar arrays or stationary battery energy storage systems (BESS) that are directly related to the charging of EVs
- Installation costs
- Planning and engineering design costs
- Stub-outs
- Demand management equipment
- Networking licenses for up to five years of operations
- Equipment warranties for up to five years of operations
- Maintenance agreement or service level agreement for up to five years of operations
- Local engagement and outreach related to EV charging
- Signage
- EV charging infrastructure workforce development

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- Vehicle purchases
- Standard outlets (110/120 volt to 220/240 volt)
- Level 1 and/or Level 2 chargers
- Mobile charging equipment
- Nonrenewable distributed energy resources
- Distribution grid or other equipment costs that are otherwise covered by programs or tariff rules of the electric utilities
- Projects that are mandated by any local, regional, state, or federal law, rule, or regulation
- Projects that help the Applicant meet a performance requirement mandated by local, regional, state, or federal law, rule, or regulation
- Paper studies or research projects
- Surveys to gauge interest in EV charging stations
- Proposals for vehicle demonstrations or demonstrations of existing technologies

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## **Application Components** GFO-24-606

### California's NEVI Formula Program – Solicitation 2





Item	Action Needed by Applicant
Project Narrative Unique to Corridor Segment (Attachment 1, Part A)	Complete the attachment
Project Narrative to Complete Once for all Corridor Segments (Attachment 1, Part B)	Complete the attachment
Scope of Work Template (Attachment 2)	Complete the attachment
Scope of Work Instructions (Attachment 3)	Review – no submission needed
Schedule of Products and Due Dates (Attachment 4)	Complete the attachment
Budget Forms (Attachment 5)	Complete the attachment
Resumes (Attachment 6)	Complete the attachment
Contact List (Attachment 7)	Complete the attachment
Letters of Commitment (Attachment 8)	Complete the attachment
Letters of Support (Attachment 9)	Complete the attachment (OPTIONAL)
CEQA Worksheet (Attachment 10)	Complete the attachment
Utility Verification Form (Attachment 11)	Complete the attachment
Past Performance Reference Form(s) (Attachment 12)	Complete the attachment
Preliminary Site Design (Attachment 13)	Complete the attachment (OPTIONAL)
National Environmental Policy Act Preliminary Environmental Study Form (Attachment 14)	Complete the attachment
Applicant Declaration (Attachment 15)	Complete the attachment
National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program Terms and Conditions (Attachment 16)	Review – no submission needed
Special Federal Award Terms and Conditions (Attachment 17)	Review – no submission needed

# General Application Information

- With the ECAMS application process, Applicants will input application information directly into the web platform
- Sign up for <u>ECAMS</u> at: https://ecams.energy.ca.gov/s/login/

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## **Project Narrative (Attachment 1)**

- Applicants must submit a Project Narrative in two parts
- Templates provided
- Project Narrative **must address each prompt** listed in the content descriptions (pp. 53-60)
- These prompts correspond to the scoring criteria described in the Evaluation Criteria (pp. 74-79)
- Use 11-point font, single-spaced and a • blank line between paragraphs

## 2)

EV charging stations and equipment and explain their experience with operating DC fast charger charging stations. 3) Provide a comprehensive list of permits required for each charging station, including Caltrans right of way permits, as well as the permitting agencies the Applicant will need to coordinate with. Identify which required permits have been obtained already or describe how the Applicant plans to

Explain the status of site control or access rights for each proposed charging station property. Provide backup

access rights will be obtained and the anticipated timeline to

Identify the entity(ies) that will own and operate the proposed

documentation, including, but not limited to: leases, ownership, or access rights, in the Letters of Commitment attachment (Attachment 8). If control or access rights are not secured at the time of application, explain how control or

**Project Narrative Prompts** 

Project Readiness

do so.

b.

1)

obtain the permits required for the project(s) and coordinate with the relevant permitting agencies in a timely manner.

#### Associated Evaluation Criteria

Project Readiness 2.

Applications will be evaluated on the degree to which:

- Documentation (included in Attachment 8, Letters of Commitment) demonstrates site control or access rights for each proposed EV charging station property. If control or access rights are not secured at the time of application, there is a credible and time-efficient plan for securing control or access rights.
- The owner(s) and operator(s) of the proposed EV charging stations and equipment are clearly identified and they have successfully operated DC fast charging stations before.
- · Required permits for the proposed project are obtained or clearly established plans to obtain the required permits are demonstrated.

### Solicitation Manual pp. 53-60, 74-79



## **Project Narrative Unique to Corridor Segment (Attachment 1 – Part A)**

- Limited to 15 pages
- Covers criteria that should have answers specific to the charging segment
  - EV Charging Station Siting
  - Project Readiness
  - Expected Project Benefits
  - Project Budget and Finances
- Do not remove table of contents or page numbers from template

Solicitation Manual pp. 53-57, 74-77

	ATTACHMENT 01 – PART A Project Narrative Unique to Corridor Segment
	ctions: Use this template to draft the required content for the Project Narrative Unique t rrridor Segment associated with this application.
Electr	e refer to Attachment 00 – Solicitation Manual for GFO-24-606, California's National ic Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program – Solicitation 2, for detailed information and stions, including but not limited to the following sections:
III. Ap	plication Format, Required Documents, and Delivery
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## ENERGY COMMISSION

# **Project Narrative to Complete Once for all Corridor Segments (Attachment 1 – Part B)**

- Limited to 15 pages
- Covers criteria that should be identical or near identical for all corridor segments an Applicant applies for
  - Charging Station Technology
  - Operations and Maintenance Plan
    - Limited to 5 pages
  - Team Experience and Qualifications
- Meant to reduce work for Applicants applying for multiple corridor segments
- Explain any differences between corridor segments
- Do not remove Table of Contents or page numbers from template

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ATTACHMENT 01 – PART B Project Narrative to Complete Once for all Corridor Segments

Instructions: Use this template to draft the required content for the Project Narrative to Complete Once for all Corridor Segments. Please refer to Attachment 00 – Solicitation Manual for GFO-24-606, California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program – Solicitation 2, for detailed information and instructions, including but not limited to the following sections: III. Application Format, Required Documents, and Delivery A. REQUIRED FORMAT FOR AN APPLICATION B. METHOD FOR DELIVERY C. PAGE LIMITATIONS

D. APPLICATION CONTENT

3. Project Narrative to Complete Once for all Corridor Segments

#### APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicant Name

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Charging Station Technology	1
Operations and Maintenance Plan	1
Team Experience and Qualifications	2



- Applicants must complete Attachment 2
- Describe exactly what the project will do
- Identify what will be delivered to CEC
- Add to technical tasks as needed
  - ✓ At least one product deliverable per task

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#### Attachment 2 Exhibit A SCOPE OF WORK

#### TECHNICAL TASK LIST

<The table below specifies tasks required for projects resulting from GFO-24-606. Insert any additional task numbers and task names as needed for your Agreement. CEC has specified Critical Project Reviews (CPRs) for certain tasks. Applicants may add CPRs if desired.>

Task #	CPR	Task Name
1		Administration
2	Х	Environmental Review and Engineering
3	Х	Right-of-Way
4		Site Preparation and Equipment Procurement
5	Х	Charging Station Construction and Commissioning
6	Х	Operations and Reliability
7		Semi-Annual Electric Vehicle Charger Inventory Reports
8		Data Collection and Analysis
9		Federal Data Reporting
10		Project Fact Sheet

#### KEY NAME LIST

<Insert the names of key personnel for each task in your project. Include key names only if the value of the project would significantly change without those personnel, subrecipients, or partners. Add additional lines as needed. Alternatively, you may delete this table if there are no key names.>

Task #	Key Personnel	Key Subrecipient(s)	Key Partner(s)
1	<name></name>	<name></name>	<name></name>
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### Schedule of Products and Due Dates (Attachment 4)

Attachment 04 Exhibit A-1

Applicants must complete
 Attachment 4

- Add tasks and product deliverables that correspond to the Scope of Work
- Provide realistic dates on when product deliverables can be completed

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Num	Task	Product(s)	Due Date
1.1	Name		
1.1	Attend	Kick-off Meeting	
		Updated Schedule of Products	<insert date=""></insert>
		Updated List of Match Funds	<insert date=""></insert>
		Updated List of Permits	<insert date=""></insert>
		Written Statement	<insert date=""></insert>
		Kick-Off Meeting Agenda (CEC)	<insert date=""></insert>
1.2	Critical	Project Review Meetings	
		CPR Report	<insert date=""></insert>
	1st CPR	CPR Meeting Agenda and List of Expected	
	Meeting	Participants (CEC)	<insert date=""></insert>
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		Written determination (CEC)	<insert date=""></insert>
		CPR Report	<insert date=""></insert>
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		Participants (CEC)	<insert date=""></insert>
		Schedule for written determination (CEC)	<insert date=""></insert>
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		CPR Report	<insert date=""></insert>
	3rd	CPR Meeting Agenda and List of Expected	
	CPR	Participants (CEC)	<insert date=""></insert>
	Meeting	Schedule for written determination (CEC)	<insert date=""></insert>
		Written determination (CEC)	<insert date=""></insert>
		CPR Report	<insert date=""></insert>
	4th	CPR Meeting Agenda and List of Expected	1000 March 2010 March
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		Written documentation of meeting agreements	<insert date=""></insert>
		Schedule for completing closeout activities	<insert date=""></insert>
1.4	Monthly		
		Email to CAM concurring with call summary	Within 5 days of

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# Proposal Budget (ECAMS Entry)

### **OPTION 1**

- Applicants enter budget information directly into ECAMS for Prime Applicant ONLY and upload Excel Attachment 5 for both Prime and Major Subrecipient(s)
- Identify how grant funds and match funds will be spent to complete the project
- For more information on the CEC budget forms, visit the <u>CEC ECAMS Resources</u> webpage

at: https://www.energy.ca.gov/fundingopportunities/funding-resources/ecamsresources

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	Direct Lab	or - Hourly		
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*CEC Share Value		* Match Share Value		
Include Indirect Cost ()		🗌 Include Profit 🚯		
Add more Direct Labor				
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### **OPTION 2**

- Upload all budgets (Prime and Major Subrecipients) as Excel attachments
- Skip keying in Prime Applicant budget directly into ECAMS
- Follow Budget Instructions
- For more information on the CEC budget forms, visit the <u>CEC ECAMS Resources</u> webpage at https://www.energy.ca.gov/fundingopportunities/funding-resources/ecamsresources

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- Applicants must include resumes for key personnel identified in the application
- Resumes are limited to a maximum of 2 pages each
- Use Attachment 6 or a replacement document

ATTACHMENT 06
Resumes
This page may be used to draft the required content, paste documents authored by others, or be replaced with existing documents as needed.
Please refer to the Attachment 00 – Solicitation Manual for detailed information and instructions, including but not limited to the following sections:
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C. PAGE LIMITATIONS
D. APPLICATION CONTENT
7. Resumes



- Applicants must complete Attachment 7
- Include the appropriate points of contact under the Recipient column
- The CEC will complete the CEC points of contact during agreement development

#### Attachment 07 CONTACT LIST

#### Please complete the information in the "Recipient" column.

California Energy Commission	Recipient
Commission Agreement Manager:	Project Manager:
(Progress Reports and Non-Confidential Products may be emailed to the CAM or uploaded into ECAMS with Invoice.) (TBD by Commission) California Energy Commission 715 P Street, MS-8 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (918) XXX-XXXX e-mail:	Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XOX) XXX -XXXX Fax: (XOX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:
Commission Agreement Officer: [CAO Name] California Energy Commission Contracts, Grants, and Loans Office 715 P Street, MS-18 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (916) XXX-XXXX	Administrator: Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX Fax: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:
Invoices:	Accounting Officer:
Please submit electronic invoices in ECAMS: https://ecams.energy.ca.gov/s/login/	Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX Fax: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:

## Letters of Commitment (Attachment 8)

- Applicants must include a letter of commitment from the following entities or individuals:
  - Key Project Partners: must demonstrate ability to fulfill identified roles.
  - Match Share Contributors: must identify intended amount of match committed, the funding sources, and contact information.
  - Limit of two pages per letter.
- Also use this attachment to submit site control documentation.
  - Explain lease, ownership, or access arrangements.
  - No page limit.

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## Letters of Support (Attachment 9 - Optional)

- Applicants are encouraged to submit letter(s) of support that substantiate the demand and/or benefits of the project.
  - Third-party letters of support can be provided by (but are not limited to): air districts, state or federal agencies, local safety officials, potential project users, etc.
- Limit of two pages per letter.

ATTACHMENT 09 Letters of Support

(Optional)

This page may be used to draft the required content, paste documents authored by others, or be replaced with existing documents as needed.

Please refer to the Attachment 00 - Solicitation Manual for detailed information and instructions including but not limited to the following sections:

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### **California Environmental Quality Act Worksheet (Attachment 10)**

- Applicants must submit a completed Attachment 10.
- The CEC requires this information to assist with our CEQA determinations.

ATTACHMENT 10

#### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) WORK SHEET

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.) requires public agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and to avoid or mitigate them, if feasible.<sup>1</sup> Under CEQA, an activity that may cause either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment is called a "project." (Public Resources Code § 21065.) Approval of a contract, grant, or loan may be a "project" under CEQA if the activity being funded may cause a direct physical change or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Agencies must comply with CEQA before they approve a "project." This can include preparing a Notice of Exemption or conducting an Initial Study and preparing a Negative Declaration, a Mitigated Negative Declaration, or, if there are significant impacts, an Environmental Impact Report.

The Lead Agency is the public agency that has the greatest responsibility for preparing environmental documents under CEQA, and for carrying out, supervising, or approving a project. Where the award recipient is a public agency, the Lead Agency is typically the recipient. Where the award recipient is a private entity, the Lead Agency is the public agency that has greatest responsibility for supervising or approving the project as a whole.<sup>2</sup> When issuing contracts, grants or loans, the Energy Commission is typically a "Responsible Agency" under CEQA, which means that it must make its own CEQA findings based on review of the Lead Agency's environmental documents. If the Energy Commission is the only public agency with responsibility for approving the project, then the Energy Commission must act as the Lead Agency and prepare its own environmental documents before approving the project.

This worksheet will help the Energy Commission determine what kind of CEQA review, if any, is necessary before it can approve the award, and which agency will be performing that review as a Lead Agency. Please answer all questions as completely as possible. It may also help you to think through the CEQA process necessary for your proposed project. The Energy Commission may request additional information in order to clarify responses provided on this worksheet.

<sup>1</sup> For a brief summary of the CEQA process, please visit http://ceres.ca.gov/ceqa/summary.html.
<sup>2</sup> 14 C.C.R. §§ 15050, 15051. The Lead Agency typically has general governmental powers (such as a city or county), rather than a single or limited purpose (such as an air pollution control district).

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- Applicants must complete a Utility Verification Form for <u>each proposed</u> <u>charging station</u>.
- Applicants may need utility assistance to complete the form. Contact the utility as soon as possible to understand their timelines to complete the verification form.

ATTACHMENT 11 Utility Verification Form

Read Before Completing: This form will be used to inform the level of grid readiness for proposed EV charging projects. Information provided on this form is not meant to provide detailed cost or time estimates for completing a proposed project but rather a high-level indication of readiness at the time the form is completed. The CEC acknowledges that completing this form does not secure a capacity reservation, and the information provided may change between the time of submission and the potential start of construction for the proposed project. The CEC further acknowledges that the grid capacity information accounts solely for this applicant's proposed project and does not account for any other projects that may impact the capacity reflected in the most recently published and publicly available information (Note: not all utilities publish public capacity information). The information provided by the utility does not reflect a full assessment of the site and there may be further limitations identified during design or construction of the project. The utility is not responsible for the grid information provided in this form. Applicants should remain in contact with the responsible utility(iss) as project(s) advance and immediately notify the utility(iss) upon project award to ensure timely utility engagement to meet project requirements.

Form Instructions: Please submit one form for each proposed charging station site. Applicants must complete Tables 1, 2, and 3. Applicants have two options to complete Table 3. Please refer to the instructions below for more information on the options available to complete Table 3.

#### Table 3 Instructions:

#### Option 1) Self-Verification:

Applicants can complete Table 3 independently for charging stations located in a utility territory that has publicly available capacity information. Please reference the links in Table 4 to access the publicly available capacity information and associated user guides, if available. Applicants should submit screenshots of the results of the capacity maps so the CEC can verify the information is correct. Applicants using Self-Verification should skip question 10 (Note: Public capacity maps do not guarantee capacity. Their intent is to provide a data-driven assessment of the grid readiness of the project based on the best available information at the time.)

#### Option 2) Utility-Provided Assistance:

If the utility has a pre-assessment process, the applicant may use this process to complete Table 3. The pre-assessment process will provide applicants with the following information: Trench route schematic and connection points, protective device and substructure requirements, and a delineation of betterment work (utility responsibility) and new business scope (oustomer responsibility). Cost estimates will not be provided during the pre-assessment process because they are calculated by the utility in a later step. If the utility does not have a pre-assessment process or the applicant prefers not to use it, the applicant should seek assistance from the utility to complete the form through the utility verification form process.

IMPORTANT: Utilities may require days or weeks to complete the pre-assessment or utility verification form process. Applicants should contact the utility company((ps) associated with their charging station(s) as soon as possible to understand their timelines to provide the information required to complete the form.

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# Past Performance Reference Form (Attachment 12)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 12 to provide references for:
  - ✓ Agreements with the CEC received by the Applicant in the last 10 years.
  - ✓ The five most recent agreements with other public agencies received by the Applicant within the past 10 years.
- References must include a contact person name and phone number or email address. These persons may be contacted by CEC staff.
- Applicants should fill out a <u>separate</u> Past Performance Reference Form for each agreement reference.

Attachment 12 GFO-24-606 PAST PERFORMANCE REFERENCE FORM

Provide references for California Energy Commission (CEC) agreements (e.g., contracts, grants, or loans) received by the Applicant in the last 10 years, including ongoing agreements, and the 5 most recent agreements with other public agencies within the last 10 years to verify Applicant's past performance. Each reference must include a contact person name and phone number (or email address). If contacted by CEC staff, references should be able to speak to Applicant's ability to successfully complete projects in a timely manner.

In response to Section III. D. 3. c., Team Experience and Qualifications, of the solicitation manual, if the team's experience and qualifications include a specific project(s) under current or prior agreements with public funding (e.g., contract, grant, or loan), the Applicant must also submit a Past Performance Reference Form(s) for the project(s), even if the team member is not the primary Applicant.

Applicants should fill out a separate Past Performance Reference Form for each reference.

Name of Reference Organization	
Address	
Contact Name	
Contact Title	
Contact Phone Number (or Email)	
Title of Project	
Agreement Number or Other Unique Identifier	
(For projects that did not complete (or timely complete) project objectives) Describe the challenges faced, what led to those challenges and indicate whether those challenges were within the Applicant's control.	
Describe any severe audit findings and how they were ultimately addressed and resolved.	
Describe the final outcome of the project.	

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- Applicants are encouraged to submit a preliminary site design for each proposed EV charging station.
- Include site address and a map showing existing and proposed infrastructure, ingress and egress points.

ATTACHMENT 13 Preliminary Site Design

(Optional)

This page may be used to draft the required content, paste documents authored by others, or be replaced with existing documents as needed.

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### National Environmental Policy Act Preliminary Environmental Study Form (Attachment 14)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 14 as specified in the solicitation manual.
- Must complete:
  - ✓ Project Title
  - ✓ Check appropriate boxes under Preliminary Design Information
  - $\checkmark$  Check appropriate boxes for Parts A F
- Applicants may use pp. 11-12 at the end of the form to clarify or provide assumptions for their answers in Part A as they see fit.
- Awardees must fully complete the form during the executed agreement term.

Local Assistance Procedures Manual Exhibit 6-A Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) Form EXHIBIT 6-A PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY (PES) Federal Project No.: Final Design: (Federal Program Prefix-Project No., Agreement No.) (Expected Start Date) (District Local Assistance Engineer) (Local Agency) (District) (Project Manager's Name and Telephone No.) (Address (Address (Email Address) Email Addres: s this Project "ON" the Yes IF YES, STOP HERE and contact the District Local Assistance Engineer No No State Highway System? regarding the completion of other environmental documentation Federal State Transportation Improvement Program (ESTIP) (Currently Adopted Plan Date) (Page No.\_\_\_\_ attach to this form) https://dot.ca.gov/programs/financial-programming/office-of-federal-programming-data-management-ofpdm Programming Preliminary Engineering **Right of Way** Constructio for FSTIP: (Fiscal Your (Fiscal Year) (Fiscal Year) Project Description as Shown in RTP and ESTI Detailed Project Description: (Describe the following, as applicable: purpose and need, project location and limits, required right of way acquisition, proposed facilities, staging areas, disposal and borrow sites, construction activities, and construction access. (Continue description on "Notes" sheet, last page of this Exhibit, if necessary Preliminary Design Information Does the project involve any of the following? Please check the appropriate boxes and delineate on an attached map plan, or layout including any additional pertinent information Yes N Yes No Widen existing roadway Ground disturbance Easements Road cut/fill Increase number of through lanes Equipment staging New alignment Excavation: anticipated Temporary access road/detour Capacity increasing-other ximum depth Utility relocation Ħ (e.g. channelization) Right of way acquisition Drainage/culverts (if yes, attach map with APN) Flooding protection Disposal/borrow sites Ramp or street closur Stream channel work Bridge work Pile driving Part of larger adjacent project egetation removal Demolition Railroad Tree removal Page 1 of 12 January 2021

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## Applicant Declaration (Attachment 15)

• Applicants must complete Attachment 15 for the application to be considered complete.

#### ATTACHMENT 15 Applicant Declaration

As of the date of the application deadline for Energy Commission solicitation GFO-24-808, the entity submitting this application (Applicant):

- · Is not delinquent on any federal, state, or local tax payments; and
- Has not had its California business registration status suspended by the California Franchise Tax Board within the last 7 years; and
- Has not filed for bankruptcy in the last 10 years; and
- · Is not currently planning to file for bankruptcy; and
- Is registered to do business in California, which typically means with the California Secretary of State, and such registration is in good standing; and
- Is not currently being sued by any entity (public or private) or individual, and is
  not aware of any information that reasonably indicates it may be sued by any
  entity or individual during the proposed agreement term, that in either case might
  reasonably be expected to materially impact the applicant's ability to perform the
  proposed project; and
- Is in compliance with the terms of all settlement agreements, if any, entered into with the Energy Commission or another government agency or entity; and
- Is in compliance with all judgments, if any, issued against the Applicant in any lawsuit or other matter to which the Energy Commission or another government agency is a party; and
- Is complying with any demand letter made on the Applicant by the Energy Commission or another government agency; and
- Is not in active litigation with the Energy Commission regarding the Applicant's actions under a current or past contract, grant, or loan with the Energy Commission.

For the Applicant, and having authority to do so, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct:

(Date)

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

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## **Application Evaluation** GFO-24-606

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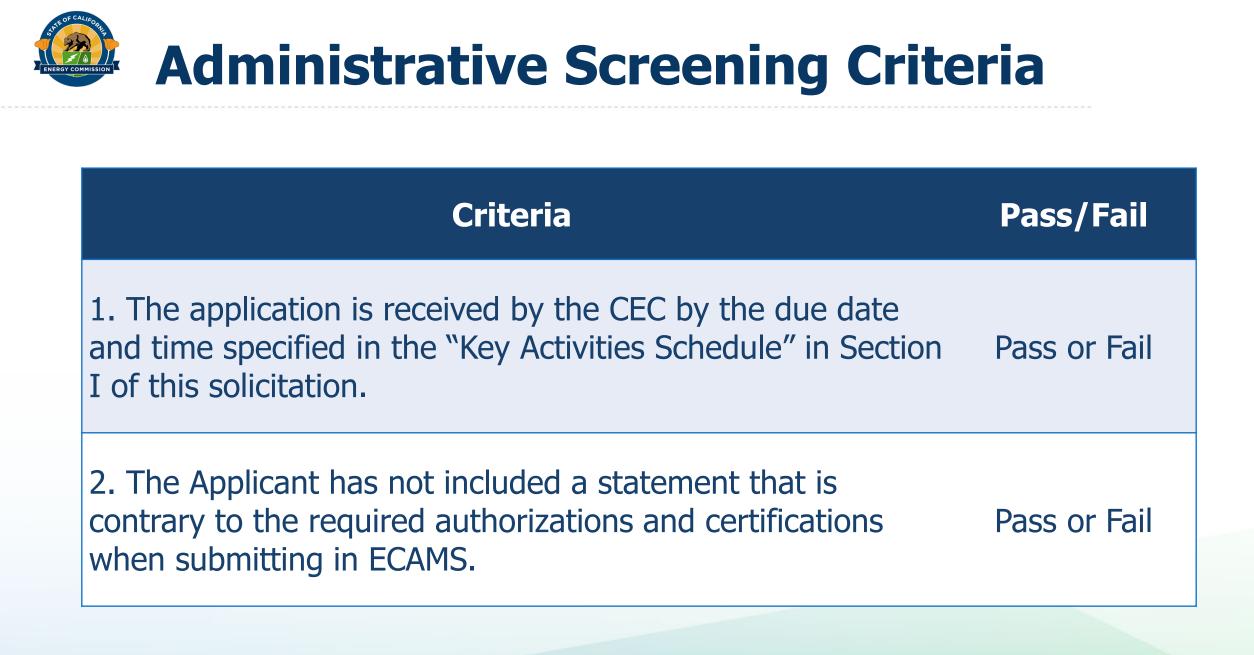
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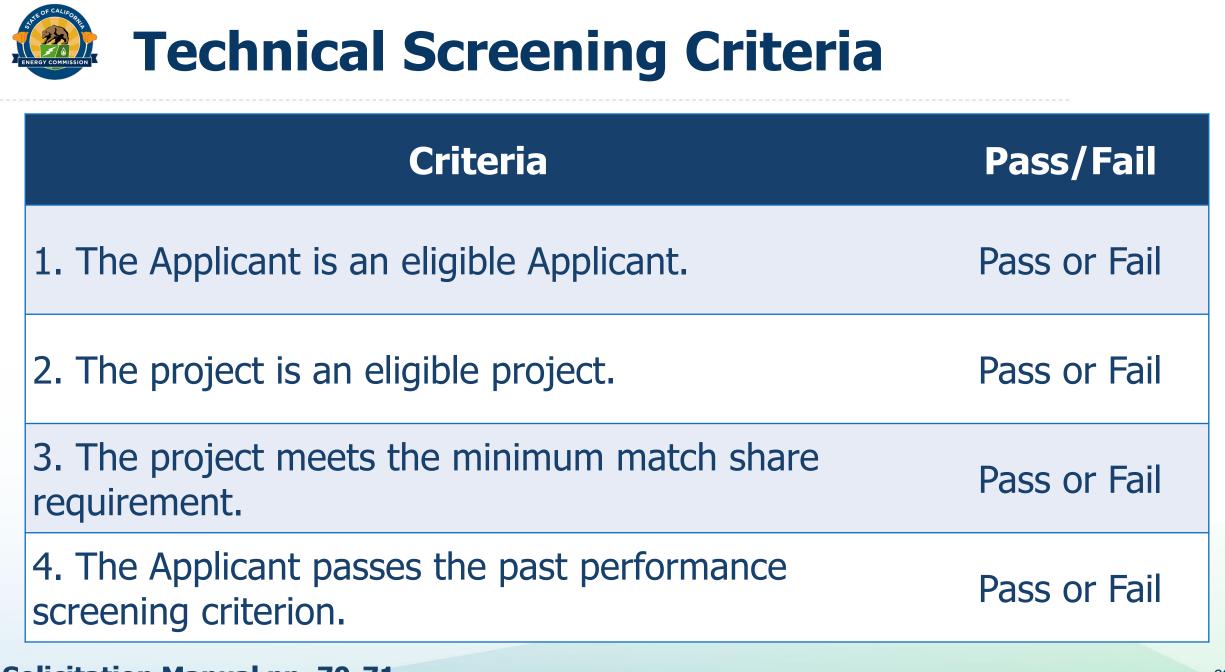
Stage One: Application Screening
✓Administrative Screening Criteria (Pass/Fail)
✓Technical Screening Criteria (Pass/Fail)

Stage Two: Application Evaluation

\*Applicants must pass ALL screening criteria, or the application shall be disqualified and eliminated from further evaluation.

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- 1. An Applicant may be disqualified due to **severe performance issues** characterized by significant negative outcomes under one or more prior or active CEC agreement(s) within the last 10 years.
- 2. Any Applicant that does not have an active or prior agreement equates to no severe performance issues and therefore would pass this screening criteria.

# Application Evaluation and Scoring

- Applications must obtain a minimum passing score of 70% or 140 points on the Evaluation Criteria for this solicitation.
- The Evaluation Committee will use the scoring scale described in Section IV.D. of the solicitation manual to evaluate the project narratives and other supporting attachments, as specified.
- Review Section IV.E. of the solicitation manual and ensure the project narratives provides clear and complete responses related to all evaluation criteria.

## **Project Narrative Evaluation and Scoring, cont.**

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>
1. EV Charging Station Siting	50
2. Project Readiness	45
3. Expected Project Benefits	20
4. Project Budget and Finances	20
5. Charging Station Technology	15
6. Operations and Maintenance Plan	30
7. Team Experience and Qualifications	20
Total Possible Points	200
Minimum Points to Pass (70%)	140

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## **Application Submittal** GFO-24-606

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# Application Submission via ECAMS

- Submit applications through the <u>Energy</u> <u>Commission Agreement Management</u> <u>System (ECAMS)</u>, available at https://ecams.energy.ca.gov/s/login/
- Applicants must have or create a user account in order to apply for this solicitation.

To create an account, please see the <u>ECAMS Registration Instructions</u> at https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/7893

 Note: One account manager per organization, but users can be added by account manager

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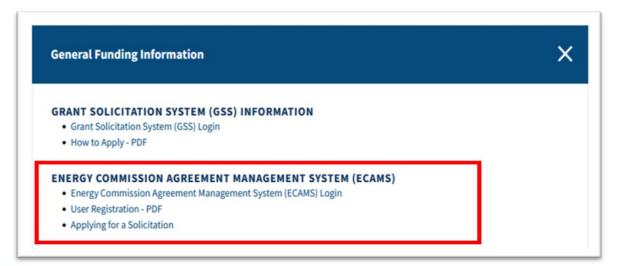
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	Forgot your password?	New User Sign Up?



- Application documents should meet formatting requirements and page limits provided in the solicitation manual.
- Electronic files not requiring signatures must be in the format that they are provided in the solicitation.
- Attachments requiring signatures (Support/Commitment Letters) may be scanned and submitted in PDF format.

# Application Submission Resources

- For detailed instructions on how to submit an application, please see the <u>Applying</u> for a Solicitation guidance document at https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/7956
- <u>Guidance documents</u> are available at https://www.energy.ca.gov/fundingopportunities/fundingresources under **General Funding Information**
- Questions about the ECAMS system can be sent to: <u>ECAMS.SalesforceSupport@Energy.ca.gov</u>



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## Submit applications early!

ECAMS will stop accepting application documents promptly at the deadline of 11:59 p.m. on March 17, 2025.

Applications in the process of being submitted prior to the deadline will NOT be accepted after the deadline.

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Activity	Action Date
Solicitation Release	<b>December 19, 2024</b>
Pre-Application Workshop	January 14, 2025
Deadline for Written Questions by 5:00 p.m.	January 21, 2025
Anticipated Distribution of Question/Answers	Week of Feb. 17, 2025
Support for Application Submission in the Energy Commission Agreement Management System (ECAMS) until 5:00 p.m.	Ongoing until March 17, 2025
Deadline to Submit Applications by 11:59 p.m.	March 17, 2025
Anticipated Notice of Proposed Awards Posting	Week of June 9, 2025
Anticipated CEC Business Meeting	September 2025

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# **Federal Procedures – Caltrans** GFO-24-606

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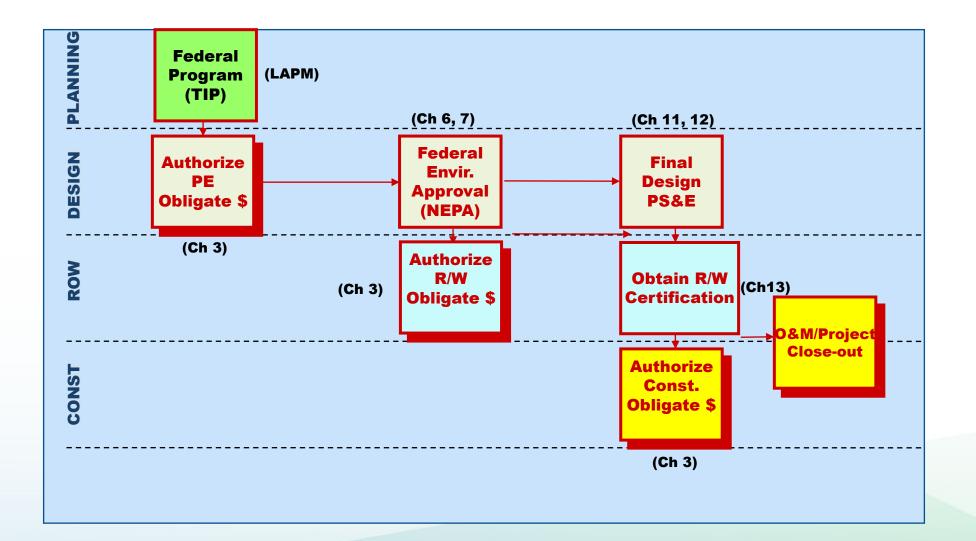


# **Federal Procedures – Caltrans**

### Programming/E-76 Authorization

- All projects will be programmed by Caltrans into the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) prior to authorization of funds by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- FHWA has the authority and responsibility for implementing and monitoring federal laws, regulations, and executive orders affecting federal transportation programs.
- When a project involves federal funding, FHWA is involved according to these responsibilities and delegates to Caltrans accordingly per the FHWA/Caltrans Stewardship and Oversight Agreement.
- Prior to beginning work for which federal reimbursement will be requested, the project must be formally authorized by FHWA.





# **Federal Procedures - Caltrans**

# Environmental

- The NEPA process is guided by the Act and its implementing regulations, 23 CFR Part 771.
- Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) form must be submitted to Caltrans for review.
- Each project must receive environmental clearance prior to start of final design and right of way activities.
- All projects must follow the NEPA requirements or jeopardize funding.

#### Ref. LAPM Ch. 6

# **Federal Procedures - Caltrans**

# Right of Way (R/W)

- Projects must comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 as amended in 1987 (the Uniform Act).
- R/W Certification is necessary prior to authorization for construction and must be consistent with the project's approved PS&E (23 CFR 635.309).
- All projects must follow R/W requirements or jeopardize funding.

#### Ref. LAPM Ch. 13



# Timelines

**Environmental Review** 

• 4 – 6 weeks

**Right of Way Review** 

• 4 – 6 weeks

**Authorization** 

• 4 - 6 weeks



### Resources

- Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) | Caltrans
- Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) Forms | Caltrans
- National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program Environment FHWA



# **Questions and Answers**

## GFO-24-606

## California's NEVI Formula Program – Solicitation 2





#### Three ways to ask questions:

Please state your name and affiliation. Keep questions under 3 minutes to allow time for others.

**1.** Use the raise hand function in Zoom

Zoom Phone Controls:

- \*6 Toggle mute/unmute
- \*9 Raise hand

### 2. Type questions in the Zoom Q&A Box

#### 3. Submit written questions

Send written questions to <u>marissa.sutton@energy.ca.gov</u> Deadline: January 21, 2025, 5:00 p.m. PST

Official CEC responses to submitted written questions will be provided in writing and posted on the solicitation webpage in February 2025.



Please send all questions related to GFO-24-606 to:

#### MARISSA SUTTON

Commission Agreement Officer 715 P Street, MS-1 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 237-2515 marissa.sutton@energy.ca.gov

Please add subject line: **GFO-24-606** 

Deadline to submit questions: Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 5:00 p.m. PST

Deadline to submit applications: Monday, March 17, 2025, 11:59 p.m. PST



# **Next Steps**

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Activity	Action Date
Deadline for Written Questions by 5:00 p.m.	January 21, 2025
Anticipated Distribution of Questions/Answers	Week of February 17, 2025
Deadline to Submit Applications by 11:59 p.m.	March 17, 2025
Anticipated Notice of Proposed Awards Posting	Week of June 9, 2025

Updates to solicitation documents will be posted on the <u>Solicitation Webpage</u>: https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2024-12/gfo-24-606-californiasnational-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-formula



# **Thank You!**

### Applications are due March 17, 2025, by 11:59 p.m.

