



# **GFO-25-602 Pre-Application Workshop**

California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program – Solicitation 3

Fuels and Transportation Division  
January 14, 2026, 9:30 a.m.



# Workshop Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
  - NEVI Formula Program
- Solicitation Overview
  - Process
  - Purpose
  - Eligibility and Requirements
- Application Components
- Application Evaluation
- Application Submittal
- Questions & Answers
- Next Steps
- Adjourn



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# Housekeeping

- Workshop is recorded on Zoom
- Grant Funding Opportunity Webpage:  
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2025-12/gfo-25-602-californias-national-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-formula>
- Virtual Participation via Zoom or telephone during the Q&A period
- Written Questions to Commission Agreement Officer:  
Eunice Lemos-Adair, email: [eunice.lemos-adair@energy.ca.gov](mailto:eunice.lemos-adair@energy.ca.gov)  
Subject: GFO-25-602  
Q&A Deadline: Thursday, January 22, 2026



# Diversity Survey

Pre-Application Workshop for  
California's NEVI Formula Program  
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Scan the code on a phone  
or tablet with a QR reader  
to access the survey.

## 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.

Survey will be closed at the end of the day.

Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RBI6rPQT9k6NG7qicUgZTtQ-G7GrbGJFmZJPv38ckjJUQIQ5SEs3UkNTUTVUNDZFMzNRTTJKMldROC4u>



# **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



# Get to Know the NEVI Program

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“National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Standards and Requirements”

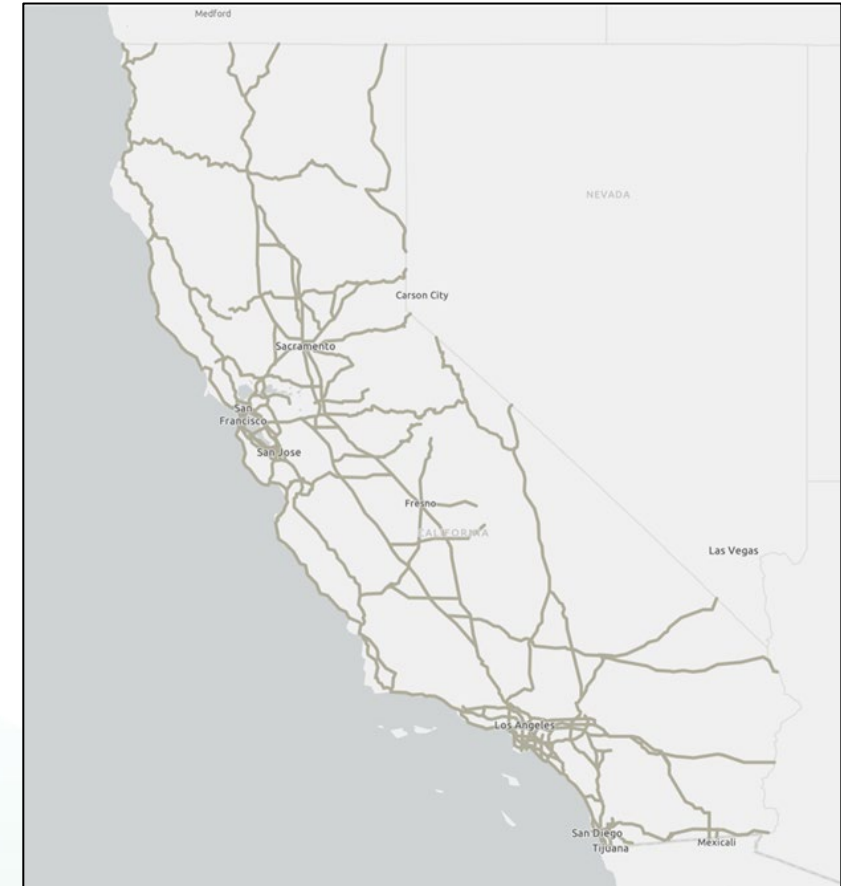
Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 680 (23 CFR 680)

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-23/chapter-I/subchapter-G/part-680>



# NEVI Basic Requirements

- Public stations, open 24/7
- 4 Direct Current Fast Charger ports with Combined Charging System (CCS) Connectors
- Site power  $\geq 600$  kW supporting  $\geq 150$  kW per port and across 4 ports simultaneously
- Output voltages between 250 and 920 volts DC



Map link: <https://cecgis-caenergy.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/CAEnergy::alternative-fuel-corridors-november-3-2025/explore?location=36.880359%2C-117.858954%2C6.95>





# NEVI Deployment Plans

- Prepared by CEC and Caltrans
- Guides the state's NEVI investments
- Original approved in September 2022
- Annual updates for 2023, 2024, and 2025 approved by FHWA



[2025 California NEVI Deployment Plan](https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/sustainability/documents/transportation-electrification/nevi/2025-ca-nevi-plan-update-a11y.pdf): <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/sustainability/documents/transportation-electrification/nevi/2025-ca-nevi-plan-update-a11y.pdf>



# NEVI Solicitation Plan

- Offering \$370 million as follows (minus \$14 million admin costs):

Solicitation	Release	Funding	Focus
1	October 2023	\$30.1 million	Light-Duty Charging
2	December 2024	\$33.4 million	Light-Duty Charging
3	December 2025	\$79 million	Light-Duty Charging
4	January 2026	\$69.5 million	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Charging, Northern and Central California
5	February 2026	\$79 million	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Charging, Southern California
6	February 2026	\$79 million	Light-Duty Charging



# Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs)

- The state's AFCs are organized into Corridor Groups and Corridor Segments.
- Shown in [California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program Map](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc) at <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc>.
- Corridor locations eligible for funding are listed in the solicitation manual

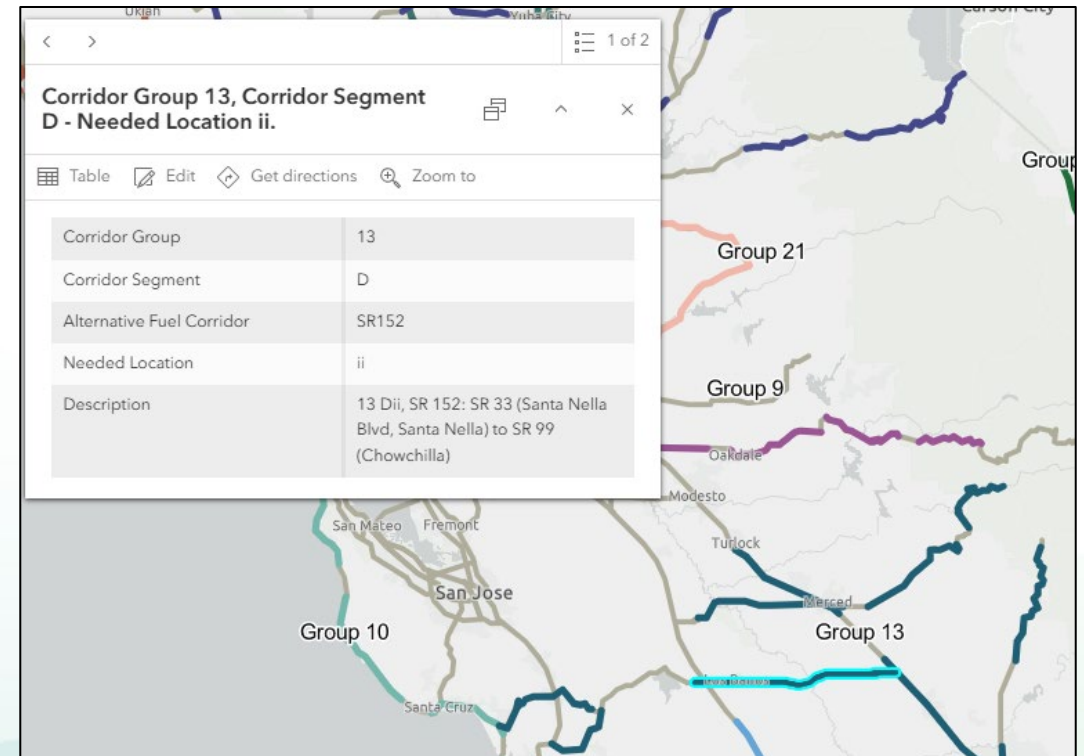
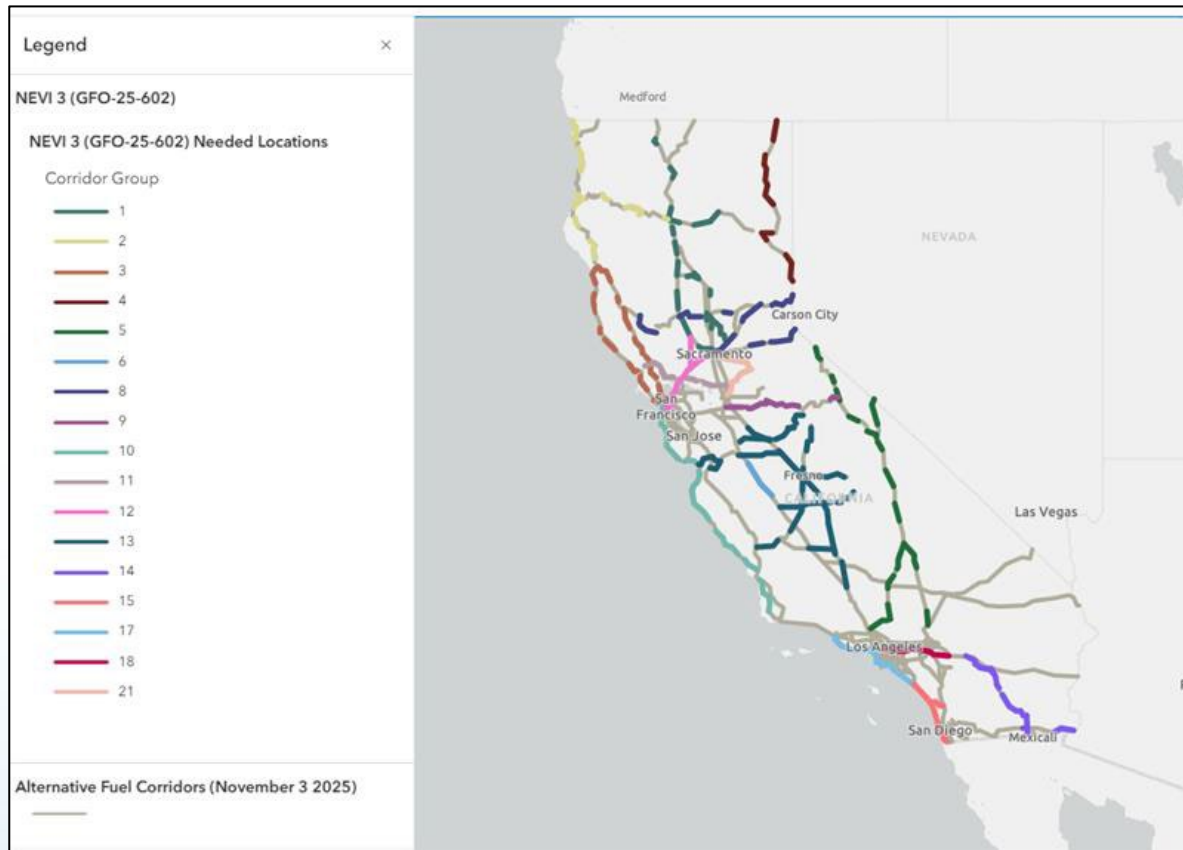
Table 1: Project Corridor Segments

Corridor Group	Corridor Segment	Description	Needed Locations
1	A	I-5: Sacramento to Oregon	<div>i. Exit 522 (I-80, Sacramento) to Exit 540 (West Street, Woodland)</div> <div>ii. Exit 556 (Rd 6, Dunnigan) to Exit 578 (SR 20, Williams)</div> <div>iii. Exit 586 (Maxwell Colusa Rd, Maxwell) to Exit 603 (Biggs-Willows Rd, Willows)</div> <div>iv. Exit 619 (Newville Rd, Orland) to Exit 633 (Finnell Ave, Corning)</div> <div>v. Exit 642 (Flores Ave, Red Bluff) to Exit 653 (Jellys Ferry Rd, Red Bluff)</div> <div>vi. Exit 662 (Bowman Rd, Cottonwood) to Exit 668 (North St, Anderson)</div> <div>vii. Exit 680 (SR 299, Redding) to Exit 690 (Bridge Bay Rd, Redding)</div> <div>viii. Exit 728 (Railroad Park Dr, Dunsmuir) to Exit 740 (N Mt. Shasta Blvd, Mt. Shasta)</div> <div>ix. Exit 770 (Killgore Hills Rd, Yreka) to Exit 776 (Montague Rd, Yreka)</div>
1	C	<div>SR 99: Red Bluff (I-5) to Sacramento (I-5)</div> <div>SR 32: Orland (I-5) to Chico (SR 99)</div>	<div>i. SR 99: Bogue Rd (Yuba City) to Eager Rd (Yuba City)</div> <div>ii. SR 99: Exit 383 (Park Ave/Skyway, Chico) to Garner Ln (Chico) or SR 32: Canal St (Hamilton City) to SR 99 (Chico)</div>



# Online Map of NEVI Corridors

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





# Solicitation Overview

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California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula  
Program – Solicitation 3

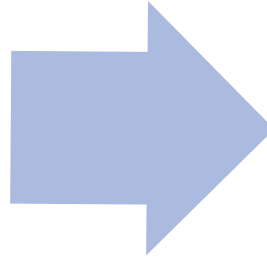





# Solicitation Process

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Release

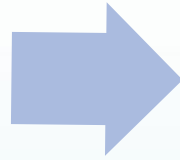
**December 29,  
2025**



Applications Due  
**March 25, 2026**



Notice of  
Proposed Awards  
**First week of  
June 2026**



CEC Business  
Meeting  
**August 2026**



Project Start  
**Q4 2026**



# Purpose of Solicitation

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- Competitive grant solicitation
- Funding the deployment of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations with publicly accessible, high-powered, direct current fast chargers (DCFCs) to support light-duty EV travel along major corridors
- Proposed charging stations should use commercially available technology and be sited within a previously disturbed or developed area such that the projects will qualify for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) categorical exclusion



# Available Funding and Maximum Award

- A total of \$79 million is available under this solicitation
- The maximum grant award **per applicant** is 20 percent of funds available or \$15.8 million





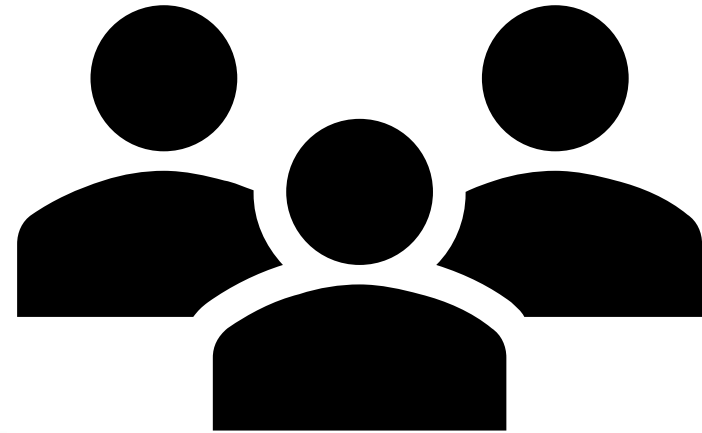
# Applications and Awards

- Each applicant may submit **only one** application. One application can include multiple corridors and up to 20 EV charging stations
- The CEC will screen applications on administrative and technical criteria
- For applications that pass screening, each proposed EV charging station in an application will be evaluated and scored separately
- Charging stations receiving at least the minimum scores required will be ranked according to their cost-per-CCS-port
- The charging station with the lowest cost-per-CCS-port in each “Needed Location” will be recommended for funding
- The second-lowest cost-per-CCS-port station may also be funded for some or all Needed Locations, depending on station coverage and remaining funds



# Eligible Applicants

- All private entities, excluding investor-owned utilities
- Open to Tribal Organizations
- Applicants must accept the Terms and Conditions, without negotiation
- Applicants are required to register with the California Secretary of State and be in good standing to enter into an agreement with the CEC







# Project Requirements

- Between one and twenty publicly accessible EV charging stations, each in a Needed Location
- Each Needed Location is a section of a Corridor Segment with two endpoints (offramps or intersections where a vehicle can exit the corridor)
- Proposed charging stations must be located within one mile as a car drives by the shortest route from:
  - One of the endpoints
  - Any offramp or intersection in between the endpoints

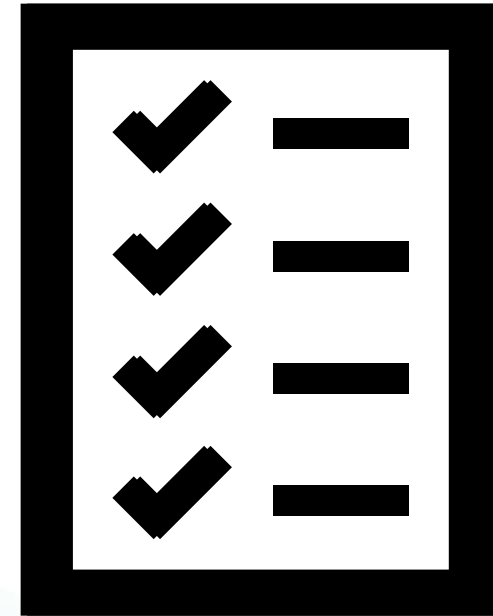
Excerpt from Table 1

Corridor Group	Corridor Segment	Description	Needed Locations
2	A	US 101: North of Leggett to Oregon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. SR 271/Valley Rd (Cooks Valley) to Exit 656 (SR 254, Myers Flat)</li><li>ii. Exit 679 (Scotia) to Exit 689 (Main St, Fortuna)</li><li>iii. Exit 702 (Herrick Ave, Eureka) to Exit 722 (Airport Rd, McKinleyville/Arcata Airport)</li><li>iv. Lundblade St (Orick) to Wilson Creek Rd/DeMartin Beach Picnic Area (Klamath)</li><li>v. Humboldt Rd (Crescent City) to Oregon border</li></ul>
2	C	SR 299: Arcata (US 101) to Redding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Exit 1 (Giuntoli Ln, Arcata) to Exit 5 (Blue Lake Blvd, Blue Lake)</li><li>ii. Trinity River Hwy/SR 96 (Willow Creek) to Denny Rd (Trinity Village)</li><li>iii. Rose Rd (Big Bar) to Steel Bridge Rd (Douglas City)</li><li>iv. Iron Mountain Rd (Redding) to S Market St (Redding)</li></ul>
3	A	SR 1: North of San Francisco (US 101) to Leggett (US 101)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. US 101 (Mill Valley) to Calle del Arroyo (Stinson Beach)</li><li>ii. Sir Francis Drake Blvd (Olema) to 2<sup>nd</sup> St (Tomaes)</li><li>iii. Bodega Hwy (Bodega) to Burke Ave (Jenner)</li><li>iv. Skaggs Springs Rd (Stewarts Point) to Fish Rock Rd (Gualala)</li><li>v. Iverson Ave (Point Arena) to Crispin Rd (Manchester)</li><li>vi. Albion Ridge Rd (Albion) to Caspar Frontage Rd W/Fern Creek Rd (Caspar)</li><li>vii. Simpson Ln (Fort Bragg) to Mill Creek Dr (Fort Bragg)</li><li>viii. Pacific Ave (Westport) to US 101 (Leggett)</li></ul>



# Station Requirements

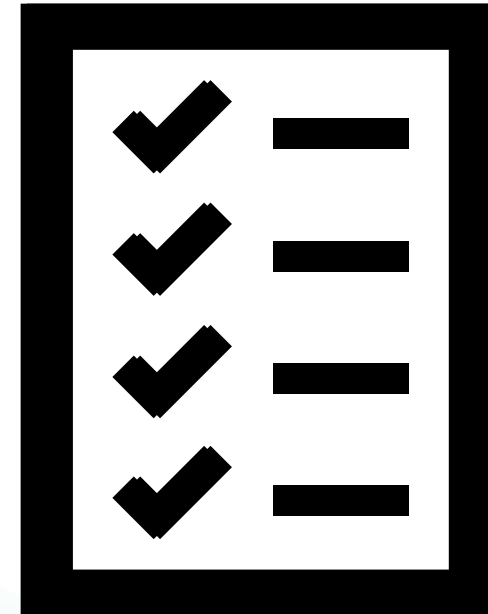
- Between four and twenty DCFC CCS Type-1 ports per charging station
- SAE J3400 allowed if there is also a CCS connector on the charger
- Projects must comply with federal requirements
  - NEVI standards (23 CFR 680)
  - Build America, Buy America
  - Davis Bacon Act
  - National Environmental Policy Act
  - Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
  - ... etc.





# Station Requirements (Cont.)

- On previously disturbed or developed land
- Not be owned by Caltrans
- Accessible to all EV drivers & open 24/7
- Not be at a hotel or motel unless it is the only property with available paved lot area within the respective Needed Location
- Each charging port:
  - Output between 250-920 volts
  - Deliver at least 150 kW simultaneously
- Interoperability Standards:
  - ISO 15118-3
  - OCCP 2.0.1 or later
  - ...etc.





# Eligible Project Costs

## Eligible project costs include:

- Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE or chargers): between 4 and 20 CCS ports per station
- Transformers, electric panels, conduit, wiring, meters
- Costs for planning/permitting distributed energy resources or energy storage equipment/systems capable of providing independent or supplemental power to the EV chargers
- Installation costs
- Planning and engineering design costs
- Up to five years operations and maintenance costs
- .... etc.

## Ineligible project costs include:

- Vehicle purchases
- Manufacturing costs
- Lighting, canopies, and other amenities on the charging station site that are not designed to serve station customers
- Standard 110/120 or 220/240 volt outlets
- DCFC chargers without CCS connectors
- DCFC chargers above the 20 CCS port maximum
- Land acquisition or lease costs
- ... etc.



# Match Funding Requirement

- Applicants must include exactly 20 percent match for their total allowable project cost. Of that:
  - 50 percent or more must be cash match
  - 50 percent or less can be in-kind match
- Strongly encourage 20 percent match per station

## Examples of Project Budgets

Project	Grant Award	Cash Match Funding	In-Kind Match Funding	Total Project Cost
Install 40 ports at four locations	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000
Install 80 chargers at 10 locations	\$9,600,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$12,000,000





# Application Components

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California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program  
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# Application Organization (p. 43-44)

Item	Attachment Number	How Many Attachments to Submit
Project Narrative	Attachment 1	One
Station Information	Attachment 1B	One
Schedule of Products and Due Dates	Attachment 2	One per Station
Proposal Budget	Attachment 3	One per Station
Letters of Commitment	Attachment 4	One per Station
Preliminary Site Plan	Attachment 5	One per Station
CEQA Worksheet	Attachment 6	One per Station
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) Form	Attachment 7	One per Station
Utility Verification Form	Attachment 8	One per Station
Resumes	Attachment 9	One
Contact List	Attachment 10	One
Past Performance Reference Form(s)	Attachment 11	One
Applicant Declaration	Attachment 12	One
Letters of Support (Optional)	Attachment 13	One



# General Application Information

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

A screenshot of the login page for the California Energy Commission Agreement Management System. The page has a blue header with the "CA.GOV" logo and social media icons. Below the header, the "CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION" logo is displayed. The main content area is titled "Energy Commission Agreement Management System" and contains a login form with fields for "Username" and "Password", a "Log In" button, and links for "Forgot your password?" and "New User Sign Up?".

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# Project Narrative (Attachment 1)

- Applicants must submit a project narrative using the templates provided
- Limited to 20 pages or 3 times the # of stations, whichever is more
- Use 11-point font, single-spaced, and a blank line between paragraphs
- Include a table of contents (does not count towards page limit) and page numbers
- Project Narrative must address the prompts starting on page 45. Responses will be scored against the Technical Evaluation Criteria starting on page 64

The Project Narrative must respond directly to each criterion with the headings as titled below, and must include the following information:

a. **EV Charging Station Siting and Equipment**

- 1) List the proposed EV charging station location(s), including addresses and the current use of the site, including if the site is an existing charging station. Provide a compelling justification for the specific proposed EV charging station location(s) and explain how each site will effectively serve customers traveling in a Needed Location identified in Table 1.

Criterion	Possible Points
<b>1. EV Charging Station Siting and Equipment</b> Each EV charging station within an application will be evaluated separately <u>on</u> the degree to which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The justification for the proposed EV charging station location is compelling and will effectively serve customers traveling within a Needed Location identified in Table 1.</li></ul>	10



# Station Information (Attachment 1B)

- Complete the spreadsheet for all stations in the application

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	A	B	C	D
1	<b>Attachment 1B - Station Information</b>			
2	GFO-25-602 California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program - Solicitation 3			
3				
4	Instructions: An application to this solicitation must propose between 1 and 20 EV charging stations.			
5	<b>Station Information</b>	<b>Example of how to complete station information</b>	<b>Station 1</b>	<b>Station 2</b>
6	Corridor Group & Segment	1E		
7	Needed Location	ii. Wilson Hill Rd (Shingletown) to SR 89 (Old Station)		
8	Grant Funding Amount Requested	\$640,000		
9	Match Share Funding To Be Provided	\$160,000		
10	Total Station Cost (Grant Funding + Match Share)	\$800,000		
11	Station Address	1234 Main St		
12	City	Old Station		
13	Zip Code	99999		
14	New or Existing Station Site?	New		
15	Total # Chargers to be part of the funded project	4		
16	Total # CCS Ports to be part of the funded project	8		
17	Are SAE J3400 connectors provided? (optional) (Y/N)	N		
18	Power output per port (if multiple, list with the number of each)	250 kW		
19	Onsite Distributed Energy Resources Proposed (Y/N)	N		





# Schedule of Products and Due Dates (Attachment 2)

- Applicants must complete a separate Attachment 2 for each charging station.
- Tasks and product deliverables correspond to the Scope of Work (Attachment 14).
- Provide realistic dates on when product deliverables can be completed.

Attachment 02  
Exhibit A-1

Schedule of Products and Due Dates			
Task Numb	Task Name	Product[s]	Due Date
1	ADMINISTRATION		
1.1	Attend Kick-off Meeting		
		Updated Schedule of Products	<Insert Date>
		Updated List of Match Funds	<Insert Date>
		Updated List of Permits	<Insert Date>
		Written Statement that no work has been done	<Insert Date>
		Kick-Off Meeting Agenda (CEC)	<Insert Date>
1.2	Critical Project Review Meetings		
		CPR Report	<Insert Date>
	1st CPR Meeting	CPR meeting agenda and list of expected participants	<Insert Date>
		Schedule for written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
		Written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
		CPR Report	<Insert Date>
	2nd CPR Meeting	CPR meeting agenda and list of expected participants	<Insert Date>
		Schedule for written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
		Written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
		CPR Report	<Insert Date>
	3rd CPR Meeting	CPR meeting agenda and list of expected participants	<Insert Date>
		Schedule for written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
		Written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
1.3	Final Meeting		
		Written documentation of meeting agreements	<Insert Date>
		Schedule for completing closeout activities	<Insert Date>
1.4	Monthly Calls		
		Email to CAM concurring with call summary notes	Within 5 days of receipt
1.5	Quarterly Progress Reports		
		Quarterly Progress Reports	10th calendar day of each January, April, July, and October during the approved term of this Agreement



# Proposal Budget (Attachment 3)

- Prepare budgets (Prime and Major Subrecipients) as MS Excel attachments for **each station**
- Follow Budget Instructions
- Identify how CEC funds and match funds will be spent to complete the project
- Remember 20% match requirement
- For more information on the CEC budget forms, visit the [CEC ECAMS Resources](https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/ecams-resources) webpage at: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/ecams-resources>

PROPOSAL BUDGET				
Category Budget				
Grant Funding Number	GFO-25-602			
Name of Organization	ABC company			
Select Recipient or Subrecipient				
Select your organization's California Business Certifications				
Cost Category	CEC Share	[Other Entity] Share	Match Share	Total
Direct Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fringe Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subrecipients/Vendors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Direct Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Profit (not allowed for grant recipients)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Indirect and Profit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



# Proposal Budget (ECAMS Entry)

- **Leave Blank in ECAMS**
- Applicants must upload Excel Attachment 3 for both Prime and Major Subrecipient(s)

Details

Attachments

Past Agreements

Budget Summary

**Direct Labor**

Fringe Benefits

Travel

Equipment

Materials & Miscellaneous

More

Direct Labor Hourly (0)

New

JOB CLASSIFICATION	LABOR RATE (\$ PER HOUR)	# OF HOURS	RATE X HOURS	CEC SHARE VALUE	MATCH SHARE VALUE	TOTAL
No data returned						

Direct Labor Monthly (0)

New

JOB CLASSIFICATION	LABOR RATE (\$ PER MONTH)	# OF MONTHS	RATE X MONTHS	CEC SHARE VALUE	MATCH SHARE VALUE	TOTAL
No data returned						



# Letters of Commitment (Attachment 4)

- Applicants must include a letter of commitment from each match fund source as well as key project partners.
  - Key Project Partners: must demonstrate their 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.
- Applicants must also provide site control documentation explaining lease arrangements, ownership or access rights for each proposed site (no page limit).





# Preliminary Site Plan (Attachment 5)

- Submit a preliminary site plan for each charging station in the application.
- Site plans must at a minimum include:
  - Address
  - Station Map
    - Location of existing charging ports and their power delivery rate (if applicable).
    - Location of NEW ports & power delivery rating planned for each port.
    - Location of ADA accessible ports.
    - Location of lighting and shelter (if applicable).
    - Travel path (ingress/egress) from the charging station.



# CEQA Worksheet (Attachment 6)

- Applicants must submit a completed Attachment 6 for each charging station.
- The CEC requires this information to assist with our CEQA determinations.

## ATTACHMENT 6

### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) WORKSHEET

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).





- Fill out the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) form for each charging station
- If multiple stations, consolidate the completed forms into one PDF
- If awarded, Caltrans will review this information to submit for federal NEPA approval
- Use tools like the GeoTracker for hazardous materials and FEMA map to ensure sites are appropriate for a NEVI station

**Solicitation Manual p. 55-57**





# Environmental Clearance

- If awarded, each charging station site will be evaluated for NEPA
- Caltrans is responsible for NEPA Review and Compliance
- Caltrans/NEPA Process
  - Awardee submits the PES Form.
  - Caltrans environmental staff review PES forms (about 4-6 weeks).
  - Caltrans will determine what studies (if any) are needed. These are indicated on the signed PES.
  - Awardee will complete these studies.
  - Caltrans will review and approve any studies and sign the CE Form.



# Required PES Attachments

- When submitting your PES Form, it is critical that you not only answer every question and explain your answers in the spot provided, but also provide the required attachments
  - GeoTracker
  - Regional, Project Location, and Footprint Map
    - Footprint Map must include location and depth of all trenching and ground disturbance activities
  - Engineering Drawings (if available)
  - FEMA Floodmap
  - VIA Questionnaire
  - Current Site Photos (if available)



# New PES Form and Training

- A new Pilot PES Form will be available January 26
- Solicitation will be amended to update PES Form attachment
- Public training sessions scheduled for next week
  - Session 1 [registration link](#)
  - Session 2 [registration link](#)

## Session 1:



**Tuesday**

January 20, 2026



**Time**

2:00pm-3:30pm

[Click/scan here to register:](#)



## Session 2:



**Thursday**

January 22, 2026



**Time**

10:00am-11:30am

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# Best Practices

- Consider sites that:
  - Are not located on a listed hazardous materials sites
  - Are not in a special flood hazard area
  - Do not involve work off paved / disturbed area
  - Take place in existing parking facilities with no major electrical infrastructure modifications and are located as close to an existing electrical service panel as practicable (note – the exemption allows for running of electrical lines to the facility as long as there is no need to increase the electrical capacity of the existing infrastructure as noted in the background section of the Federal Register notice)
  - Use reversible, minimally invasive, non-permanent techniques to affix the infrastructure
  - Minimize ground disturbance to the maximum extent possible and ensure that it does not exceed previous levels of documented ground disturbance (note – consider that ground disturbance to construct parking areas likely went beyond the current paved surface and can be considered when analyzing this criteria)
  - Use the lowest profile EVSE reasonably available that provides the necessary charging capacity
  - Place the EVSE in a minimally visibly intrusive area
  - Use colors complementary to surrounding environment, where possible



# Utility Verification Form (Attachment 8)

- Fill out the Utility Verification form for each charging station
- If multiple stations, consolidate the completed forms into one PDF

## ATTACHMENT 08 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(ies) as project(s) advance and immediately notify the utility(ies) 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 (customer 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(ies) associated with their charging station(s) as soon as possible to understand their timelines to provide the information required to complete the form.



# Resumes (Attachment 9)

- Applicants must include resumes for key personnel identified in the application.
- Resumes are limited to a maximum of 2 pages each.

## FIRST LASTNAME

Construction Worker  
Seattle, WA  
firstlast@email.com  
555-555-5555

Effective at using forklift's, hand trucks and pallet jacks to move merchandise. Skilled at inspecting stock, tagging product and updating computer tracking systems. Well-versed in warehouse operations, inventory audits and loading and unloading procedures.

Eligible to work for any employer in the U.S.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Construction Worker

NewCompany January 2018 to Present

Unpacked and assembled all new merchandise using variety of power tools and lean manufacturing. Heavy Lifting. Measuring. Organize Building Materials. Read and Interpret Drawings. Safety. Supported technicians in equipment maintenance and repair. Organized Warehouse Operations.

### Crew Lead

CompanyCo, Inc July 2017 to December 2017

Trained employees so that they were well-educated in time management and the proper ways to complete their job duties. Utilized all machinery and equipment while observing various safety precautions and practices. Ensured that job tasks were completed to standards and in accordance with company guidelines. Maintained the job site on a daily basis and checked to see that all trash and refuse was removed. Completed daily forklift safety checklists. Located proper slots on storage racks and set pallets in place with forklift and pallet jack.

## EDUCATION

### High school or equivalent

Ged Program - NewCity, NC  
April 2015 to February 2016



# Contact List (Attachment 10)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 10.
- Include the appropriate points of contact under the Recipient column.
- The CEC will complete the CEC points of contact during agreement development.

## Attachment 10 CONTACT LIST

Please complete the information in the "Recipient" column.

California Energy Commission	Recipient
<b>Commission Agreement Manager:</b> <i>(Progress Reports and Non-Confidential Products may be emailed to the CAM or uploaded into ECAMS with Invoice.)</i>  (TBD by Commission) California Energy Commission 715 P Street, MS-6 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (916) XXX-XXXX e-mail:	<b>Project Manager:</b>  Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX Fax: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:
<b>Commission Agreement Officer:</b> Eunice Lemos-Adair California Energy Commission Contracts, Grants, and Loans Office 715 P Street, MS-18 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: 1-279-226-1065 <a href="mailto:eunice.lemos-adair@energy.ca.gov">eunice.lemos-adair@energy.ca.gov</a>	<b>Administrator:</b>  Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX Fax: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:
<b>Invoices:</b>  Please submit electronic invoices in ECAMS:  <a href="https://ecams.energy.ca.gov/s/login/">https://ecams.energy.ca.gov/s/login/</a>	<b>Accounting Officer:</b>  Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX Fax: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:





# Past Performance Reference Form (Attachment 11)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 11 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 separate Past Performance Reference Form for each agreement reference.

Attachment 11 GFO-25-602 PAST PERFORMANCE REFERENCE FORM	
<p>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.</p> <p>In response to Section III. D. 2. f., Team Experience and Qualifications, 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.</p> <p>Applicants should fill out a separate Past Performance Reference Form for each reference.</p>	
Name of Organization (entity receiving the public funding)	
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.	



# Applicant Declaration (Attachment 12)

- Applicant Declaration for outstanding issues
- Must complete Attachment 12 in order for the application to be considered complete

## ATTACHMENT 12 Applicant Declaration

As of the date of the application deadline for Energy Commission solicitation GFO-25-802, 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)

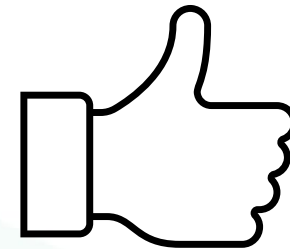
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)



# Letters of Support (Attachment 13)

- 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





# Scope of Work (Attachment 14)

- Applicants does NOT complete Attachment 14. It is for reference only.
- If awarded, CEC and Recipient will fill out together
- Reference when filling out the Schedule of Products and Due Dates (Attachment 2)

## Attachment 14 Exhibit A SCOPE OF WORK

*The highlighted areas in the Scope of Work will be completed by an applicant if the applicant's project is proposed for award. This Scope of Work is provided for informational purposes only during the application period. Applicants do not need to complete and return this attachment with their applications.*

### TECHNICAL TASK LIST

*<The table below specifies tasks required for projects resulting from GFO-25-602. CEC has specified Critical Project Reviews (CPRs) for certain tasks. If awarded, CEC and the recipient can discuss any desired changes.>*

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

### KEY NAME LIST

*<If awarded, the Recipient will insert the names of key personnel for each task in the 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, delete this table if there are no key names.>*

Task #	Key Personnel	Key Subrecipient(s)	Key Partner(s)
December 2025 602	<Name>	<Name>	<Name>

Scope of Work California's NEVI  
Formula Program Solicitation 3



# Scope of Work Tasks

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- Scope of Work tasks follow the transportation project delivery phases
  - Task 2: Environmental Review and Engineering
  - Task 3: Right of Way
  - Task 4: Site Preparation and Equipment Procurement
  - Task 5: Charging Station Construction and Commissioning
  - Task 6: Operations and Reliability
- **Necessary to get Commission Agreement Manager (CAM) written approval to start work on each task.**



# **Project Delivery and Federal Requirements – Caltrans**

## California's NEVI Formula Program, Solicitation 3



# Federal Procedures

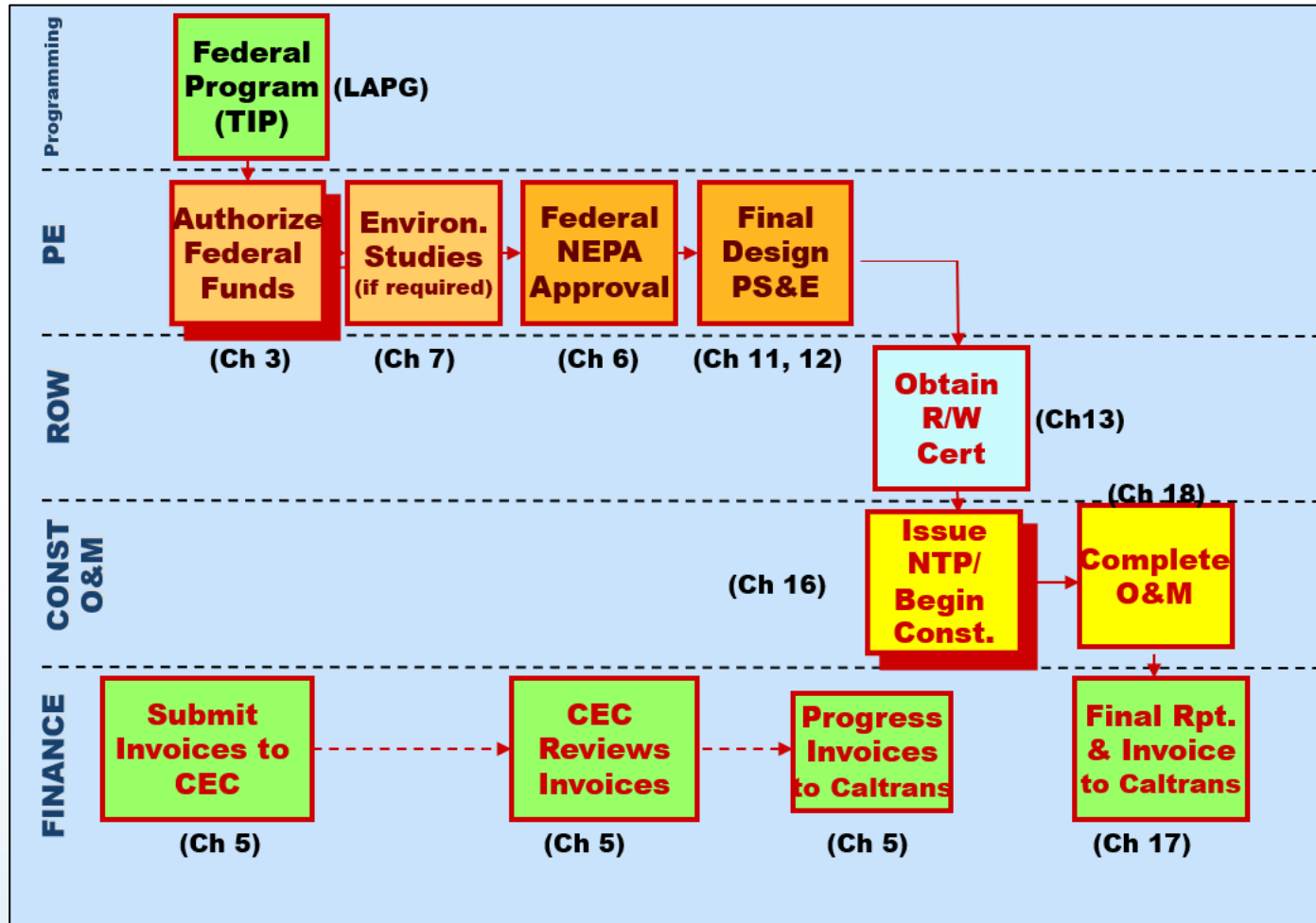
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has the authority and responsibility for implementing and monitoring federal laws, regulations, and executive orders affecting federal transportation programs.
- When a project involves federal funding, FHWA is involved according to these responsibilities and delegates to Caltrans accordingly per the FHWA/Caltrans Stewardship and Oversight Agreement.





# Federal Procedures – Caltrans

## Programming/E-76 Authorization





# Federal Procedures – Right of Way

- Projects must comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 as amended in 1987 (the Uniform Act).
- The 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 the right of way requirements or jeopardize funding.

*Ref. LAPM Ch. 13*



# Federal Procedures - Timelines

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## Environmental Review

- 4 - 6 weeks

## Right of Way Review

- 2 - 4 weeks



# Resources

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- [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure \(NEVI\) Formula Program | California Energy Commission](#)
- [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program | FHWA](#)
- [Alternative Fuels Data Center: National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure \(NEVI\) Formula Program \(energy.gov\)](#)
- [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program Interim Final Guidance](#)



# Application Evaluation

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California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program  
Solicitation 3



# How Will My Application Be Evaluated?

## Stage One: Application Screening

- Administrative Screening Criteria (Pass/Fail)
- Technical Screening Criteria (Pass/Fail)

## Stage Two: Application Evaluation

- Technical Evaluation
- Cost Evaluation

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



# Administrative Screening Criteria

Criteria	Pass/Fail
1. The application is received by the due date and time specified in the “Key Activities Schedule” in Section I of this solicitation.	Pass or Fail
2. The Applicant has not included a statement that is contrary to the required authorizations and certifications when submitting in ECAMS.	Pass or Fail





# Technical Screening Criteria

Criteria	Pass/Fail
1. The applicant is an eligible applicant.	Pass or Fail
2. The application proposes between one (1) and twenty (20) EV charging stations.	Pass or Fail
3. Each proposed EV charging station has between four (4) and twenty (20) CCS Type 1 ports, each supplying at least 150 kW.	Pass or Fail
3. The project meets the match share requirement of 20%.	Pass or Fail
4. The applicant passes the past performance criterion.	Pass or Fail



# Past Performance Screening

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.



# Technical Evaluation and Scoring

- The Evaluation Committee applies the scoring scale (Solicitation Manual pp. 62-63) to the evaluation criteria.
- Each charging station within an application is scored separately.
- Stations must obtain a minimum passing scores of **70%** in the **Project Readiness** criterion, the **Project Budget and Finances** criterion, and **overall** in order to be considered for funding.
- Review Section IV of the solicitation manual and ensure the application provides a clear and complete response to all scoring criteria.



# Application Evaluation and Scoring

Scoring Criteria	Possible Points
1. EV Charging Station Siting and Equipment	10
2. Project Readiness*	30
3. Expected Project Benefits	10
4. Project Budget and Finances*	30
5. Operations and Maintenance Plan	10
6. Team Experience and Qualifications	10
<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Minimum Points to Pass (70%)</b>	<b>70</b>

*\*Must receive 70% or 21 or more points per criterion to be eligible for funding*



# Cost Evaluation

- Cost evaluation will rank charging stations that pass Technical Evaluation for award.
- Rank in ascending order within their respective Needed Location based on the Cost-per-CCS-Port of the station.
- The Cost-per-CCS-Port = total CEC grant dollars requested for the station divided by the number of ports with a CCS connector proposed at the station.
- Stations with the lowest Cost-per-CCS-Port within their respective Needed Location will be recommended for funding.



# Terms and Conditions

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- NEVI Standard terms and conditions, found at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/11964>
- NEVI Special Federal terms and conditions, found at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/11963>
- If Applicable, Special Terms and Conditions for California Tribal Organizations with Sovereign Immunity serving California Native American Tribes with Sovereign Immunity, found at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/12259>



# Application Submittal

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# GFO Submission Requirements

- Applications will be submitted through the Energy Commission Agreement Management System (ECAMS), available at:  
<https://ecams.energy.ca.gov/>
- **Applicants must have or create a user account in order to apply for this solicitation.** To create an account, please see the guidance document titled [User Registration Instructions](#)
- Note: One account manager per organization, but users can be added by account manager

A screenshot of the Energy Commission Agreement Management System (ECAMS) login page. The page features a blue header with the "CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION" logo and a "Contact Us" link. The main content area is white and contains the title "Energy Commission Agreement Management System". Below the title are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". A blue "Login" button is positioned below the password field. At the bottom of the login section, there are two links: "Forgot your password?" and "New User Sign Up?". The footer of the page is black and contains links for "Back to Top", "Conditions Of Use", "Privacy Policy", and "Contact Us".



# GFO Submission Requirements, Cont.

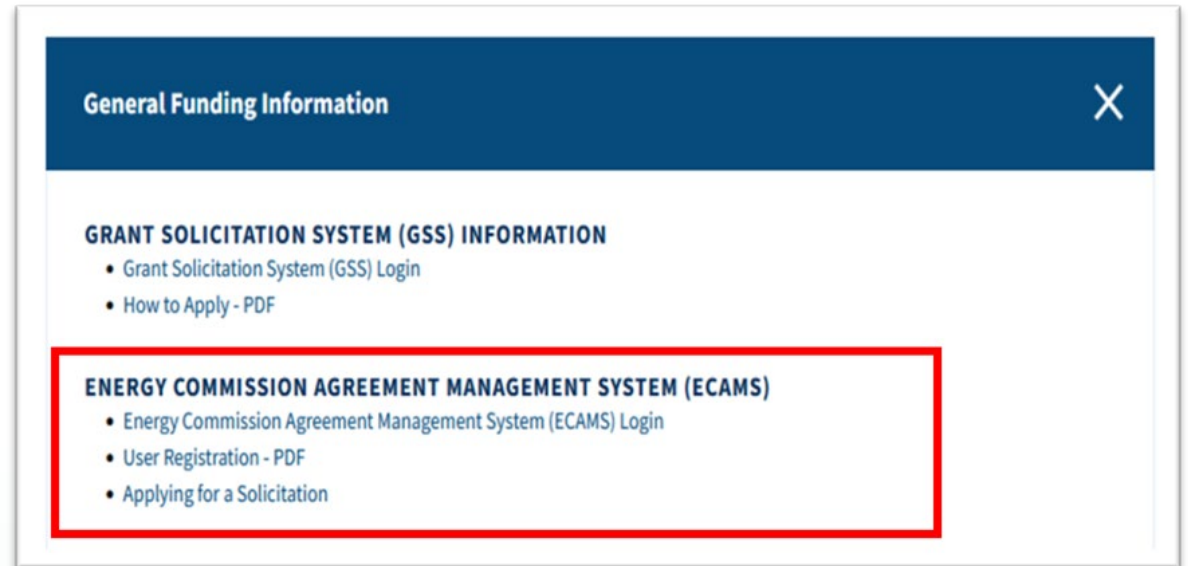
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- Application documents should meet formatting requirements and page limits provided in the solicitation manual.
- Applicants will be required to upload all attachments marked “required” in the system in order for the application to be submitted.



# GFO Submission Resources

- For detailed instructions on how to submit an application, please see the [Applying for a Solicitation](#) guidance document
- Guidance documents are available at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources> under *General Funding Information*
- Questions about the ECAMS system can be sent to:  
[ECAMS.SalesforceSupport@energy.ca.gov](mailto:ECAMS.SalesforceSupport@energy.ca.gov)





# GFO Submission

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## Submit applications early!

ECAMS will stop accepting application documents promptly at the deadline of 11:59 p.m. on March 25, 2026.

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



# Key Dates

Activity	Action Date
Solicitation Release	December 29, 2025
Pre-Application Workshop	January 14, 2026
<b>Deadline for Written Questions by 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>January 22, 2026</b>
Anticipated Distribution of Question/Answers	Week of Feb. 9, 2026
<b>Deadline to Submit Applications by 11:59 p.m.</b>	<b>March 25, 2026</b>
Anticipated Notice of Proposed Awards Posting	Week of June 1, 2026
Anticipated CEC Business Meeting	August 2026



# Questions and Answers

## **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 [eunice.lemos-adair@energy.ca.gov](mailto:eunice.lemos-adair@energy.ca.gov)

Deadline: January 22, 2026, 5:00 p.m. PST

Note that an official CEC response will be provided in writing and posted on the GFO webpage the week of February 9, 2026.



# Written Questions

Please send all questions related to GFO-25-602 to:

**Eunice Lemos-Adair**

Commission Agreement Officer

715 P Street, MS-1

Sacramento, CA 95814

1(279) 226-1065

[eunice.lemos-adair@energy.ca.gov](mailto:eunice.lemos-adair@energy.ca.gov)

(Please add subject line: GFO-25-602)

**Deadline to submit questions: Thursday, January 22, 2026, 5:00 p.m. PST**

**Deadline to submit applications: Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 11:59 p.m. PST**





# Next Steps

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Updates to solicitation documents will be posted on the [GFO Webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2025-12/gfo-25-602-californias-national-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-formula):  
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2025-12/gfo-25-602-californias-national-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-formula>



# **Thank You!**

Applications are due March 25, 2026, by 11:59 p.m.