



GFO-25-604 Pre-Application Workshop

California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program Solicitation 4

Fuels and Transportation Division
February 4, 2025 | 9:30 a.m.



Workshop Agenda

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



[This Photo](#) by Unknown author is licensed under [CC BY-SA](#).



Housekeeping

- Workshop is recorded on Zoom
- [Grant Funding Opportunity Webpage:](https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2026-01/gfo-25-604-californias-national-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-formula)
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2026-01/gfo-25-604-californias-national-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-formula>
- Virtual Participation via Zoom or telephone during the Q&A period
- Written Questions to Commission Agreement Officer:
Laura Williams, email: Laura.Williams@energy.ca.gov
Subject: GFO-25-604
Q&A Deadline: Thursday, February 12, 2026



Survey

Diversity Survey - GFO-25-604
National Electric Vehicle
Infrastructure (NEVI) 4



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.

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

Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/g/LXjNejxHbk>



Find Partners on EmpowerInnovation.net

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



Get to Know the NEVI Program

“National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Standards and Requirements”

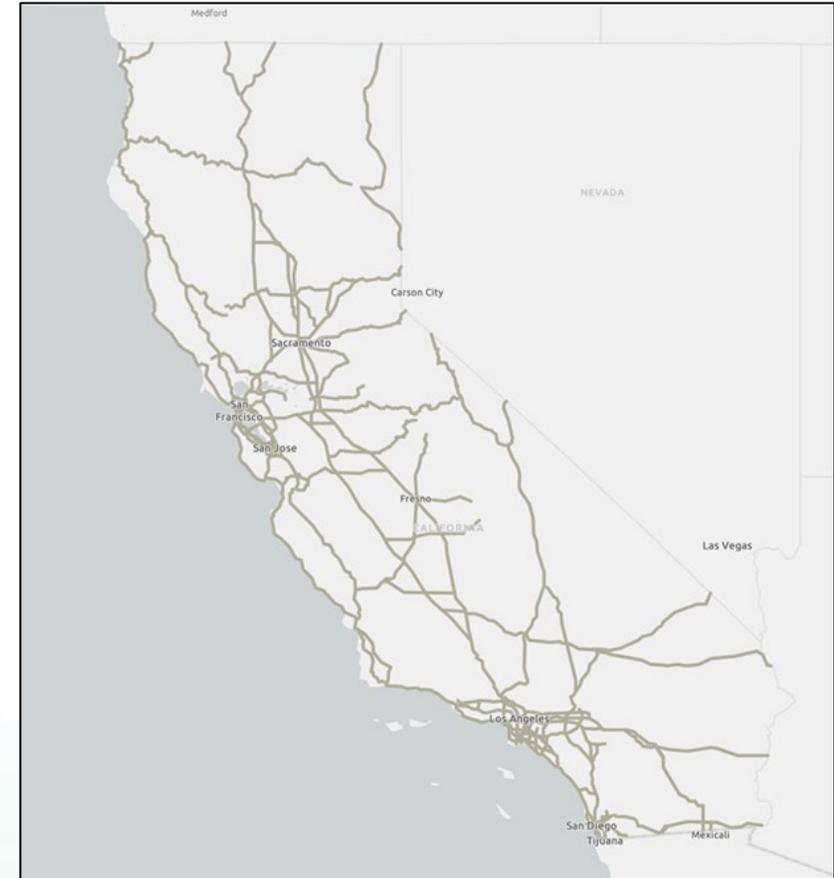
Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 680 (23 CFR 680)

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



NEVI Basic Requirements

- Public stations, open 24/7
 - Serve general public or authorized commercial motor vehicle operators from more than one company
- Site direct current (DC) fast chargers along Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFC) until fully built out
- Each charging port must be 150+ kilowatts (kW) with CCS connector
- Projects subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act, among others



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

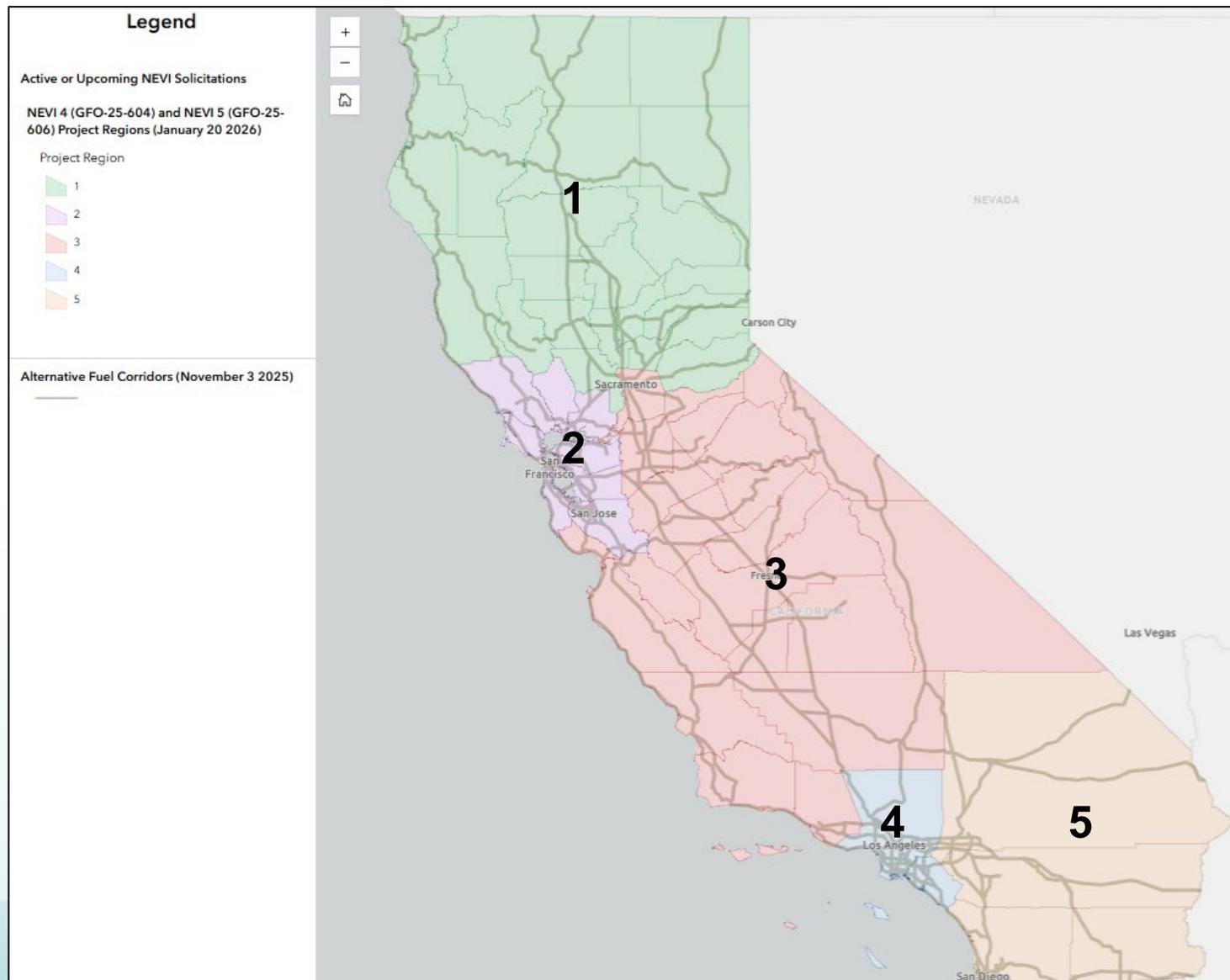
- Offering \$370 million as follows (minus \$14 million admin costs):

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)

- AFCs shown on map
- State divided into five Project Regions
- AFCs in Project Regions 1, 2, and 3 are eligible in NEVI 4
- AFCs in Project Regions 4 and 5 are eligible in NEVI 5
- Shown in [California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program Map](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc) at <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/135c0da4b70f4717b4664ad2e427d2bc>.





Solicitation Overview

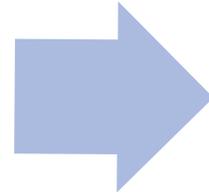
GFO-25-604

California's NEVI Formula Program – Solicitation 4



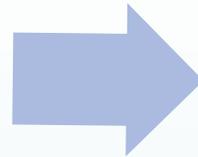
Solicitation Process

Solicitation
Release
**January 21,
2026**

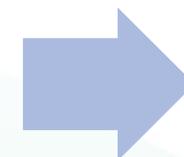


Applications Due
April 22, 2026

Anticipated Notice
of Proposed Awards
**Week of June
29, 2026**



CEC Business
Meeting
**September
2026**



Execute
Agreements
Quarter 4, 2026



Purpose of Solicitation

- Competitive grant solicitation
- Strategically deploy high-powered, direct current (DC) fast charger infrastructure to support medium- and heavy-duty (MDHD) electric vehicle (EV) travel along major corridors of the state highway system in northern and central parts of California.
- Contribute to the national charging network being built under the NEVI program.
- 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.



Funding Specifications

- A total of \$69.5 million is available under this solicitation
- A single applicant may submit up to 5 projects (applications) per Project Region
- 1 project = 1 application = 1 MDHD EV charging station
- Each project capped at 80% of allowable project cost or \$8 million per project, whichever is less
- A single applicant may only receive up to 20% of the total funds or \$13.9 million





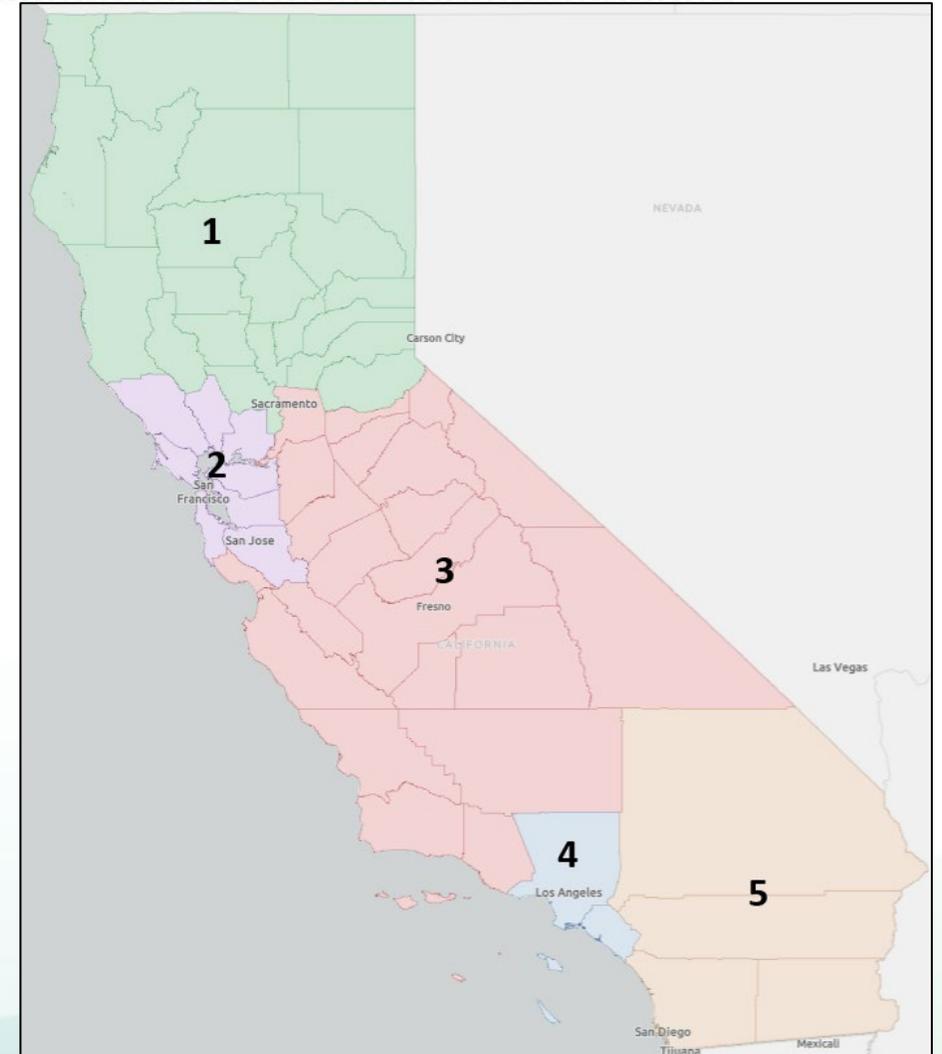
How Awards Will Be Determined

- The CEC will screen applications on administrative and technical criteria.
- Applications that pass screening will be scored according to technical evaluation criteria.
- Applications receiving at least the minimum scores required will be ranked according to their combined scores of Cost-per-new-CCS-port and Cost-per-kW of New Capacity in their respective Project Region.
- For applications with proposed EV charging stations within 50 miles of a higher-ranked application, the CEC may select the next ranked application for award to ensure adequate geographic distribution of funded stations.



Project Regions

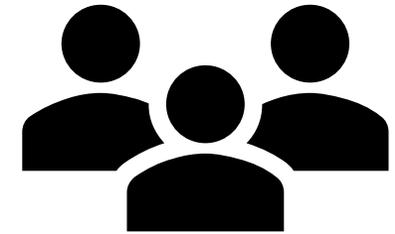
Project Region	Counties	Funding Allocation
1	Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, Yuba	\$9,845,000
2	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma	\$28,290,000
3	Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne, Ventura	\$31,365,000
TOTAL	TOTAL	\$69,500,000





Eligible Applicants

- All private entities
 - Excluding investor-owned utilities
- CA Tribal Organizations serving CA Native American Tribes are eligible
- 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
- Less than or equal to 50 currently active zero emission vehicle infrastructure grant agreements with the CEC





Eligible Projects

- Each application must propose to **install one EV charging station that will support medium- and heavy-duty (MDHD) EVs in an eligible location**, further described in Section II.B.2.
 - Minimum nameplate capacity of 3 Megawatts (MW)
 - Minimum of 8 new EV charging ports, each with CCS connector
 - May support light duty (LD) EVs
- 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



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, Project Region 1, 2, or 3
- Located within 1-mile, as the car drives, from nearest off-ramp or intersection of AFC
- Must be sited on previously disturbed or developed land
- Cannot be on property owned by Caltrans



Requirements – EV Charging Stations

- 24/7 access without restriction to applicable customers
- Fall into one of three categories
 - Public Access- open to general public
 - Restricted Access- open to authorized operators from more than one company
 - Hybrid Access- some infrastructure open to the public and some to authorized operators from more than one company
- Must have paved charging spaces
- Must be well-lit and safe
- Easy to read instructions



Requirements – Project Team

- Must have at least one “Experienced Contractor”
 - 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.
- The charging network provider must be capable of providing networking services through a 5-year in-service agreement.



Requirements – Charging Equipment

- Minimum combined EV charging nameplate capacity of 3 MW
- Each project must include the installation of at least eight new EV charging ports
 - Each port must have a nameplate capacity of at least 150 kW
 - Each port must have at least one permanently attached CCS Type 1 connector. Other connectors except CHAdeMO are allowed.
- Be “MW Ready” with conduit, switchgear, pad to support a 1 MW charger
- Each charging port must support output voltages between 250V DC and 920V DC



Requirements – Charging Equipment & Networking

- 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
- Be networked and include at least a 5-year networking agreement
- Be safety certified by an Occupational Safety and Health Administration Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory



Requirements – Electric Utility Capacity

- Meet utility capacity requirements in one of three ways
 - Full charging capacity upon opening
 - Can include distributed energy systems and battery energy storage systems
 - Ramped charging capacity
 - At commissioning, have utility capacity of at least 50% of rated nameplate capacity of station
 - Within 5 years, each charger must be capable of at least 80% of rated nameplate capacity
 - Flexible Service Agreement
 - Sign agreement with utility, if offered, to receive predefined capacity for specific times, as explained in manual pp. 23-24
 - Talk to utility provider early!



Requirements- Data Privacy and Cybersecurity

- All chargers and charging software must meet all NEVI cybersecurity requirements listed in the federal NEVI standards
- The recipient must develop and submit to the CEC a Data Management and Cybersecurity Plan after agreement execution and prior station commissioning.
- Data Management and Cybersecurity Plan should include, at minimum list in section II.B.18.
- U.S. DOT's guidance on developing a data management plan for assistance with their drafting their plans: <https://ntl.bts.gov/ntl/public-access/creating-data-management-plans>
- Sample Cybersecurity Clauses for EV Charging Infrastructure Procurements, which can be found here: <https://driveelectric.gov/cybersecurity-clauses>



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)



Eligible Project Costs

- Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE)
- Transformers, electric panels, conduit, wiring, meters
- 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
- Lighting, canopies, and other amenities designed to serve EV charging station customers
- 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



Project Costs Not Eligible

- Vehicle purchases
- Standard outlets (110/120 volt to 220/240 volt)
- Level 1 and/or Level 2 chargers
- Land acquisition or lease costs
- Costs to obtain match funding commitments
- Lighting, canopies, and other amenities on the site not designed to serve EV customers
- 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
- Projects that are primarily surveys to determine interest in the installation of EV charging stations in a particular region/corridor
- Proposals for vehicle demonstrations or demonstrations of existing technologies



Project Costs Not Eligible cont.

- Forgone Profit
- Forgone Rent
- Discounted or Refunded Equipment Costs
- Forgone Salary, Fringe, Indirect or Other Types of Cost
- Utility Provided Electrical Upgrades and Funding
- Compliance with Local, State, or Federal Law, Rule or Regulation



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

Examples of Project Budgets

Project	Grant Award	Cash Match Funding	In-Kind Match Funding	Total Project Cost
Install 8 ports	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000



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.
- Comply with restrictions on use of program income (23 CFR 680.106(m)).



Application Components

GFO-25-604

California's NEVI Formula Program – Solicitation 4



Application Organization

Item	Action Needed by Applicant
Project Narrative (Attachment 1)	Complete the attachment
Schedule of Products and Due Dates (Attachment 2)	Complete the attachment
Proposal Budget (Attachment 3)	Complete the attachment
Letters of Commitment (Attachment 4)	Complete the attachment
Preliminary Site Plan (Attachment 5)	Complete the attachment
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Worksheet (Attachment 6)	Complete the attachment
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) Form (Attachment 7)	Complete the attachment
Utility Verification Form (Attachment 8)	Complete the attachment
Resumes (Attachment 9)	Complete the attachment
Contact List (Attachment 10)	Complete the attachment
Past Performance Reference Form (Attachment 11)	Complete the attachment
Applicant Declaration (Attachment 12)	Complete the attachment
Letters of Support (Attachment 13)	Complete the attachment (OPTIONAL)
Restricted Access Letters or Agreements (Attachment 14) (if required)	Complete the attachment (IF REQUIRED)
<i>Scope of Work</i>	<i>Review – no submission needed</i>
<i>Right of Way Certification Form 13B (NEVI)</i>	<i>Review – no submission needed</i>



General Application Information

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

The screenshot shows the login page for the Energy Commission Agreement Management System. At the top left is the California Energy Commission logo. Below it is a blue horizontal bar. The main content area is white and contains the text "Energy Commission Agreement Management System" centered. Below this text are two input fields: "Username" with a person icon and "Password" with a lock icon. Below the input fields is a dark blue "Log in" button. At the bottom of the page are two links: "[Forgot your password?](#)" and "[New User Sign Up?](#)".



Project Narrative (Attachment 1)

- Limited to 25 pages
- Covers evaluation criteria
 - EV Charging Station Location and Equipment
 - Project Readiness
 - Expected Project Benefits
 - Project Budget and Finances

ATTACHMENT 01 Project Narrative

This form must be completed and submitted as part of your application.

Please refer to Attachment 00 – Solicitation Manual for detailed information, instructions, and program requirements.

Please respond to the following questions to describe the project. The questions are organized into seven sections: Applicant Overview, EV Charging Station Location and Equipment, Project Readiness, Expected Project Benefits, Project Budget and Finances, Operations and Maintenance Plan, and Team Experience and Qualifications. The Project Narrative will be scored according to the evaluation criteria in Section IV. E. and scoring scales found in Section IV. D. of Attachment 00 – Solicitation Manual. All questions must be answered unless otherwise noted.

In your response, please keep the section headings as well as the individual prompts within them. The limit for the Project Narrative, including all sections, is 25 pages. The limit for the Operations and Maintenance Plan is 5 pages and counts toward the overall 25-page limit.

Section 1: Applicant Overview

Note: This section is not scored and is for informational purposes only to identify the applicant and the proposed project.

Project Information	Applicant Answers
Primary Applicant	
Subrecipients	
Project Name	
Project Region	
Station Type (Public Access, Restricted Access, or Hybrid Access)	
Adjacent Alternative Fuel Corridor	
Grant Funding Amount Requested	
Match Share Funding To Be Provided	
Total Project Cost (Grant Funding + Match Share)	
Station Address	
City	
Zip Code	
New or Existing Station Site	



Project Narrative, cont. (Attachment 1)

- Operations and Maintenance Plan
 - Limited to 5 pages
- Team Experience and Qualifications
- Do not remove Table of Contents or page numbers from template



Schedule of Products and Due Dates (Attachment 2)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 2
- Corresponds to Scope of Work
- Provide realistic dates on when product deliverables can be completed

<i>Schedule of Products and Due Dates</i>			
Task Number	Task Name	Product(s)	Due Date
1	ADMINISTRATION		
1.1	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 (CEC)	<Insert Date>
		Schedule for written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
		Written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
	2nd CPR Meeting	CPR Report	<Insert Date>
		CPR meeting agenda and list of expected participants (CEC)	<Insert Date>
		Schedule for written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
	3rd CPR Meeting	Written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
		CPR Report	<Insert Date>
		CPR meeting agenda and list of expected participants (CEC)	<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
1.6	Identify and Obtain Match Funds		
		A letter regarding match funds	<Insert Date>
		Copy(ies) of each match fund commitment letter(s)	<Insert Date>
		Letter(s) for new match fund commitment (if	Within 10 days of identifying new match



Proposal Budget (Attachment 3)

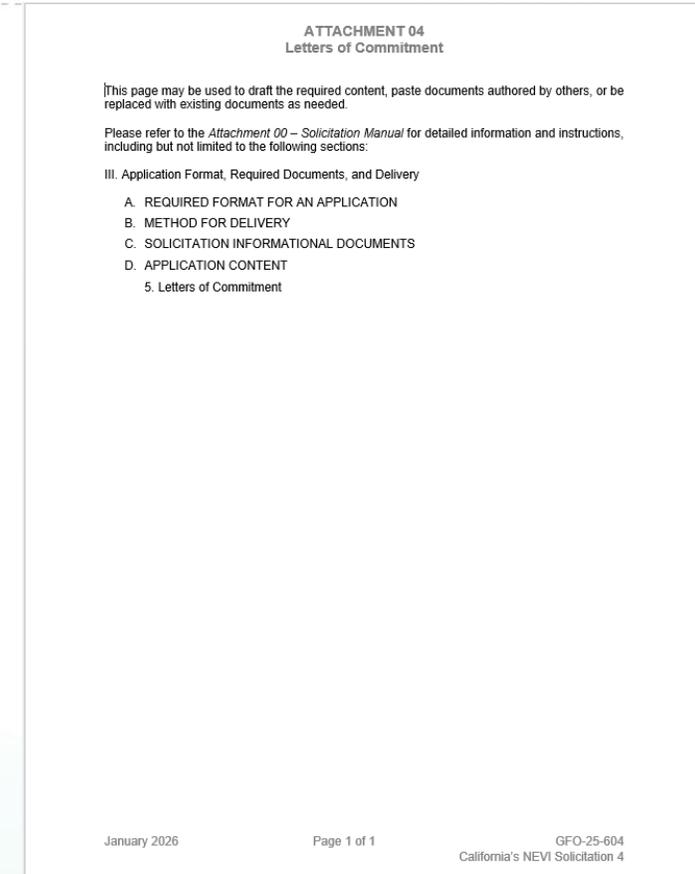
- Upload all budgets (Prime and Major Subrecipients) as Excel attachments
- Follow Budget Instructions
- Identify how CEC funds and match funds will be spent to complete the project
- Remember 20% match requirement
- For more information on the CEC budget forms, visit the [CEC ECAMS Resources](https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/eca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

PROPOSAL BUDGET			
Category Budget			
Grant Funding Number	GFO-25-604		
Name of Organization	ABC company		
Select Recipient or Subrecipient			
Select your organization's California Business Certifications			
Cost Category	CEC 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Total CEC Reimbursable Funds Spent in California or Paid to California-Based Entities (if applicable)</i>	\$ -		
<i>Percentage of CEC Reimbursable Funds Spent in California or Paid to California-Based Entities</i>			



Letters of Commitment (Attachment 4)

- 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.





Preliminary Site Plan (Attachment 5)

- Submit a preliminary site plan
- 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.

ATTACHMENT 05 Preliminary Site Plan

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:

III. Application Format, Required Documents, and Delivery

- A. REQUIRED FORMAT FOR AN APPLICATION
- B. METHOD FOR DELIVERY
- C. SOLICITATION INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENTS
- D. APPLICATION CONTENT
 - 6. Preliminary Site Plan



California Environmental Quality Act Worksheet (Attachment 6)

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

ATTACHMENT 06

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.¹ 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.² 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.

¹ For a brief summary of the CEQA process, please visit <http://oeres.ca.gov/ceqa/summary.html>.

² 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).



National Environmental Policy Act Preliminary Environmental Study Form (Attachment 7)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 7 as specified in the solicitation manual.
- Must complete:
 - ✓ Detailed Project Description
 - ✓ Check appropriate boxes under Preliminary Design Information
 - ✓ Check appropriate boxes for Parts A – F
 - ✓ Attach required attachments
- Use tools like the GeoTracker for hazardous materials and FEMA map to ensure site is appropriate for a NEVI station

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)

To: _____ From: _____
(District Local Assistance Engineer) (Local Agency)

_____ _____
(District) (Project Manager's Name and Telephone No.)

_____ _____
(Address) (Address)

_____ _____
(Email Address) (Email Address)

Is this Project "ON" the State Highway System? Yes No **IF YES, STOP HERE** and contact the District Local Assistance Engineer regarding the completion of other environmental documentation.

Federal State Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) _____
(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 for FSTIP: Preliminary Engineering Right of Way Construction
(Fiscal Year) \$ (Dollars) (Fiscal Year) \$ (Dollars) (Fiscal Year) \$ (Dollars)

Project Description as Shown in RTP and FSTIP:

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.

<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Widen existing roadway	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Ground disturbance	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Easements
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase number of through lanes	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Road cut/fill	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment staging
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> New alignment	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Excavation: anticipated maximum depth _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary access road/detour
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity increasing—other (e.g., channelization)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/culverts	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Utility relocation
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Realignment	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Flooding protection	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Right of way acquisition (if yes, attach map with APN)
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Ramp or street closure	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Stream channel work	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal/borrow sites
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge work	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Pile driving	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Part of larger adjacent project
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation removal	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Tree removal		

Page 1 of 12
January 2021



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 categorical exclusion (CE) Form.



New PES Form

- A new Pilot PES Form is available at <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/lapm/c06/lapm6a.pdf>
- Solicitation will be amended to update PES Form attachment
- New form requires filling out all yellow highlighted fields
- Completing those fields makes other relevant fields appear



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



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)



Utility Verification Form (Attachment 8)

- Applicants must complete a Utility Verification Form.
- 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 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
- Use Attachment 9 or a replacement document

ATTACHMENT 09 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:

III. Application Format, Required Documents, and Delivery

- A. REQUIRED FORMAT FOR AN APPLICATION
- B. METHOD FOR DELIVERY
- C. SOLICITATION INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENTS
- D. APPLICATION CONTENT
 - 10. Resumes



Contact List (Attachment 10)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 5
- 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
<p>Commission Agreement Manager: <i>(Progress Reports and Non-Confidential Products may be emailed to the CAM or uploaded into ECAMS with Invoice.)</i></p> <p>(TBD by Commission) California Energy Commission 715 P Street, MS-X Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (916) XXX-XXXX e-mail:</p>	<p>Project Manager: Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:</p>
<p><i>(intentionally left blank)</i></p>	<p>Administrator: Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:</p>
<p>Invoices:</p> <p>Please submit electronic invoices in ECAMS: https://ecams.energy.ca.gov/s/login/</p>	<p>Accounting Officer: Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:</p>
<p>Legal Notices: Phil Dyer Grants Manager California Energy Commission 715 P Street, MS-18 Sacramento, CA 95814 e-mail: phil.dyer@energy.ca.gov</p>	<p>Recipient Legal Notices: Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:</p>

January 2026
Page 1 of 1
GFO-25-604
California's NEVI Solicitation 4



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-25-604
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 Attachment 01 – Project Narrative, Section 7: Team Experience and Qualifications, if the team's experience and qualifications includes 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 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.	



Applicant Declaration (Attachment 12)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 12 for the application to be considered complete.

ATTACHMENT 12 Applicant Declaration

As of the date of the application deadline for Energy Commission solicitation GFO-25-604, 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)

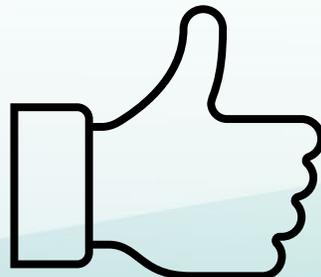
(Signature)

(Printed Name)



Letters of Support (Attachment 13 - *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 13 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:

III. Application Format, Required Documents, and Delivery

- A. REQUIRED FORMAT FOR AN APPLICATION
- B. METHOD FOR DELIVERY
- C. SOLICITATION INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENTS
- D. APPLICATION CONTENT
 - 14. Letters of Support



Restricted Access Letters or Agreements (Attachment 14 – *If Required*)

- For Applications for Restricted Access stations, or Hybrid Access stations that include charging ports with restricted access. Must include:
 - Signed agreements or letters of intent from more than one commercial motor vehicle operator.
 - The agreements or letters must describe the commercial motor vehicle operator's vehicles that will be utilizing the restricted access equipment, including the vehicles' quantity and type.

ATTACHMENT 14
Restricted Access Letters or Agreements
(If Required)

(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:

III. Application Format, Required Documents, and Delivery

- A. REQUIRED FORMAT FOR AN APPLICATION
- B. METHOD FOR DELIVERY
- C. SOLICITATION INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENTS
- D. APPLICATION CONTENT
 - 15. Restricted Access Letters or Agreements

January 2026 Page 1 of 1 GFO-25-604
California's NEVI Solicitation 4



Scope of Work (Attachment 15)

- Applicants do NOT complete Attachment 15. 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 15

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-25-604. 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)
1	<Name>	<Name>	<Name>
2	<Name>	<Name>	<Name>
3	<Name>	<Name>	<Name>
4	<Name>	<Name>	<Name>
5	<Name>	<Name>	<Name>
6	<Name>	<Name>	<Name>



Right of Way Certification 13B (Attachment 16)

- Applicants do NOT complete Attachment 16. It is for reference only.
- If awarded, Recipient will complete this form to document the Right of Way or rights in real property

Attachment 16, GFO-25-604

Exhibit 13-B(NEVI)
Right of Way Certification

Exhibit 13-B: Right of Way Certification NEVI Project
(off the State Highway System)

NOTE: This form is intended for use on National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program (NEVI) projects where federal funds are used and Right of Way (RW) or rights in real property may be required.

Agency: California Energy Commission R/W Certification No.: 1 or 2

Recipient: _____

Project ID/Project Segment: _____

Project Location: _____

Project Description: Strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) chargers under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program (NEVI) administered through the California Energy Commission (CEC). Including the acquisition, installation, and network connection of EV chargers to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability; proper operation and maintenance of EV chargers; and, long-term EV charger data sharing.

1. Status of Required Right of Way

No acquisition of RW is required as all proposed work is within existing RW OR RW has been acquired in accordance with applicable policy and procedure covering the acquisition of real property. Recipient of the NEVI Program funding and or its subcontractors have legal and physical possession and right to enter on all lands as follows:

A. Total Number of Parcels Required: _____

1. Parcels acquired: _____

Parcel Number	Owner	Project RW Required	Closed of Escrow

(This table shall be completed for parcels where property rights were secured via an acquisition of land in fee or easement)

2. Parcels covered by other acquisition documents as follows: _____

Parcel Number or Location / PM	Owner	Project RW Required	Type of Document	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Payment Terms (monthly, yearly, payment in full in advance)

(This table shall be completed for parcels of land where property rights for use were secured by lease agreement)

2. Status of Access Control
Not applicable to NEVI projects

3. Status of Affected Railroad Operating Facilities
None affected

Page 1 of 3
March 2025



Scope of Work Tasks

- 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 4



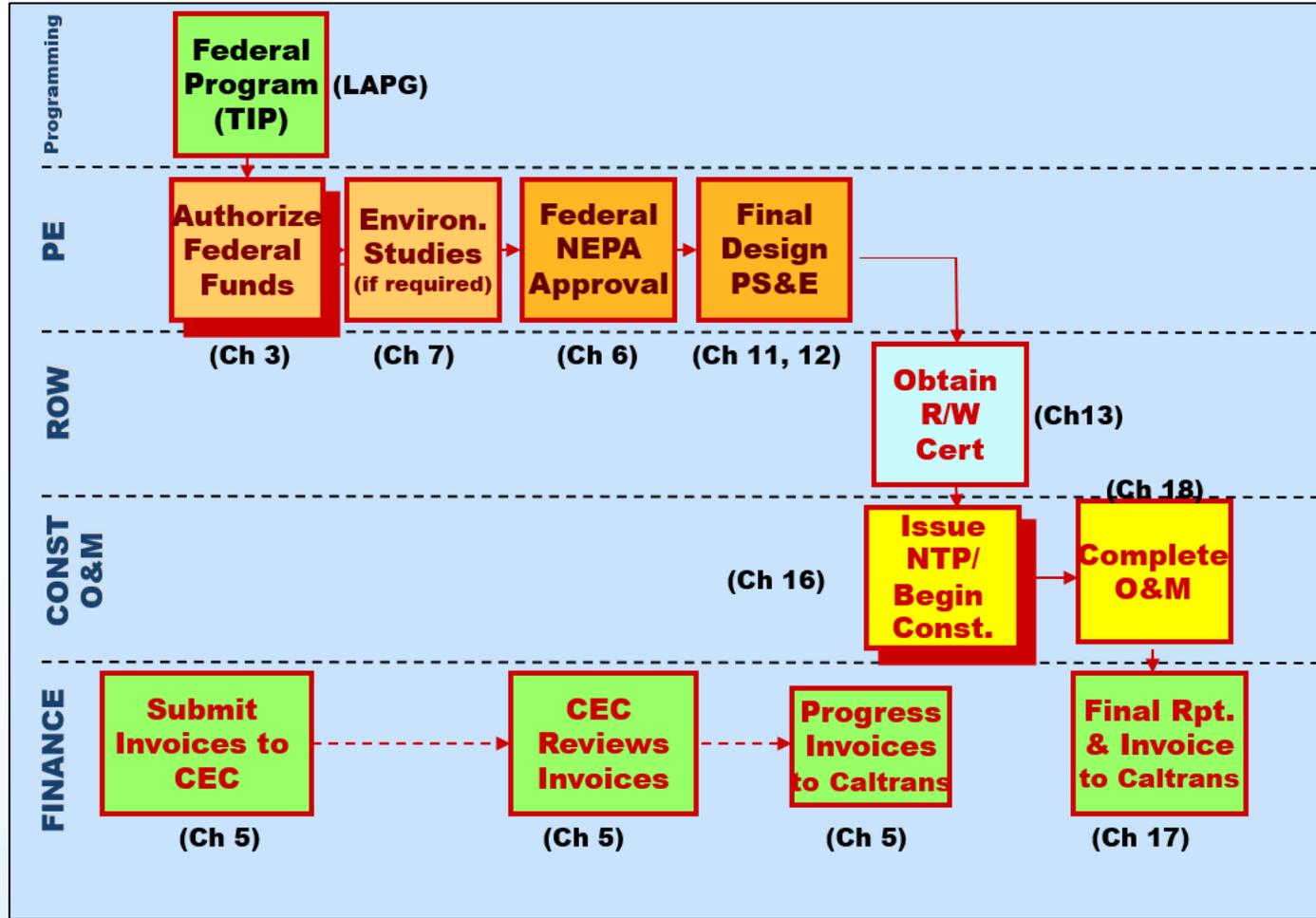
Federal Procedures

- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has the authority and responsibility for implementing and monitoring federal laws, regulations, and executive orders associated with transportation programs utilizing federal funds.
- FHWA delegates certain responsibilities to Caltrans per the FHWA/Caltrans Stewardship and Oversight (S&O) Agreement.
- The Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) is a document published by Caltrans to guide in project delivery when utilizing federal funds.



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).
- Right of Way (R/W) Certification is needed prior to beginning construction and must be consistent with the project's approved PS&E (23 CFR 635.309).
- All projects must follow R/W requirements or federal funds may be in jeopardy.
- Refer to LAPM Chapter 13 for more information.



Federal Procedures - Timelines

Typical Caltrans Review Periods

- Environmental Review: 4 - 6 weeks
- Right of Way Review: 2 - 4 weeks



Resources

- [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](#)
- [Local Assistance Procedures Manual \(LAPM\)](#)



Application Evaluation

GFO-25-604

California's NEVI Formula Program – Solicitation 4



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 CEC 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 project meets the requirements described in Section II.B.4, Megawatts Per EV Charging Station, Number of EV Charging Ports, and Connector Types requirements.	Pass or Fail
3. The project team requirements described in Section II.B.7 are met.	Pass or Fail
4. The project meets the match share requirement specified in Section II.C.	Pass or Fail
5. The Applicant passes the past performance screening 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. 52-54) to the evaluation criteria.
- 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.



Project Narrative Evaluation and Scoring, cont.

Evaluation Criteria	Possible Points
1. EV Charging Station Location 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
Total Possible Points	100
Minimum Points to Pass (70%)	70

**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 Project Region based on the combined Cost-per-New-CCS-Port and Cost-per-kW of New Capacity score of the station.
- The Cost-per-New-CCS-Port = total CEC grant dollars requested for the station divided by the number of ports with a CCS connector proposed at the station.
- The Cost-per-kW of New Capacity is calculated by dividing the total CEC grant dollars requested by the total power proposed to be installed at the station.
- Each metric is scored out of 50 points, for a total of 100 points.



Terms and Conditions

- 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

GFO-25-604

California's NEVI Formula Program – Solicitation 4



Application Submission via ECAMS

- Submit applications through the Energy Commission Agreement Management System (ECAMS), 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 ECAMS Registration Instructions at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/7893>
- Note: One account manager per organization, but users can be added by account manager

A screenshot of the California Energy Commission's Energy Commission Agreement Management System (ECAMS) login page. The page features the California Energy Commission logo at the top left. Below the logo, the text "Energy Commission Agreement Management System" is displayed. There are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". Below these fields is a blue "Login" button. At the bottom of the page, there are two links: "Forgot your password?" and "New User Sign Up?".

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Energy Commission Agreement Management System

Username

Password

Login

[Forgot your password?](#) [New User Sign Up?](#)



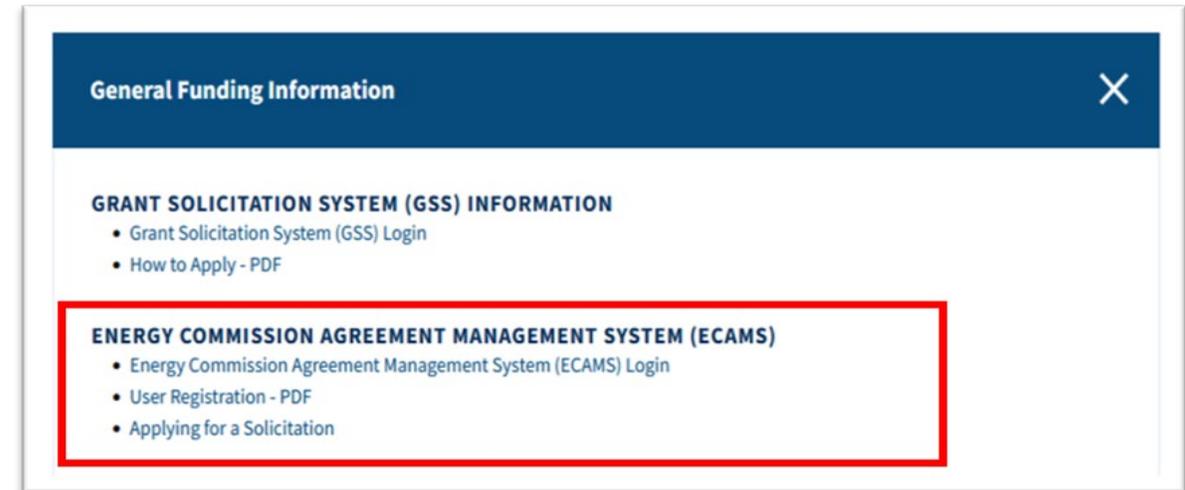
Submission Requirements

- 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.



Application Submission Resources

- For detailed instructions on how to submit an application, please see the Applying for a Solicitation guidance document at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/7956>
- 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

A screenshot of a web page titled "General Funding Information" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The page is divided into two main sections. The first section is "GRANT SOLICITATION SYSTEM (GSS) INFORMATION" and contains two bullet points: "Grant Solicitation System (GSS) Login" and "How to Apply - PDF". The second section is "ENERGY COMMISSION AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ECAMS)" and contains three bullet points: "Energy Commission Agreement Management System (ECAMS) Login", "User Registration - PDF", and "Applying for a Solicitation". The ECAMS section is highlighted with a red rectangular border.



Application Submission

Submit applications early!

ECAMS will stop accepting application documents promptly at the deadline of 11:59 p.m. on April 22, 2025.

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	January 21, 2026
Pre-Application Workshop	February 4, 2026
Deadline for Written Questions by 5:00 p.m.	February 12, 2026
Anticipated Distribution of Question/Answers	Week of March 2, 2026
Support for Application Submission in the Energy Commission Agreement Management System (ECAMS) until 5:00 p.m.	Ongoing until April 22, 2026
Deadline to Submit Applications by 11:59 p.m.	April 22, 2026
Anticipated Notice of Proposed Awards Posting	Week of June 29, 2026
Anticipated CEC Business Meeting	September 2026



Questions and Answers

GFO-25-604

California's NEVI Formula Program – Solicitation 4



Questions and Answers, cont.

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 Laura.Williams@energy.ca.gov

Deadline: February 12, 2026, 5:00 p.m. PST

Official CEC responses to submitted written questions will be provided in writing and posted on the solicitation webpage in March 2026.



Written Questions

Please send all questions related to GFO-25-604 to:

LAURA WILLIAMS

Commission Agreement Officer

715 P Street, MS-1

Sacramento, CA 95814

(916) 879-1383

Laura.Williams@energy.ca.gov

Please add subject line: **GFO-25-604**

Deadline to submit questions: Thursday, February 12, 2026, 5:00 p.m. PST

Deadline to submit applications: Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 11:59 p.m. PST



Next Steps

GFO-25-604

California's NEVI Formula Program – Solicitation 4



Next Steps

Activity	Action Date
Deadline for Written Questions by 5:00 p.m.	February 12, 2026
Anticipated Distribution of Questions/Answers	Week of March 2, 2026
Deadline to Submit Applications by 11:59 p.m.	April 22, 2026
Anticipated Notice of Proposed Awards Posting	Week of June 29, 2026

Updates to solicitation documents will be posted on the [Solicitation Webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2026-01/gfo-25-604-californias-national-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-formula):
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2026-01/gfo-25-604-californias-national-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-formula>



Thank You!

Applications are due April 22, 2026, by 11:59 p.m.