

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND SCOPE OF WORK

The bidder should provide the following information in response to this Request for Information.

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is participating in the federal National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program. This program provides funding to State DOTs that can be used to defray up to 80 percent of the construction costs of Level 3 (DC Fast Chargers – DCFC). The NEVI program also outlines specific technical, location and operational characteristics for charger sites.

The goals of the NDOT Infrastructure Deployment are:

- Construction of DCFC sites in along the Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs) in Nebraska as the first step in the program
- Construction of sites in other locations once the AFC has DCFC facilities to meet the NEVI program requirements.
- Providing reliable, accessible charging facilities to travelers in Nebraska
- Addressing environmental and social justice goals relating to access and location of charging facilities.

A detailed summary of the envisioned program is included in Appendix A. NDOT welcomes input on this program. The following items are specific questions about sections of the program, but respondents are encouraged to provide any feedback thought to be relevant.

Specific Areas for Feedback and Input

1. Critical elements of the program are documented in the Appendix. NDOT requests input from potential Applicants regarding items that require clarification or identification of challenges Applicants may perceive with pursuing grant funding through the program as defined in the Scope of Work.
2. Appendix Section 2: Funding Sources. The NDOT will be responsible for distribution of federal funding through the program. The state will receive funding through 2026, which will be distributed.
3. Many of the locations shown in Appendix Section 3 have a primary purpose of satisfying program requirements for station spacing along the I-80 AFC. Most are located in rural areas. Does the rural setting (with limited development) create electrical service availability concerns and if so, how should they be addressed?
4. Appendix Section 6 outlines a basic schedule a solicitation will be available for applicants to complete and the review period. The NDOT requests comments regarding the length of each period documented.
5. Appendix Section 7 lists known risks and challenges identified during the planning process. Are there actions/program modifications that would reduce or eliminate the risks/challenges?
6. Requests for operational data are described in Appendix Section 8. What is the feasibility/reasonableness of providing each data item in a quarterly, semi-annual or annual report to the NDOT?

7. Appendix Section 9 describes NDOT's requirements regarding Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Affirmative Action Plan, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) programs must also be satisfied. Input is requested regarding questions/concerns Applicant's may have regarding meeting any of the requirements.