

Virtual Public Information Center (VPIC) Questions posted on <https://www.njdotnevi.com/>

Q: Will details on how applicants and their team can be prequalified to work classification #44 –EV Charging Stations be provided?

A: Details are on NJDOT's Procurement site:

<https://www.nj.gov/transportation/business/procurement/ConstrServ/prequalrequire.shtm>

Q: Site host models range from owner / operator models to operators with long term property leases for their business operations. Will all of these models be able to respond to this funding opportunity?

A: Firms from Work Types 5, 7 and 44 may bid on this contract. Documentation for site host agreements for the duration of the contract will be required; various site host models may be used.

Q: Will the maintenance company need to register to participate in this project team?

A: The contractor is responsible for assembling the project team, including maintenance. NJDOT will not require the maintenance company to separately register.

Q. Will there be methods other than Bid Express to access RFP materials?

A: No.

Q. Will a GIS site be set up to share information on site locations?

A. GIS information related to interchanges will be provided with the contract documents; the contractor is responsible for determining site locations.

Q. Will there be any consideration to locate the charger stations along the Garden State Parkway corridor for all the travelers of that roadway?

Q. Why isn't NJ Turnpike and GSP on this proposed map?

A. The Garden State Parkway (GSP) and New Jersey Turnpike are under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and not part of this contract.

Q. Do Municipalities qualify for funding?

A. No.

Q. Will the scope of the NEVI project expand beyond what was provided in the RFI to what is now presented on the NJ NEVI website? Can we expect the scope of the NEVI project to now cover the extent of the AFCs as defined by the "NJ AFCs and DCFC Development Zones"?

A. The NJDOT Procurement site provides current information related to the contract scope for DCFC Development Zones along NJ's AFCs. Information related to DCFC Development Zones may be updated in response to industry feedback.

Emails received by NJDOT:

Can the GIS data used to generate the maps shown be made available for our own internal use, for integrating into our existing GIS tools?

Can you provide GIS layers for the AFC map?

Can GIS data could be made available to allow our own internal efforts to be more efficient and help us put forth the strongest possible proposal package?

A: GIS location points will be provided in the contract documents to determine “within 1 mile” of an AFC interchange as travelled by a vehicle. GIS information for Disadvantaged Communities and Overburdened Communities are respectively found at the following sites:

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dot-navigator/equity-and-justice40-analysis-tools>

<https://dep.nj.gov/ej/communities/>

Q: Are the maps found in the NJDOT 12/2/2022 RFI Notice superseded by the current Alternative Fuel Corridor Development zones found in the Pre-Bid slides?

A: Yes.

Q. Have the exits and target areas around the AFC’s further narrowed down and is there an interactive map provided by the state?

A. Exhibits of the AFC zones, with interchange location information will be provided in the contract documents.

Q. What are the dates when the grant application will be opened.

A. This is a low-bid contract. Information regarding the contract is found at the NJDOT Procurement site: <https://www.nj.gov/transportation/business/procurement/>

Q. Can New Jersey utility make ready and state rebates be stacked with NEVI funding.

A. Contractors are encouraged to take advantage of programs offered by utilities; these programs may require data collection, reporting or other responsibilities. Programs offered by other State agencies may not be applicable.

Q: Does NJDOT intend to specify any additional EVSE/network specifications beyond the NEVI minimum standards, such as requiring OCPP 2.0.1. certification?

A. NJDOT may specify additional requirements.

Q. Can NJDOT clarify if the requirement to have one CCS connector and one NACS connector per charger can be met via a dock/adaptor, or if each port must have two permanently cables (one cable with a CCS connector, and one with a NACS connector)?

A. The NEVI Program FAQs provides guidance on NACS connectors, and the use of adapters funded under the NEVI Program.

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/alternative_fuel_corridors/resources/nevi_program_faqs.pdf

Does NJDOT intend to specify any further cybersecurity requirements beyond what's specified in the NEVI minimum standards? If so, can NJDOT confirm the requirements that will be mandated?

A. The contract will include cybersecurity requirements specific to New Jersey, including compliance with the New Jersey Statewide Information Security Manual (SISM).

Q. Does NJDOT intend to specify any requirements for solar and/or storage, or award bonus points for their inclusion in proposals?

A. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder. Bidders may employ solar and/ or storage in their approach.

Solicitation Details

Q. When in Fall 2023 is the RFP expected to be issued?

A. For the latest information see NJDOT's Procurement website, <https://www.nj.gov/transportation/business/procurement/>

Q. Do prospective bidders need to do anything to participate in the RFP besides complete the pre-qualification process (register in databases, procurement portals, etc.)?

A. Requirements necessary to submit a bid can be found on the NJDOT's Procurement website, <https://www.nj.gov/transportation/business/procurement/>

Q. Will awardees be able to leverage utility incentives and/or rebate/grant funding from other non-federal sources to meet the match funding requirements?

A. Contractors may take advantage of programs; these programs may require data collection, reporting or other responsibilities. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder; no funding match is required.

Q. Will NJDOT be awarding additional points to vendors that propose to contribute above the required 20% match?

A. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder; no funding match is required.

Can NJDOT confirm that vendors need to identify and secure one site within each of the zones identified during the Pre-Bid Meeting?

A. The contractor is responsible for identifying one site in each of the DCFC Development zones. The graphic at the Pre-Bid meeting shows 18 zones; NJDOT may update the number of DCFC Development zones.