

Washington State National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program

PRE-SOLICITATION NOTICE

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program (NEVI):

- Enacted by Congress, through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), also referred to as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)¹.
- Funds over \$5 billion -- over a 5-year period - to construct a nationwide electric vehicle charging infrastructure network.
- Allocates \$71 million in NEVI formula funds in total over five-fiscal years (2022-2026) to Washington State.

WASHINGTON STATE NEVI - PROJECT GOALS:

- Encourages the development of an electric vehicle charging infrastructure network that is reliable, convenient, affordable, and equitable.
- Supports the acquisition, installation, and operation and maintenance of direct-current fast-charging (DCFC) infrastructure.
- Prioritizes updates to existing electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) sites and new EVSE sites along Washington’s EV Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFC).

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:

WSDOT Shall:

- Issue a competitive procurement solicitation, the Notice of Funding Opportunity (**NOFO**).
- Award up to \$25 million in Round 1 NEVI funding, through five-year Grant Agreements.
- Anticipate a NOFO issuance by October 1, 2024.

MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENTS

- NEVI Formula funds will cover up to 80% of eligible project costs.
- Applicants will be required to cover a minimum of 20% of eligible project costs.
- All federal funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE:*

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)	4 th Quarter 2024
Bid Evaluation	4 th Quarter 2024
Contract Negotiations	1 st Quarter 2025
Construction Start	2 nd Quarter 2025

*Dates are approximate and subject to change.

ELIGIBLE ALTERNATIVE FUEL CORRIDORS:

Group	Highway	Section	Distance	Est # of Sites
Group A	I-90	I-90: Seattle to Ellensburg	106	2 - 3
		Ellensburg to Ritzville	113	2 - 3
		Ritzville to Spokane	62	1
	US 97	OR border to Yakima	82	1 - 2
Group B	US 2	Leavenworth to Newport	231	4 - 5
Group C	US 101	Aberdeen to Forks	107	2 - 3
		Forks to Port Angeles	57	1
		Sequim to Shelton	83	1 - 2
Group D	US 195	ID border to Spokane	93	2 - 3
		Spokane to Colville	72	1
	US 395	Colville to Canada border	41	1
			Total	18 - 25

¹ Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program Fact Sheet | Federal Highway Administration ([dot.gov](https://www.dot.gov))

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PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

OPERATIONAL MODEL:

- The Grantee will own, operate, and maintain the EVSE.
- The EVSE will not be located on WSDOT or state-owned right-of-way.

PHYSICAL SITE:

- Site must be located no further than fifty (50) miles apart and shall not be located more than one (1) mile from the AFC.
- Sites on AFCs that cross into adjacent state(s), must be located within twenty-five (25) miles of the Washington border with the adjacent state crossing.
- Sites must be available to the Applicant for the entire length of the five-year Grant Agreement.
- Sites must be available for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating and maintaining an EV charging station, in accordance with NEVI requirements (23 CFR 680) and all applicable laws and regulations.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

- Meet or exceed all requirements of Title 23 CFR 680.
- A minimum of four (4) combo charging system ports at each station, capable of continuous charging at 150kW simultaneously.

COMPLIANCE STANDARDS:

Title 23 CFR, which includes but is not limited to 23 CFR 680, the Davis-Bacon Act, FHWA Form 1273, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act. Other federal, state and local laws may apply.

INCLUSION GOALS:

To be determined.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION²

For up-to-date information, please visit WSDOT's NEVI website and subscribe to the distribution list.

<https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/statewide-plans/washington-state-plan-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-deployment>

² Note. To preserve the integrity of the NOFO competitive solicitation, WSDOT, regrettably, is unable to meet with or respond to requests from individual parties. Instead, we will schedule a formal Q&A session after the solicitation is issued, to address the Community's concerns in a transparent and open forum.

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