



NEVI RFP – NCDOT Responses to Submitted Questions

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No.	Questions	Responses	NCDOT Action	Date
Mapping Questions				
1	Can you explain the difference between the light orange areas and the roads highlighted in magenta/purple on the GIS Maps?	The zones outlined in <u>orange</u> are the eleven clusters. Multiple exits/crossroads can be part of a single cluster. One charging station will be constructed per cluster. If there are multiple exits along a corridor shown in the cluster, NCDOT will award funding for one NEVI charging station to be built at one of those exits. The <u>maroon</u> lines are the roads that are within one mile of AFC exits or crossroads for a given cluster. The NEVI stations must be within 1 mile driving distance of the AFC exit or crossroad.	No action	4/1/24
2	Can you clarify the difference in the 1-mile layer (Service Distance) and the AFC intersection layer on the GIS map?	The federal government has issued specific guidance on how to calculate the 1-mile distance from the AFC. NCDOT has calculated these distances for applicants. The "AFC Interchanges" layer presents red dots at specific locations. These are the exact locations where the driver enters the road from the exit ramp. This is the point where the 1-mile driving distance is calculated. The "Service Distance" layer gives the 1-mile driving distance from the corridor exit based on the AFC Interchange red dot.	No action	4/1/24
3	Are locations eligible which fall within 1-mile driving distance from the AFCs, but are not included in geographic boundaries indicated in the cross-street data?	If the site of interest is not located within a designated cluster, it is not eligible for funding at this time. If a location is greater than a 1.0-mile driving distance, as calculated according to the NEVI Guidance, it is not eligible for funding.	No action	4/10/24
4	Can NCDOT confirm that sites falling within the "Cluster Group" depicted by the orange circle on the GIS map are considered NEVI Round 1 eligible sites?	That is correct, but the proposed site must also be within 1-mile of the AFC. See Question 1 and 2 for more details.	No action	4/15/24

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RFP Questions				
5	What is the NEVI application and procurement timeline?	The anticipated timeline for the RFP is presented on page 6 of the document titled "NC NEVI Request for Proposals". It is also posted on the "NEVI RFP Resources for Applicants" button. Applicants need to refer back to this "Resources" document on the website for any changes to the timeline during the application process.	No action	4/1/24
6	Is there a set date for when projects must be complete?	There is no set completion date for project construction. NCDOT recognizes timelines will vary based on conditions of the existing site, equipment availability, and other factors. Once the station becomes operational, there are operations and maintenance requirements that must be met over a 5-year period. On page 1 and 2 of the document "Attachment 5 Draft Agreement", the contract effective and expiration dates are discussed. Under this <u>draft</u> agreement, NCDOT proposes that the agreement ends after a period of seven years. A no-cost time extension can be requested.	No action	4/9/24
7	Is the RFP bid per cluster?	NCDOT expects to select one applicant to build a NEVI compliant station per cluster. Applications for the same cluster will be evaluated against each other to provide the best value option. Applicants may submit one bid per cluster.	No action	4/1/24
8	What is the DBE goal for the NEVI RFP?	This program does not have Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals per the Guidance issued by FHWA. See NEVI Program FAQs 12.1 at https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/nevi/resources/nevi_program_faqs.cfm#dbe The RFP does have goals associated with the Justice 40 program and with workforce development. See Attachment 3 Technical Application Form, Section 17.	No action	4/1/24
9	Are standalone medium- and heavy-duty EVSE infrastructure projects eligible for funding?	NEVI formula program funds can be used for light, medium, and heavy-duty electric vehicle charging infrastructure projects that meet NEVI program requirements. All EV infrastructure projects under NEVI must be open to the general public or to authorized commercial motor vehicle operators from more than one company in accordance with Paragraph (2) under the Highway Infrastructure Program heading in Title VIII of division J of BIL.	No action	4/9/24
10	Section 5.2.1 of the RFP package notes page limitations for the Technical Application of both 30 and 40. Can you please advise if the page limitation is 30 or 40?	The page limitation was changed to 40 pages.	Corrected in Addendum	4/10/24

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11	Can the Letter of Credit required in Section 7.2.3 of the NEVI RFP be held by a subcontractor or is it required to be provided directly by the applicant?	The Letter of Credit must be provided by the primary Applicant. The primary Applicant will become the Awardee in the event an application is awarded funding by NCDOT. The Awardee has the legal obligation to follow all requirements outlined in the Project Agreement, including obtaining a Letter of Credit.	No action	4/11/2024
12	Would a site having 4 CCS1-only chargers and 4 separate NACS-only chargers (8 total chargers on site) satisfy requirement 2.6?	The station configuration described in the question would satisfy the requirement. In addition to this configuration, a station with 4 chargers and each charger providing both a permanently attached CCS1 connector and permanently attached NACS connector (via a second cord or adaptor) also satisfies the requirement.	No action	4/16/2024
NEVI Program Questions				
13	What if my town is not within one of these clusters?	The NEVI program requires placing a charging station every 50-miles on federally recognized Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFC) to facilitate regional travel. NCDOT anticipates releasing funding to construct additional charging stations in future funding rounds to completely build out the state's corridors. See the "North Carolina Plan Update for Electric Vehicle infrastructure Deployment" for a map of all the proposed charging station locations. https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/climate-change/Documents/ncdot-electric-vehicle-deployment-plan.pdf . After Phase 1 is completely built out, NCDOT can use any remaining funding to construct additional charging stations within communities or off of the AFCs.	No action	4/9/24
14	Are there resources available to small businesses/municipalities for the NEVI program?	The NEVI Program requires 20% of the requested funding for the project be provided by non-federal sources. NCDOT does not have state funding to contribute. NCDOT suggests reaching out to potential partners using the NEVI Networking Database. A link can be found on the NEVI website at the "NEVI Resources for Applicants" button.	No action	4/9/24