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REQUEST FOR INTEREST

KANSAS EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

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ATTENTION: Interested Parties

This Request for Interest serves as notice that the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) intends to issue a Call for Projects in Spring 2024 for National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program funds to support installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and equipment. This announcement is being made pursuant to the NEVI plan available on the Charge Up Kansas webpage.

KDOT expects that projects submitted for the NEVI Program will require partnerships between site hosts, developers, equipment vendors, qualified installers, and electric utilities. Local governments, educational institutions, and others may also be partners in EV charging station infrastructure. While KDOT cannot assist with creating these partnerships, interested parties are encouraged to express their interest in EV charging programs by registering online via the Kansas Infrastructure Hub Partnering Directory at https://kshub.org/ks-infrastructure-hub-partnership-directory.

The NEVI Call for Projects is a two-step process in which applicants must first submit a required interest form prior to becoming eligible to submit an official response to the forthcoming Requests for Proposals (RFP).

Announcement of the availability of the RFPs will only be distributed to all eligible sponsors who formally submit a project interest form. Please submit the form here:

https://kdot.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV-8zUAqS8CrBwBlBk

The Federal Highway Administration released the final minimum standards for EV charging stations installed with NEVI Program Funding or other federal funding on February 15, 2023. All NEVI RFP responses must be prepared to propose stations that meet the following requirements, in addition to other requirements of the NEVI Program:

- Charging stations must be publicly accessible 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- Charging stations must be equipped with a minimum of four (4) ports capable of charging at 150kW or more, simultaneously, with CCS and NACS connectors for each port.
- Locations must be within 1 mile driving distance of the EV charging corridor.
- Restrooms, food, wi-fi/cellular data, and shelter must be available onsite.
- Additional requirements will be mostly consistent with the 2023 NEVI Formula Program RFPs which can be viewed at https://ike.ksdot.gov/charge-up-kansas.

Anticipated locations for the Spring 2024 call for projects are below. Location identifiers, such as Mile Markers and exits are subject to change in the RFP.

- Andover/Augusta area (US 400) Mile Marker (MM) 226-236
- Baxter Springs (US 400) US 69 Alternate from OK state line to MM 5 OR US 166 MM 156-159, pending FHWA joint office exception approval
- Beto Junction/Lebo area (I-35) Exits 148-170
- Concordia (US 81) MM 201-205
- Dodge City (US 400) US 400 MM 115-124 OR US 50 Business/Wyatt Earp Blvd from Matt Down Rd to 113 Rd., pending FHWA joint office exception approval
- Greensburg/Mullinville (US 400) MM 155-157 or US 54/400 MM 99-109
- Junction City/Manhattan Area (I-70) Exit 295 east to exit 328
- Kingman (US 400) MM 171-174
- Park City, Newton & North Newton (I-135) Exits 13-34
- Ottawa (I-35) Exits 182-187
- Parsons (US 400) MM 396-407
- Russell/Ellsworth (I-70) Exits 184-225
- Severy area (US 400, Junction of K-99 and US 400) MM 335-337
- Syracuse (US 400) MM 15-18
- WaKeeney (I-70) Exits 127 or 128
- Wyandotte County (I-70) US-73/K-7 exit east to KS/MO state line

The final rule for NEVI Standards and Requirements is available online at: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-23/chapter-l/subchapter-G/part-680. Other technical assistance is available at https://driveelectric.gov/. The Charge Up Kansas NEVI Plan is available at:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/nevi/ev_deployment_plans/ks_nevi_plan.pdf .

KDOT anticipates that other upcoming federal funding opportunities will have more flexibility for charging station design and location and encourages all parties interested in the funding programs for EV charging infrastructure to register on the Kansas Infrastructure Hub.

Information about the Kansas NEVI Program and other EV infrastructure funding will also be available via the Charge Up Kansas webpage at https://www.ksdotike.org/charge-up-kansas.

Sincerely,

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