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AEA Launches RFI for Electric Vehicle Charging Site Hosts

Input will help shape a statewide EV infrastructure deployment plan

(Anchorage) — Today, the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) launched a Request for Information (RFI) inviting Alaskans to provide input on locating electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure along Alaska's alternative fuel corridor and other locations across the state, including highways, the marine highway system, and in rural Alaska.

This information will assist as AEA develops its response to the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program, which provides funding to states as they deploy EV charging infrastructure and establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability. Part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the NEVI Formula Program provides \$5 billion nationally for EV charging infrastructure. Under the NEVI program, Alaska will receive more than \$50 million over five years, beginning in the fiscal year 2023. The funding will help build a statewide EV fast-charging network and community-based charging sites across Alaska.

AEA is coordinating with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and others to determine how to disburse Alaska's funds each year to meet the NEVI program objectives and requirements. In addition to the \$5 billion NEVI formula funding, the IIJA appropriates an additional \$2.5 billion for competitive grants under the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program. The federal cost share for the formula and competitive programs is 80 percent with a 20 percent match.

The United States Department of Transportation's (DOT) NEVI Formula Program requires DOT&PF to submit an EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan to the DOT and United States Department of Energy Joint Office by August 1, 2022. The plan will describe how the state intends to distribute NEVI funds following NEVI guidance.

The RFI will close on June 13, 2022. Interested parties may visit AEA's website for more information here.

The Alaska Energy Authority is a public corporation of the state. Its mission is to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska.

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