### ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY

## Alaska's NEVI Program: Request for Applications

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## Agenda



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- Background
- Implementation Plan
- Basic Program Requirements

### **Request for Applications**

- Scope and Eligibility
- Funding Availability
- Tentative Schedule
- Application Requirements
- Evaluation Process







## **NEVI Background**

The National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program is a \$5 billion program established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to build a national network of 500,000 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations by 2030 along federally designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs).



Create an interconnected network



Designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFC's)



New FHWA Federal Aid program apportioned to state DOT's (Alaska DOT&PF passing through to AEA)

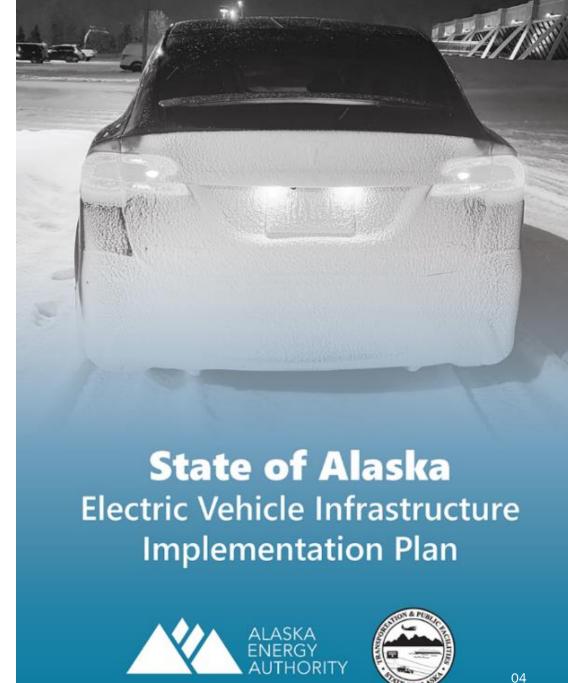


Annual Implementation Plan Required

## State of Alaska EV Infrastructure **Implementation Plan**

AEA and the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), submitted their **State of Alaska EV** Infrastructure Implementation Plan (The Plan) to the United States Joint Office of Energy and Transportation, as required by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's (IIJA) NEVI Formula Program.

- On September 27, 2022, AEA and DOT&PF secured approval of The Plan.
- The announcement unlocks **\$19 million** to expand EV charging infrastructure in Alaska.
- Over the **next five years**, AEA anticipates receiving **\$52** million. Funds will be received by DOT&PF and administered by AEA.

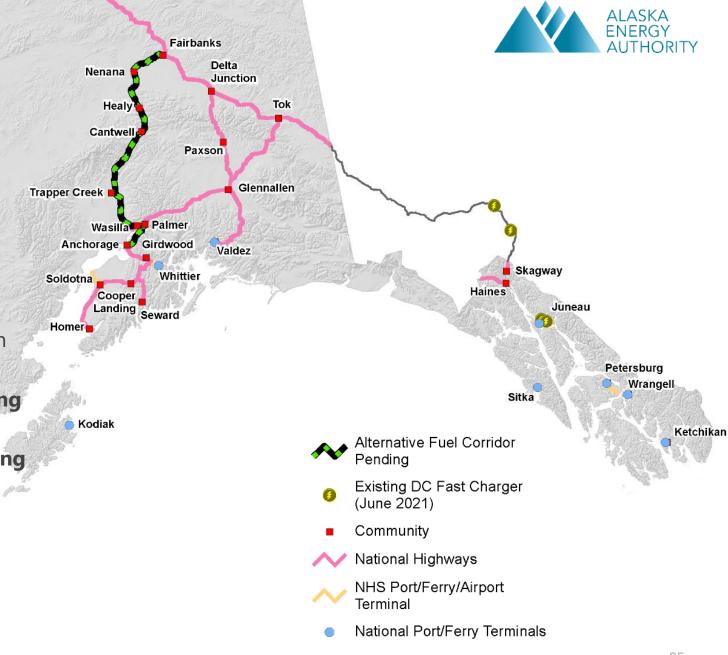




## **NEVI Requirements**

## Funding must be used to build out Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs) first

- Alaska currently has one AFC
- After AFC buildout, funding can be used elsewhere
- Charging stations must be located no more than
  50 miles apart along designated AFC
- Chargers must be located no more than 1 driving mile from AFC
- Charging infrastructure must be DC fast-charging
  - 4 Combined Charging System Connectors
  - >150 kW each
- Match Requirements
  - Federal share: 80%
  - Private entity or other: 20%







**Build out Alaska's Alternative Fuel Corridor** 

PHASE 2

**Build out Alaska's Highway and Marine Highway Systems** 

As funding allows

PHASE 3

**Install Charging Stations** in Rural Hub Communities

PHASE 4

Urban and "Destination" Locations

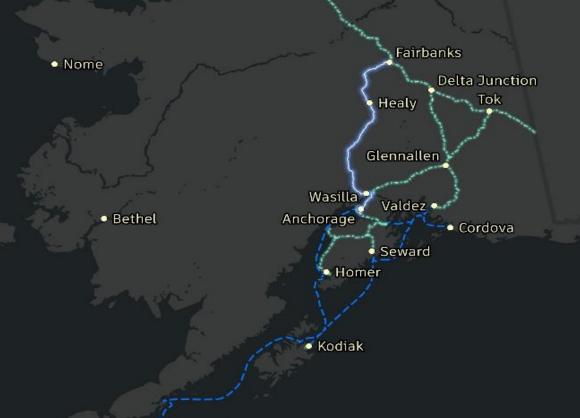


## RFA Scope: Alaska's AFC

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- Community
  - Alternative Fuel Corridor
- --- National Highway System
  - Marine Highway System Route

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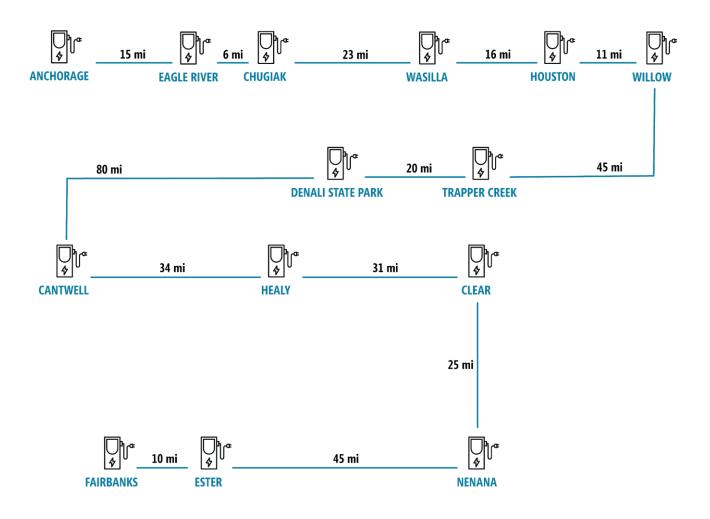


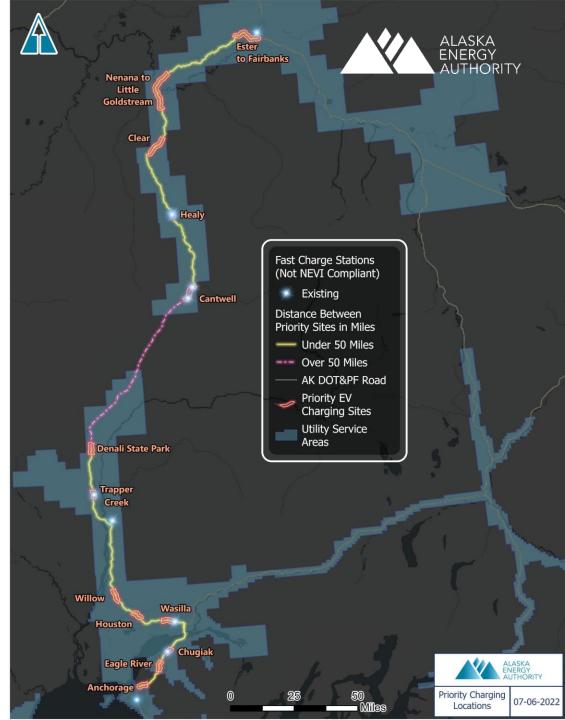
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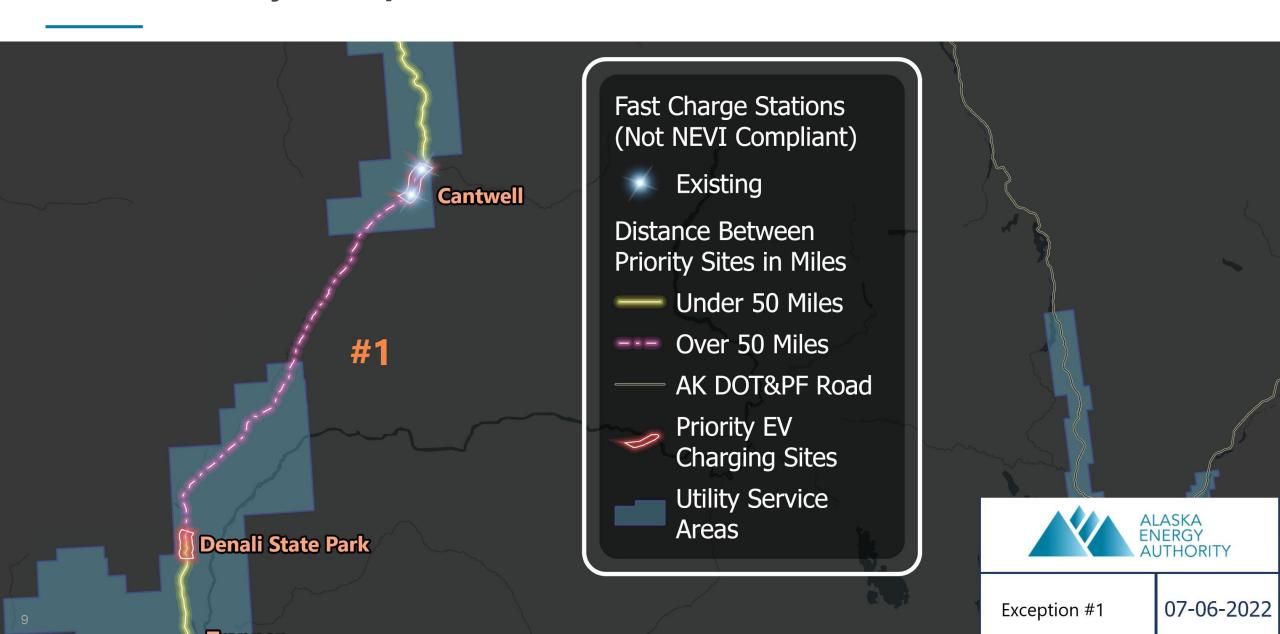
## **Priority AFC Areas**



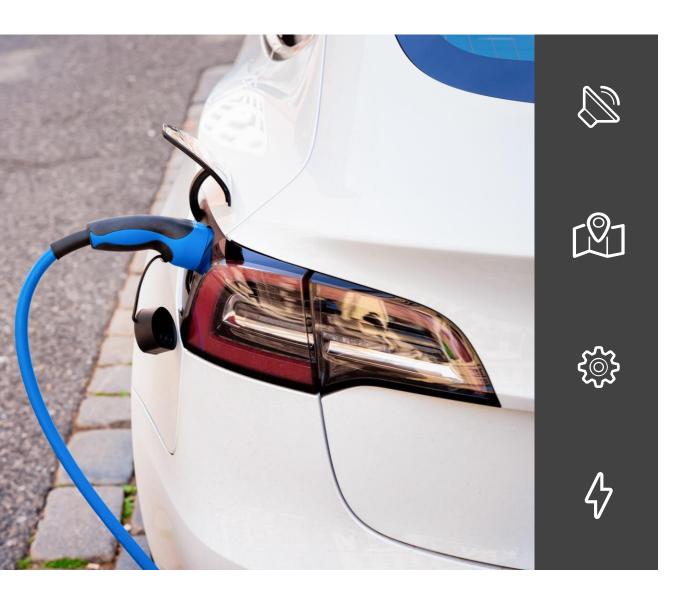


## **Discretionary Exception**









## **Eligibility and Funding**

### **Eligible Applicants**

- Open to a wide range of applicants
- Public, Private, Non-Profit, Tribal, utilities, etc.

### **Eligible Projects**

- Projects directly related to EV charging
- Publicly available
- Charging network provider

## Eligibility and Funding (cont'd)

### **Eligible Project Costs**

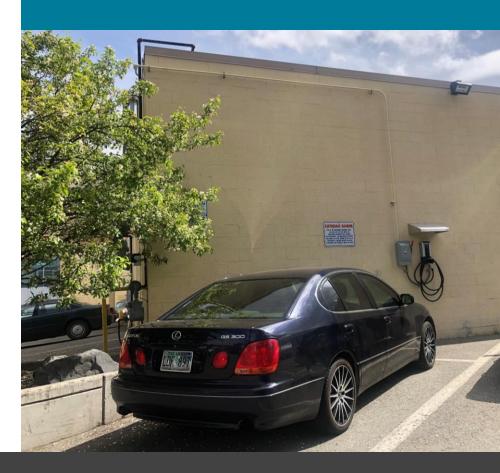
- ✓ Planning, Engineering and Design
- Construction and procurement
- ☑ Minor grid upgrades
- ✓ O&M and warranties up to five years
- ✓ Data sharing

### **Ineligible Project Costs**

- Costs incurred prior to grant award
- Costs not related to EVSE
- Major grid upgrades
- Purchase or lease of real estate

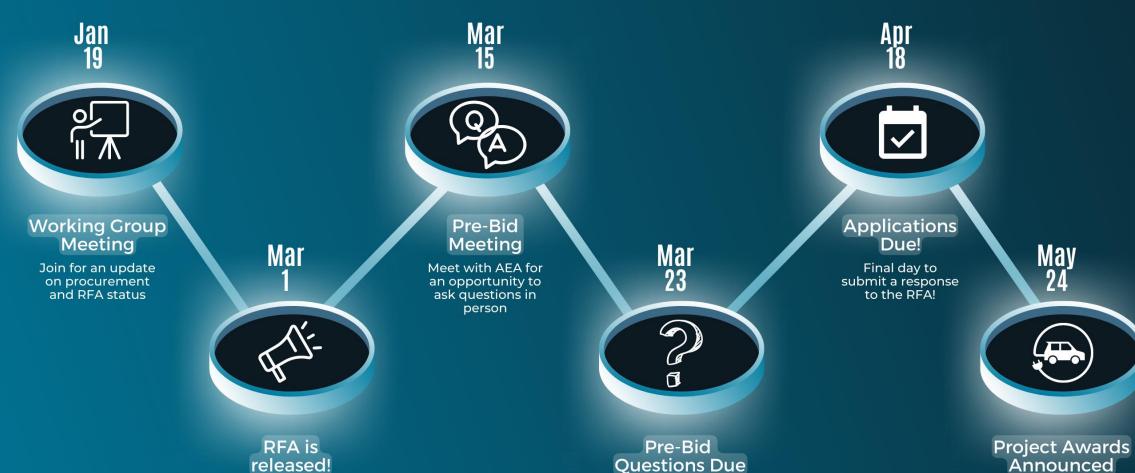
### **Funding Availability**

- Up to \$16 million available for this solicitation
- Expecting ~\$1 Million per project
- Currently no project budget cap



### **Electric Vehicle Charging Station Site Host**

### Request for Applications (RFA) Timeline



The RFA will be officially released and applicants can start working on their application packages Last chance to submit written questions before the application package is due

Selected site hosts will be notified of next steps

## **Application Requirements**

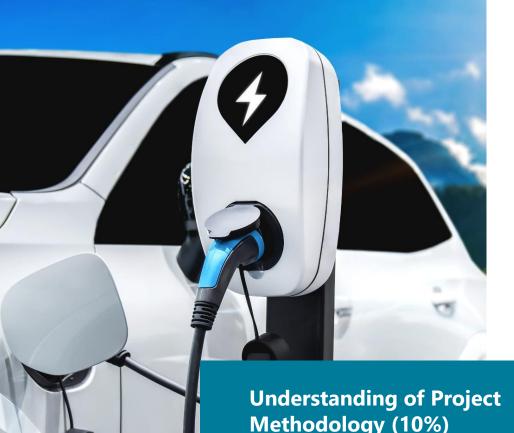


Section	Application Component	Form	Page Limit
1	Administrative Application		
1.1	Signature Page/Authorized Signers	Attachment 6	
1.2	Applicant Certifications	Attachment 7	
2	Technical Application		
2.1	Understanding of Program and Project Methodology Narrative		3
2.2	Management Plan, Schedule, Development and Operation Narrative		4
2.3	Experience and Qualifications Narrative		3
2.4	Resumes of Project Team		10
2.5	Past EVSE Installations of Contractor		3
2.6	Site Proposal Summary Form	Attachment 3	
2.7	Utility Service Site Information Form	Attachment 4	
3	Pricing Application		
3.1	Site Pricing Application Cost Form	Attachment 5	
3.2	Site Pricing Application Narrative		1

## **Scoring Elements**



Technical Scoring Element	Max Points	% of Total
Understanding of Program and Project Methodology	100	10%
Management Plan, Schedule, Development and Operation	200	20%
Experience and Qualifications	200	20%
Site Proposal	400	40%
Maximum Technical Application Score	900	90%
Pricing Scoring Element	Max Points	% of Total
Site Pricing Application Cost	50	5%
Site Pricing Application Narrative	50	5%
Maximum Pricing Application Score	100	10%
Overall Maximum Application Score	1000	100%



### **Technical Narrative**

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## **Methodology (10%)**

- Narrative: 3 page maximum
  - Approach to meeting **NEVI** requirements
  - Pertinent Issues and potential problems

### Management Plan, Schedule, **Development & Ops (20%)**

- Narrative: 4 page maximum
  - Project Team and roles
  - Project Schedule
  - Approach to O&M
  - Buy America and Uptime Requirements Approach

### **Experience and Qualifications (20%)**

- **Project Team One-Page** Resumes
- Narrative: 3 page maximum
  - Previous EVSE Installation Experience (Contractor reference projects)

## **Technical: Site Proposal**

- Site Proposal (40%)
  - Site Proposal Summary Form
  - Utility Service Site Information Form

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Criterion	Max Points					
Site has adequate lighting	20					
Utility Service Site Information Form Evaluation						
Clear understanding of utility and infrastructure needs for the site.	80					
Alignment with project schedule						
Site is located within 1 mile of the highway						
Within 1 mile: 60 points						
1-3 miles: 40 points	60					
3-5 miles: 20 points						
Over 5 miles: 0 points						
Site has amenities for travelers to access such as restrooms, food, and shopping	60					
Site is located within a Justice40 boundary	40					
Site match contribution						
20%: 40 points	80					
25%: 60 points	00					
30% 80 points						
Site has existing EV infrastructure	20					
Site has adequate power for requirements	40					
Total Available Base Points	400					
Bonus Considerations	<b>Max Points</b>					
Site offers pull through charging access	20					
Site offers make-ready work for additional ports in the future	20					
Site offers make-ready work for increased speed (e.g. 350 kW) in the future	20					
Site offers additional plug standards to be inclusive of other drivers (e.g. Tesla, CHAdeMO)	20					

## **Site Proposal and Utility Service Forms**

### **Site Proposal Form**

- Site information and location
- Site host entity and contact information
- Equipment Vendor
- EVSE Specs
- Site Map and Schematic
- Site Amenities

## **Utility Service Site Information Form**

- Assessment of existing electric service infrastructure
- Nearest 3-phase source and transformer location
- Service requirements
  - Number of chargers, power level
- Cost estimate (from utility)
  - Transformers and pad
  - Utility poles, risers and terminators
  - 3-phase line extensions



## **Pricing Application**



### **Site Pricing Application Cost (5%)**

- Site Pricing Application Form
  - Design and Permitting
  - Utility Equipment, Infrastructure and Improvements
  - Site Preparation and Construction
  - EVSE Hardware and Software
  - Five-year operations and maintenance costs

Pricing Scoring Element	Max Points	% of Total
Site Pricing Application Cost	50	5%
Site Pricing Application Narrative	50	5%
Maximum Site Pricing Application Score	100	10%

### **Site Pricing Application Narrative (5%)**

- Narrative: 1 page maximum
  - Context related to construction, operations and maintenance
  - Define assumptions

### **Site Pricing Application Score =**

(Lowest Cost Application / Candidate's Cost Amount) x 50

### **Evaluation Process**



- Stage 1 Review: Completeness and Eligibility
- Stage 2 Review: Evaluation of Technical Application (90%)
  - Methodology (10%)
  - Management Plan, Schedule, Development and Operation (20%)
  - Experience and Qualifications (20%)
  - Site Proposal (40%)
- Stage 3 Review: Evaluation of Pricing Application (10%)
- Stage 4 Review: Final Ranking and Prioritization of Projects

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Stage 4 Review: Ranking and Prioritization	7 days	Wed 5/10/23	Wed 5/17/23																	Ť	-		
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## **Draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**

- Minimum Equipment Specifications
- Uptime Calculations
- Data Collection
- Data Reporting

- Connector Type(s) permanent
- OCPP Requirement
- Payment
- Buy America

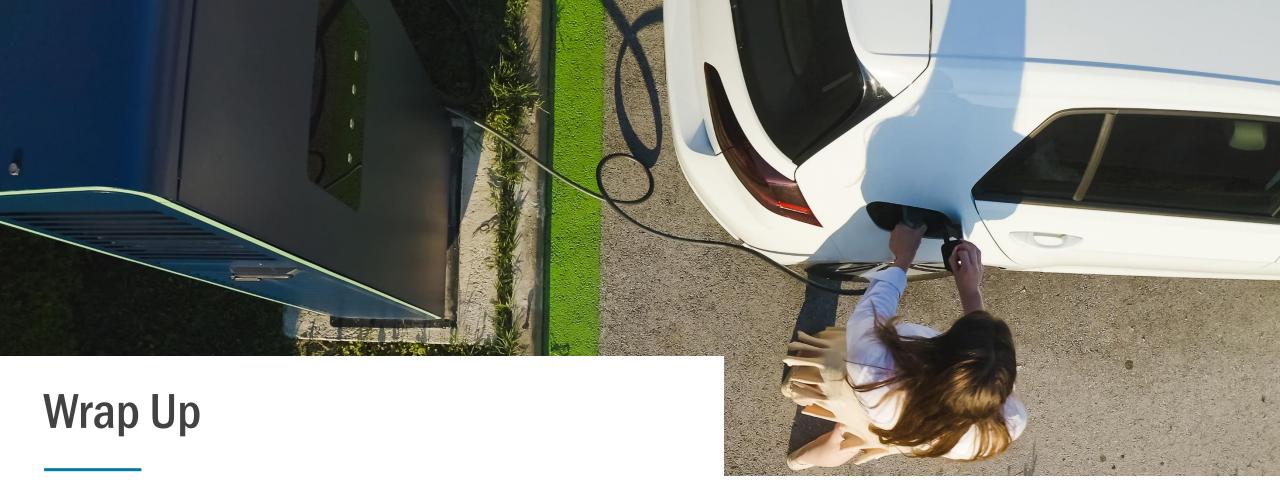






# Draft Waiver of Buy America Requirements

- Beginning on January 1, 2023, FHWA proposes to remove from the waiver EV chargers whose final assembly process does not occur in the United States. On and after that date, for EV chargers that are installed in a project FHWA proposes the waiver would be applicable only if final assembly occurs in the U.S.
- Beginning on July 1, 2023, FHWA proposes to also remove from the waiver EV chargers for which the cost of components manufactured in the United States does not exceed 25 percent of the cost of all components. On and after that date, for EV chargers that are installed in a project through December 31, 2023, FHWA proposes the waiver would be applicable only if: (i) final assembly occurs in the U.S.; and (ii) the cost of components manufactured in the United States exceeds 25 percent of the cost of all components.
- Beginning on January 1, 2024, and thereafter, FHWA proposes to also remove from the waiver EV chargers for which the cost of components manufactured in the United States does not exceed 55 percent of the cost of all components. On and after that date, FHWA proposes the waiver would be applicable only if: (i) final assembly occurs in the U.S.; and (ii) the cost of components manufactured in the United States exceeds 55 percent of the cost of all components.



- Publish forms and attachments to AEA's website
- Feedback and questions
- Q&A from this session will be recorded and distributed to the group

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