

EV DCFC Station Installation Program

RFP Questions and Answers

The following are the questions KDOT received in response to the [RFP](#) for the agency's administration of the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Funds for the Electric Vehicle (EV) Direct Current Fast-Charging (DCFC) Station Installation Program. Answers are provided following each question.

Q1: What do the elongated vs. circular areas on the [Priority Station Location Map](#) mean?

A1: Elongated areas cover multiple communities that correspond to the location table shown in Section 4 of the [RFP](#), circular areas are more singular communities along the priority corridors.

Q2: Are sites other than the 12 locations listed eligible to participate in this program?

A2: Yes, any location is eligible. All interested parties are encouraged to submit an [application form](#) no later than Dec. 15, 2021 by 5pm CDT.

Q3: ADA Requirements – in addition to the charging station, does access to the restrooms and other amenities need to be ADA compliant?

A3: The charging stations are required to be ADA compliant. Proposals that ensure other or all site facilities are accessible will be evaluated more favorably (restrooms, storm shelters, vending machines, shops, etc.).

Q4: Can vendors submit an application at potential host sites that have not fully committed? Or does the host site need to be fully committed and submit the application?

A4: Vendors may submit an application without full commitment from a host site, however, applications that have identified a committed charging station host will be evaluated more favorably.

Q5: How do you handle scoring for applicants that don't have firm host site agreements in place?

A5: Applicants are strongly encouraged to identify one or more potential charging station location hosts; and must present a plan for five years of ownership, operation and maintenance of the equipment and public access. Proposals that have identified a committed charging station host will be evaluated more favorably.

Q6: What size of DCFC dispenser are you wanting?

A6: DCFC equipment must meet the spec minimums outlined in Section 5 of the [RFP](#); charging equipment types and capabilities for each site is at the discretion of the applicant/vendor to select and will be scored as appropriate.

Q7: Is there a recapture/penalty process if awardee is unable to fulfill 5-year commitment requirements?

A7: Yes, a recapture process is typically built in with KDOT contracts.

Q8: Are awardees allowed to subaward funds to another subcontractor?

A8: Applicants are encouraged to submit applications that demonstrate collaboration with local governments and partnerships with public and private stakeholders. All applications that include the appropriate letters of support, identify one or more potential charging station location host, provide a business plan for five years of ownership, operation and maintenance of the equipment and public access will be competitively evaluated.

Q9: Do you expect to place value on applications with local partnerships with public utilities?

A9: Yes, partnerships and support will earn points and is woven into other evaluation categories.

Q10: Are innovative energy solutions (e.g. battery storage, renewable energy sources) still part of the scoring criterion?

A10: Yes, all proposed innovative energy solutions will be evaluated and scored under the "Innovation" and "Upgradability & Future Proofing" criterion. Please see the scoring table provided in Section 7 of the [RFP](#).

Q11: Will the Scoring Committee have reviewers external to KDOT?

A11: Yes, the Scoring Committee consists of staff from KDOT, KDHE and staff from private consulting firms.

Q12: Are restrooms required to be open 24 hours a day?

A12: Yes, charging station sites shall have 24-hour access to the chargers and well-maintained illuminated restrooms and the restrooms should be supplied with potable water.

Q13: Can separate applications be submitted for each location?

A13: No, applicants are required to submit only 1 application (a single file pdf document) but are encouraged to submit additional copies of sections D, E, F, and G as needed for each of the proposed locations. Please see section D. SITE LOCATION & AMENITIES on the [application form](#) for further guidance.

Q14: How should electricity/grid management be detailed in the application?

A14: This is not a required component of an application.

Q15: If awarded, would signing a contract with KDOT put an organization under any federal regulations (e.g. vaccine mandates)?

A15: No, this program is not federally funded and would not require organizations that receive funding to comply with federal regulations or mandates.