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**AEA Issues Request for Qualifications to
Develop Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Across Alaska**

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) has released a [Request for Qualifications \(RFQ\) for Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Suppliers](#). All responses to the RFQ must be submitted to AEA no later than 4 p.m. on March 8. This is the first in a series of solicitations to coordinate and fund publicly available electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.

“Lack of EV charging infrastructure is a barrier to EV market expansion. AEA has taken a multi-faceted approach to address these barriers and this solicitation represents a significant step in the development of an EV charging network necessary for market adoption,” said AEA Executive Director Curtis W. Thayer.

Other solicitations will follow in short order and will seek to identify potential Site Hosts for Direct Current Fast Charging stations and vendors who can submit applications in concert with Site Hosts. Up to \$100,000 per site will be available. As an added incentive for early charging deployments, AEA will award an additional \$10,000 to each of the first 10 applicants whose sites are selected. The Request for Application period will open March 12 with applications due on May 5.

AEA was designated the lead agency to administer the Volkswagen State Environmental Mitigation Trust (Trust) and about \$1.25 million has been allocated for the installation of an EV charging infrastructure. Approximately \$1 million of the Trust is available to fund the development of an EV fast-charging corridor in 2021 from the Kenai Peninsula to Fairbanks through public-private partnerships. The remainder of the Trust will be used to fund community-based Level 2 chargers through a separate solicitation.

EV infrastructure is of interest to many stakeholders. To that end, AEA has consulted with several interested parties including the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, electric utilities, and EV owners. AEA has established the Alaska EV Working Group, sought to leverage additional funds, and worked to enable Alaska EV owners to access charging infrastructure.

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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