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AEA and DOT&PF Release Request for Applications for EV Charging Site HostsDistributing millions in federal funds for local Alaskans to build EV charging infrastructure

(Anchorage) — The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) and the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) have released a Request for Applications (RFA) to solicit electric vehicle (EV) charging station site hosts as part of <u>Alaska's EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan</u> (The Plan). The RFA is the first step in initiating Phase 1 of The Plan. Application packages are due back to AEA by May 1, 2023, at 4 p.m.

Utilizing National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) formula funding, Phase 1 of The Plan focuses on building out EV charging infrastructure along Alaska's Alternative Fuel Corridor (AFC), the 355-mile stretch of road that connects Fairbanks to Anchorage. NEVI program requirements state that charging sites be located every 50 miles along the AFC with four EV fast charging ports at each site. Alaska was granted an exception to the 50-mile requirement for the section of road between Denali State Park and Cantwell since there is no existing electric infrastructure there.

"Releasing this RFA is a major step toward investing in the future of clean transportation in Alaska," **said AEA Executive Director Curtis W. Thayer**. "The EV charging stations that will be built as a result of this funding will benefit all Alaskans, whether it be in the form of access to reliable charging infrastructure, the potential for increased tourism, or reducing greenhouse gas emissions."

Once EV chargers have been installed along the AFC and Phase 1 is complete, AEA and DOT&PF will move forward with implementing the remaining phases of The Plan:

- Phase 2: Build out Alaska's Highway and Marine Highway System
- Phase 3: Install charging stations in hub communities, as funding allows
- Phase 4: Urban and "Destination" locations, as funding allows

The NEVI program is funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which was signed into law November 2021. The NEVI program will invest \$5 billion across the nation over the course of five years, with Alaska receiving over \$52 million between 2022-2027.

For more information about the NEVI RFA and to apply, click here. If you have questions or need assistance, please email grants@akenergyauthority.org.

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The Alaska Energy Authority is a public corporation of the State of Alaska governed by a board of directors with the mission to "reduce the cost of energy in Alaska." AEA is the state's energy office and lead agency for statewide energy policy and program development.

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities oversees 237 airports, 9 ferries serving 33 communities along 3,500 marine miles, over 5,600 miles of highway and 839 public facilities throughout the state of Alaska. The mission of the department is to "Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure."