



Wisconsin Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (WEVI) Program

Request for Proposal (RFP) Informational Webinar

February 7, 2024
1:00-2:00 PM CT

1. Welcome
2. Request for Proposals (RFP) Overview
3. RFP Questions and Answers





WisDOT WEVI Team



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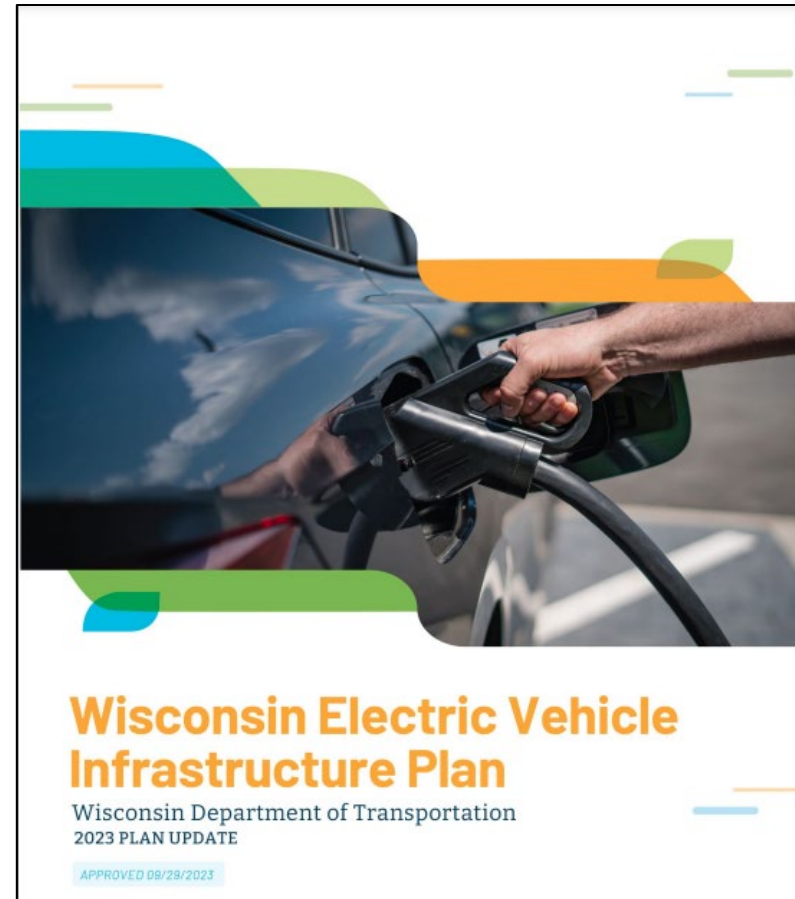
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-  Today's webinar will be **recorded** (and posted on the [Electrification of Wisconsin](#) webpage)
-  **Participants** are **muted**
-  Post **questions** in the **chat**, and we will do our best to **answer them during the Q & A session**
-  **Answers to *all* webinar questions** will be provided in a **FAQ document** and posted **on the [Electrification of Wisconsin](#) webpage**



WisDOT WEVI PROGRAM WEBSITE



- Updated regularly with WEVI Program information
- Links to Program documents and approved WEVI plan
- WEVI Program Interactive Map



Request for Proposal

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RFP Submission Package

2024 WEVI PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PACKAGE

2024 WEVI PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is soliciting competitive grant proposals for eligible entities to install, own, operate, maintain, and report on NEVI Formula Program-funded and compliant Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations throughout Wisconsin. Proposers interested in applying to the WEVI Program must complete all proposal package information listed below.

1.1 Proposal Package Naming Convention

Proposers must submit a full proposal package for each unique project site location. Each proposal package must adhere to the following naming convention:

- Applicant Business Name_Interstate Gap ID_Site Street Address
- Example: "Company X_I-39 D_2419 Morse St"

1.2 WEVI Interactive Map Resources

For details on the "Interstate Gap ID" numbers and letters, please see Section 5 of the WEVI Program RFP, specifically Figure 5-1 and Table 5-1. For an interactive version of these resources, please refer to the [WEVI Evaluation Zones and Priority Locations](#) online mapping.

This detailed map allows users to toggle on and off different layers, including refining searches by specific corridors. In addition, this map allows users and prospective applicants to zoom into each priority exit location listed in RFP Table 5-1 to see more detailed information, such as the 1-mile driving distance polygons to ensure proposed project sites are within the federal NEVI distance requirements.

1.3 Proposal Due Date

Proposals are due no later than April 1, 2024, by 5:00 PM (CT), and must be submitted through the WisDOT proposal submission mailbox at WEVIRFPSubmission@dot.wi.gov with a subject line "WEVI RFP Submission." Proposals must utilize the appropriate file naming convention outlined in Section 1.1 above and complete the forms listed in 1.5 below and contained in this RFP Submission Package.

1.4 Proposal Size Limit and Submission Process

All proposal materials and attachments are limited to 10MB in total submission package file size. All proposal packages are to be submitted electronically during the open proposal period via the online submission mailbox by an eligible proposer before the proposal due date. Proposers should adhere to the process outlined below and detailed in WEVI Program RFP. Proposers should review all program documents available on the Electrification of Wisconsin webpage.

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WEVI RFP MILESTONES

WisDOT has issued an [RFP](#) seeking grant proposals for EV Charging Stations to deploy federal NEVI formula funds through the WEVI Program.

Project Milestone	Date
Preliminary RFP Information Release	<ul style="list-style-type: none">January 2, 2024
RFP Submission Packet Release – RFP Opens	<ul style="list-style-type: none">January 12, 2024
Informational Webinar for Prospective Proposers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">February 7, 2023
Deadline for Written Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Question Response Period 1: Deadline to submit questions by January 29, 2024Question Response Period 2: Deadline to submit questions by February 29, 2024
Final Proposal Submission Deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">April 1, 2024 by 5:00 PM (CT)
Anticipated Grant Award Announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">~Spring 2024

*Please visit the [Electrification of Wisconsin](#) website for updated WEVI Program Round 1 RFP schedule information.

Email questions to transportationelectrification@dot.wi.gov during the written question period.



WEVI RFP SPECIFICS

Available Funding

- ☞ **~\$78M** for Wisconsin under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program
- ☞ 5-year funding period (**FFY 2022-2026**)

Program Structure

- ☞ **Competitive** evaluation process
- ☞ **Federal funds of up to 80%** of eligible costs
- ☞ **20% (minimum)** non-Federal cost-share

Availability of Funds

- ☞ **Reimbursement** program
- ☞ **Notice to proceed (NTP)** for each key project phase
- ☞ **Invoices only after NTPs**
- ☞ Must submit **proof of compliance and costs** incurred

WEVI PROGRAM AND RFP REQUIREMENTS



Federal and State compliance requirements (RFP Section 6 – Page 11):

- 📄 Title 23
- 📄 2 CFR 200
- 📄 Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)
- 📄 Buy America and Build America (BABA)
- 📄 Davis Bacon Federal Wage Rate
- 📄 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- 📄 Title VI
- 📄 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- 📄 NEVI Final Rule requirements ([23 CFR 680](#))

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6 NEVI PROGRAM FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

All projects must comply with applicable FHWA regulations and the minimum requirements for projects funded under the NEVI Program. As a federally funded program, all projects must comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements that apply to funds apportioned under [Chapter 4 of Title 23, United States Code](#), and the requirements of [2 CFR part 200](#) apply. This includes the applicable requirements of 23, United States Code, and [Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations](#), such as requirements for states to adequately secure right of way agreements to ensure access to project sites for compliance purposes during the life of project grant agreements. WisDOT will incorporate all federal compliance aspects into final grant agreements with grant awardees, including, but not limited to the items referenced in this section.

6.1 Installation, Operation, and Maintenance Implementation Compliance

Table 6-1: Installation, Operation, and Maintenance Implementation Compliance

Rule Section	NEVI Final Rule Section Title	NEVI Final Rule Subsection Detail
§680.100	Installation, Operation, and Maintenance by Qualified Technicians of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement process • Number of charging ports • Connector type • Power level • Availability • Payment methods • Equipment certification • Security (physical & cyber) • Long-term stewardship • Qualified technician • Customer service • Customer data privacy • Use of program income

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*Key Additional:

- 📄 5-year O&M
- 📄 97% uptime

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6.2 Interoperability, Signage, Network Connectivity, and Real-Time Information

Table 6-2: Interoperability, Signage, Network Connectivity, and Real-Time Information

Rule Section	NEVI Final Rule Section Title	NEVI Final Rule Subsection Detail
§680.100	Interoperability of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charger-to-EV Communication • Charger-to-Charger Network Communication • Charging Network-to-Charging Network Communication • Network switching capability
§680.110	Traffic Control Devices or On-Premises Signs Acquired, Installed, or Operated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual or Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways • On-premises signs
§680.114	Charging Network Connectivity of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charger-to-charger network communication • Interoperability • Charging network-to-charging network communication (see also §680.100) • Charging network-to-grid communication • Disrupted network connectivity
§680.116	Information on Publicly Available Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Locations, Pricing, Real-Time Availability, and Accessibility Through Mapping Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication of price • Minimum uptime definition and calculation • Third-party data sharing

6.3 Data Collection and Reporting

Table 6-3: Data Collection and Reporting

Rule Section	NEVI Final Rule Section Title	NEVI Final Rule Subsection Detail
§680.112	Data Submittal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly data submittal • Annual data submittal • One-time data submittal • Community engagement outcomes report

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WEVI ELIGIBLE PROPOSERS (RFP ROUND 1)

Eligible Proposers

- 🔌 **Private businesses**, including:
 - 🔌 Corporations
 - 🔌 Partnerships
 - 🔌 Companies
 - 🔌 Nonprofit organizations
- 🔌 **Tribal organizations**

Note: Must be authorized to do business in Wisconsin.

Ineligible Proposers

- 🔌 **Utilities** in Wisconsin
- 🔌 Public & **governmental entities** including:
 - 🔌 Local governments

RFP ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



Wisconsin Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

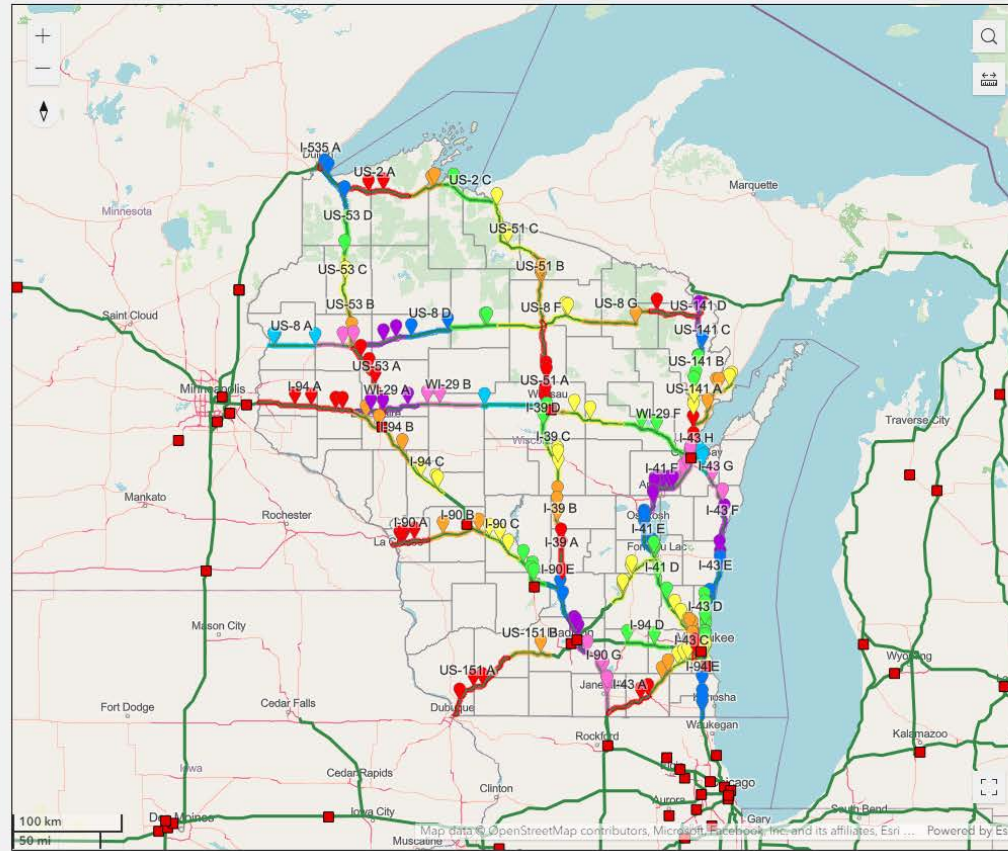
Click a highway below to filter the map
 Deselect to show all highways

Map Layers
 Click the eye to turn additional layers on/off

- NEVI-Compliant Chargers
- Priority Locations (zoom in to see boundary)
- Priority Locations
- WEVI Evaluation Zones
- Alternative Fuel Corridors - Always Visible
- Alternative Fuel Corridors
- Reference Layers

Note: Different layers and labels will appear as you zoom in, so if you do not see something you're looking for, try zooming in or out on the map. For example, you must zoom in to see the 1-mile polygons.
 MPO: Metropolitan Planning Organization

Evaluation Zones and Priority Locations



- Locations updated 1/3/2024.
- Priority Location polygons (shaded polygons) are one-mile travel distances from the ends of each exit ramp.
 - Items on map may be updated by WisDOT, including evaluation zones and priority locations. Some exits listed here may be removed if a compliant site is installed before the application period.
 - Existing compliant chargers were identified during program development. They may change any time due to new installations, maintenance, or other reasons.
- Questions regarding the map can be emailed to transportationelectrification@dot.wi.gov

NEVI-Compliant Chargers

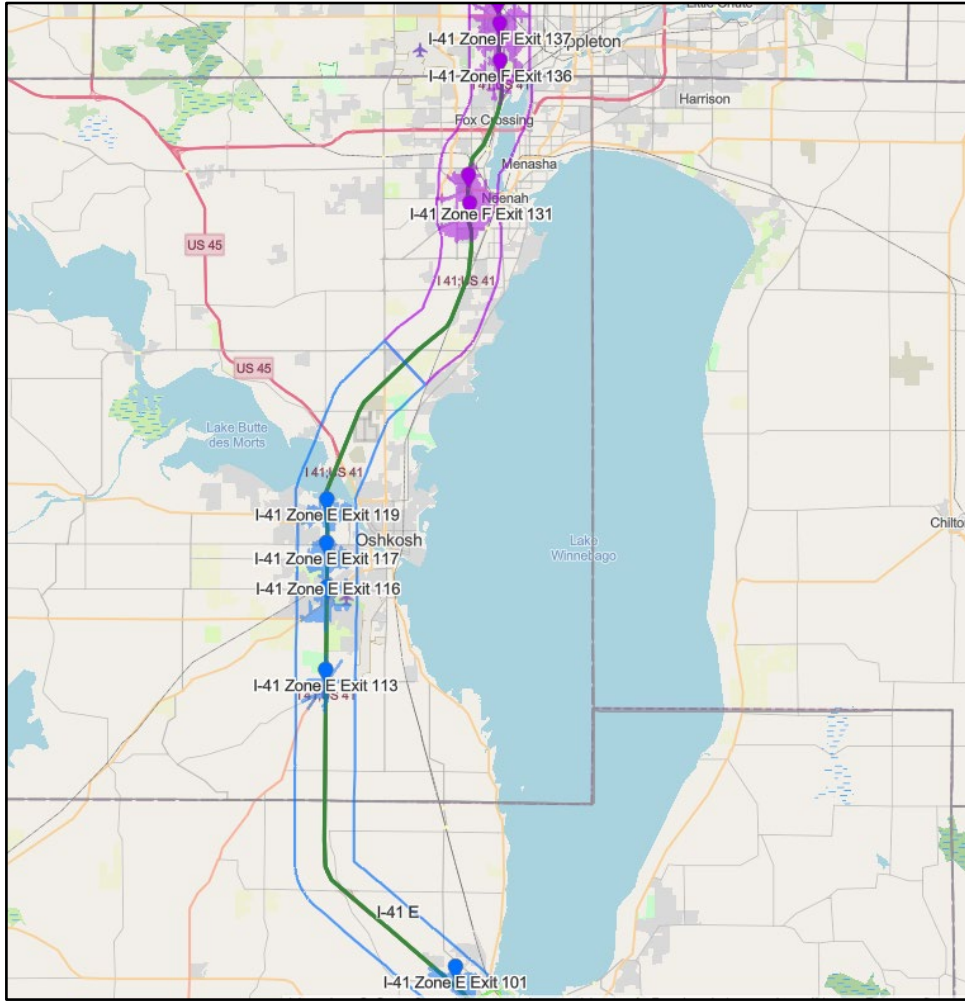
Priority Locations (zoom in to see boundary)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

WEVI Evaluation Zones

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

RFP ELIGIBLE PROJECTS





WisDOT will prioritize grant awards based on three (3) tiers of groupings:

- 1) Projects at **priority site locations** within coverage zones;
- 2) Projects not in a priority site location but still in an **EV charging station gap**; and
- 3) Projects on an EV AFC not in an EV charging station gap (i.e., redundant stations along EV AFCs).

See pages 11-14 of the [RFP](#) for eligible project site details.

RFP ELIGIBLE EXPENSES FOR REIMBURSEMENT




Eligible Expenses for Reimbursement & Cost-Share

-  Cost incurred **only after award** and formal notice to proceed from WisDOT
-  Cost only “for projects **directly related to the charging of a vehicle** and only to support EV charging infrastructure that is open to the general public”



RFP ELIGIBLE EXPENSES FOR REIMBURSEMENT




Eligible Expenses for Reimbursement & Cost-Share

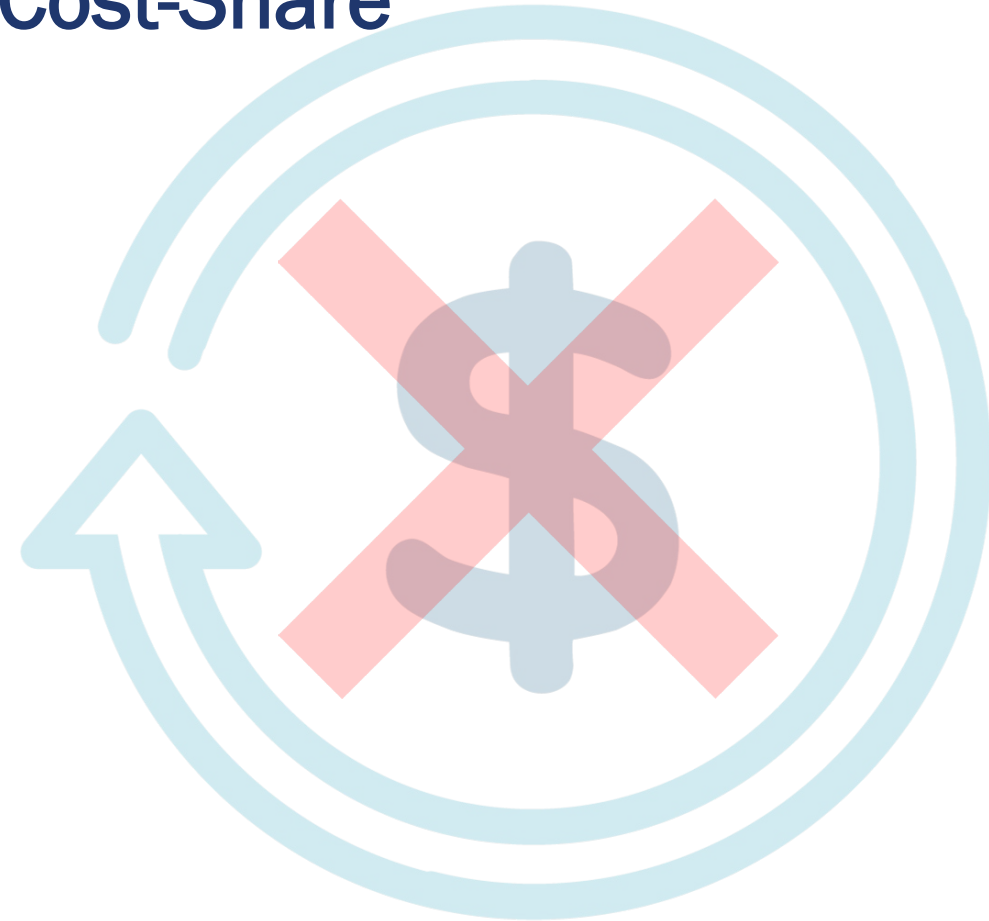
-  **Pre-construction after award** (design, environmental, installation, and permitting)
-  **Site utility upgrades**, hardware, software, and installation
-  **5-year contracts for networking & maintenance**



RFP INELIGIBLE EXPENSES FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Ineligible Expenses for Reimbursement & Cost-Share

-  **Costs incurred before RFP or** requisite notice from WisDOT to begin a project phase
-  **Major utility grid upgrades** (see NEVI FAQ issued by FHWA)
-  **Ongoing operational costs** (i.e., electricity, insurance, etc.)



RFP SUBMISSION

Requirements:

- 📁 Complete an [RFP Submission Package](#) for each unique project site
- 📁 Utilize appropriate naming convention:
 - 📁 Applicant Business Name_Interstate Gap ID_Site Street Address
 - 📁 Example: “Company X_I-39 D_2419 Morse St.pdf”
- 📁 File limit size of 10MB
- 📁 Email completed package to: WEVIRFPSubmission@dot.wi.gov
- 📁 Due April 1, 2024, by 5:00 P.M (CT)
- 📁 Subject line: “WEVI RFP Submission”

PROPOSAL REVIEW AND EVALUATION

Step 1:

Compliance

- Applicants must demonstrate ability to comply with **all federal and state requirements**

Step 2:

Scored Elements

- If an application proceeds under Step 1, it will be **assessed under the RFP scoring matrix** (as shown on next slide)

Step 3:









Additional Considerations

- If a decision cannot be made after Step 2, **additional considerations will be utilized to select an awardee** (as shown on next slide)

WEVI PROPOSAL EVALUATION

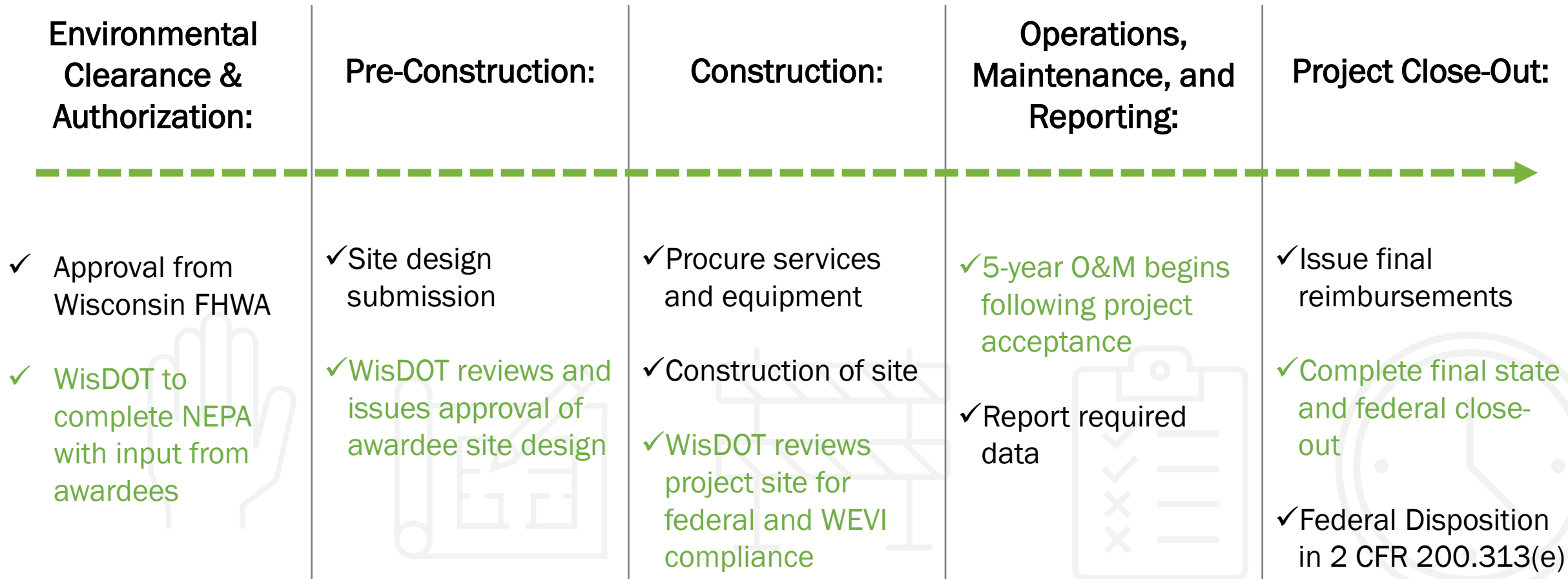
Category	Total Possible Points	Points	Scoring Criteria
Cost Proposal <i>(Included in a templated budget form)</i>	25	10	Overall cost - broken down into EV charging gap evaluation zones (10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scale between target areas (ex. highest cost receives 0 points, lowest receives 10 points)
		10	Cost per port (10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scale between target areas (ex. highest cost per port receives 0 points, lowest receives 10 points)
		5	Proposal exceeds 20% match (up to 5 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% (0) 21-25% (1) 26-30% (2) 31-35% (3) 35-40% (4) >40% (5)
Site Location	25	25	Priority site location, within identified groupings in EV charging gaps
		15	Non-priority site location, but within identified groupings
		0	Site location is not a priority site location and not located within an identified grouping
Justice 40 and Community Engagement	25	5	Labor/workforce or economic development considerations
		10	Site location benefits or located in a disadvantaged community (DAC)/Tribal community
		10	Plans for public engagement
Priority Amenities	25	5 = Amenity at site 2 = Plans for Development 0 = Not Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24/7 bathroom accessibility Food/beverage availability Sufficient lighting covering the EVSE Business hours of site is 24/7 (2 points if open for 18+ hours) Pull-through space

Additional Considerations:

-  Long-term stewardship plans
-  Physical security and cybersecurity
-  Team qualifications
-  Workforce development (not an eligible reimbursable project expense)
-  Economic development
-  Elements beyond minimum requirements
-  Additional amenities
-  Futureproofing (Availability of NACS Connectors)

* *See RFP [page 22](#) for a complete list of additional considerations.*

POST-AWARD SELECTION PROCESS PHASES







LIVE Q&A SESSION



**Please chat your questions,
the moderator will read questions and staff will answer.**

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REMINDERS:

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-  Due **April 1, 2024, by 5:00 P.M. (CT)**
-  Subject line: “WEVI RFP Submission”
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