

Alternative Fueling Facilities Program (AFFP)

Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Proposed Scoring Criteria

- I. **Scoring Criteria – All Fuel Types Except Natural Gas – Proposed Station Location and Service Capacity (up to 150 points)**. Applicants will be scored on how the location of the proposed station closes the existing infrastructure gaps along the interstate highways that make up the Clean Transportation Zone (CTZ) and throughout the 83 eligible counties. Scores will be assigned based on the following factors:
- a. **Proximity of the station to existing facilities (maximum of 40 points)**: Proposed stations which are located the furthest away from existing alternative fueling facilities, when compared to all other proposed stations, will receive the most number of points. Proposed stations will be grouped by and compared with stations of similar fuel capabilities and fuel type. Existing alternative fueling facilities will be determined using data from the U.S. Department of Energy.
 - b. **Distance from a highly traveled highway segment (maximum of 40 points)**: Stations nearest the most heavily traveled traffic nodes, when compared to all other proposed stations, will receive the most number of points. The program is using the most recently available data collected by the Texas Department of Transportation to identify the density of traffic along segments of the interstate, U.S., and state highways in Texas.
 - c. **Distance from an interstate highway, U.S. highway, or state highway (maximum of 40 points)**: The closer a proposed station is to an existing interstate highway, U.S. highway, or state highway, the higher the score will be, as shown below. In the event a station is near multiple highways, the highest eligible score will be used. Distances will be determined by a direct line starting at the edge of an eligible highway and ending at the proposed station.
 - i. **Interstate** – 40 points within 1/8 mile, 20 points within 1/4 mile, and 10 points within ½ mile.
 - ii. **U.S. highway, state highway** – 20 points for 1/4 mile, 10 points within 1/2 mile
 - d. **Number of available fueling or charging ports (maximum of 10 points)**: The higher the number of available alternative fueling or charging ports at a proposed station, the higher the score. Applicants will receive 1 point per available alternative fueling or charging port up to a maximum of 10 points even if there are more than 10 available fueling or charging ports. Applicants that are small businesses will receive 2 points per available fueling or charging port, up to 10 points. For proposed stations that are providing electric recharging infrastructure, the number of charging ports to receive points will be considered as EVSE ports as defined by the [Department of Energy's Alternative Fuel Data Center](#). For proposed stations that are dispensing other fuels, the number of fueling ports will be determined by the number of vehicles that can be simultaneously served. If, for example, a service station has multiple nozzles to distribute different fuels but only one can be used at a time, it will count as a single fueling port.
 - e. **Existing local amenities nearby or statement of future construction of one (10 points)**: Proposed stations that will provide amenities or have amenities within ¼ mile of the proposed station will receive 5 points. Those that have amenities available onsite will receive 10 points. Amenities must include at least one of the following: restaurants, grocery stores, retail shopping, entertainment, parks, municipal, state, or federal buildings, or restrooms.
 - f. **Hours of operation preference (10 points)**: Proposed stations that commit to remaining open to the public 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, will receive 10 points for this category.

II. Scoring Criteria – Natural Gas – Proposed Station Location and Service Capacity (up to 150 points). Applicants will be scored on how the location of the proposed project closes the existing infrastructure gaps along the interstate highways that make up the Clean Transportation Zone (CTZ) and throughout the 83 eligible counties. This category is limited to projects that dispense compressed natural gas (CNG), liquified natural gas (LNG), and/or liquified propane gas (LPG). Scores will be assigned based on the following factors:

- a. Proximity of the station to existing facilities (maximum of 30 points):** Proposed stations which are located the furthest away from existing alternative fueling facilities of the same fuel type when compared to all other proposed stations, will receive the most number of points. Proposed stations will be grouped by and compared with stations of similar fuel capabilities and fuel type. Existing alternative fueling facilities will be determined using data from the U.S. Department of Energy.
- b. Distance from a highly traveled highway segment (maximum of 30 points):** Stations nearest the most heavily traveled traffic nodes, when compared to all other proposed stations, will receive the most number of points. The program is using the most recently available data collected by the Texas Department of Transportation to identify the density of traffic along segments of the interstate, U.S., and state highways in Texas.
- c. Distance from an interstate highway, U.S. highway, or state highway (maximum of 30 points):** The closer a proposed station is to an existing interstate highway, U.S. highway, or state highway, the higher the score will be, as shown below. In the event a station is near multiple highways, the highest eligible score will be used. Distances will be determined by a direct line starting at the edge of an eligible highway and ending at the proposed station.
 - i. **Interstate** – 30 points within 1/4 mile, 15 points within 1/2 mile, and 10 points within 1 mile.
 - ii. **U.S. highway, state highway** – 15 points for 1/4 mile, 10 points within 1/2 mile.
- d. Location within the following priority areas (maximum of 10 points)**
 - i. facilities located in the area in and between the Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas-Fort Worth areas; or
 - ii. facilities located in the area in and between the Corpus Christi, Laredo, and San Antonio areas.
- e. Number of available fueling ports (maximum of 10 points):** The higher the number of available natural gas fueling ports at a proposed station, the higher the score. Applicants will receive 1 point per available natural gas fueling port up to a maximum of 10 points even if there are more than 10 available natural gas fueling ports. Applicants that are small businesses will receive 2 points per available fueling port, up to 10 points.. The number of fueling ports will be determined by the number of vehicles that can be simultaneously served. If, for example, a proposed station has multiple nozzles to distribute different fuels but only one can be used at a time, it will count as a single fueling port.
- f. Stations providing multiple fuels (maximum of 20 points):** Proposed stations that will provide both Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) will receive 20 points.
- g. Existing local amenities nearby or statement of future construction of one (10 points):** Proposed stations that will provide amenities or have amenities within 1/4 mile of the proposed station will receive 5 points. Those that have amenities available onsite will receive 10 points. Amenities must include at least one of the following: restaurants, grocery stores, retail shopping, entertainment, parks, municipal, state, or federal buildings, or restrooms.
- h. Hours of operation preference (10 points):** Proposed stations that commit to remaining open to the public 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, will receive 10 points for this category.

III. Additional Requirements

- a. **Site Plan (provided within 1 year of contract execution):** Applicant must provide a site plan with at least initial documentation that shows planning and design of their proposed facility. The proposed site plan must:
 - i. demonstrate the accessibility of the station to the public, including access points;
 - ii. provide information on property rights regarding the location of the proposed station; and
 - iii. provide a description of applicable local land use, zoning and permitting requirements, and the applicant's ability to meet these requirements.
- b. **Site-Host Agreement or Site Ownership Documentation (provided within 1 year of contract execution):** Applicant must be able to adequately demonstrate through agreements or other legal documentation that they can construct the proposed station at the location designated in their application.
- c. **Agreement or arrangement to have fuel/electricity provided to the site (provided within 1 year of contract execution):** Applicant must demonstrate that agreements or arrangements have been made to provide the proposed fuel to the site. This could include contractual agreements with a fuel or electrical provider, letters of guarantee that the infrastructure could be installed at that site, or other documentation that guarantees delivery of the fuel is possible at the proposed site.
- d. **Tie-breaking provisions.** In the event of a tied score, the following will be used as tie-breakers:
 - i. Applicant is owned by a service-disabled veteran who is a Texas resident. (Tex. Gov. Code 2155.444).
 - ii. Applicant is a Texas bidder meaning it is incorporated in this state; has its principal place of business in this state; or has established a physical presence in this state. (Tex. Gov. Code 2155.444).
 - iii. Applicant will use USA-produced supplies, materials, or equipment in fulfilling its grant obligations. (Tex. Gov. Code 2155.444).
 - iv. Applicant is a Historically Underutilized Business (Tex. Gov. Code 2155.505).
 - v. Applicant is a Woman Owned Small Business as defined by the of the United States Small Business Administration.
 - vi. Applicant is a Veterans-Owned Small Business or Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business that is not owned by a Texas Resident.
 - vii. Applicant is a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE).
 - viii. Applicant is a Small Business Concern as defined by the regulations of the United States Small Business Administration in 13 C.F.R. Section 121.201. (Tex. Gov. Code 2155.505).
 - ix. Applicant will use products made of recycled, remanufactured, or environmentally sensitive materials in fulfilling its grant obligations. (Tex. Gov. Code 2155.445).
 - x. Applicant will purchase and use energy efficient products in fulfilling its grant obligations. (Tex. Gov. Code 2155.442).
 - xi. Applicant will purchase and use products made by persons with disabilities in fulfilling its grant obligations. (Tex. Gov. Code 2155.441).
 - xii. Facility will be located on formerly contaminated property. (Tex. Gov. Code 2155.450).
 - xiii. Facility will be located in an economically depressed or blighted area. (Tex. Gov. Code 2155.449, 2306.004).