

INDOT Equity Review

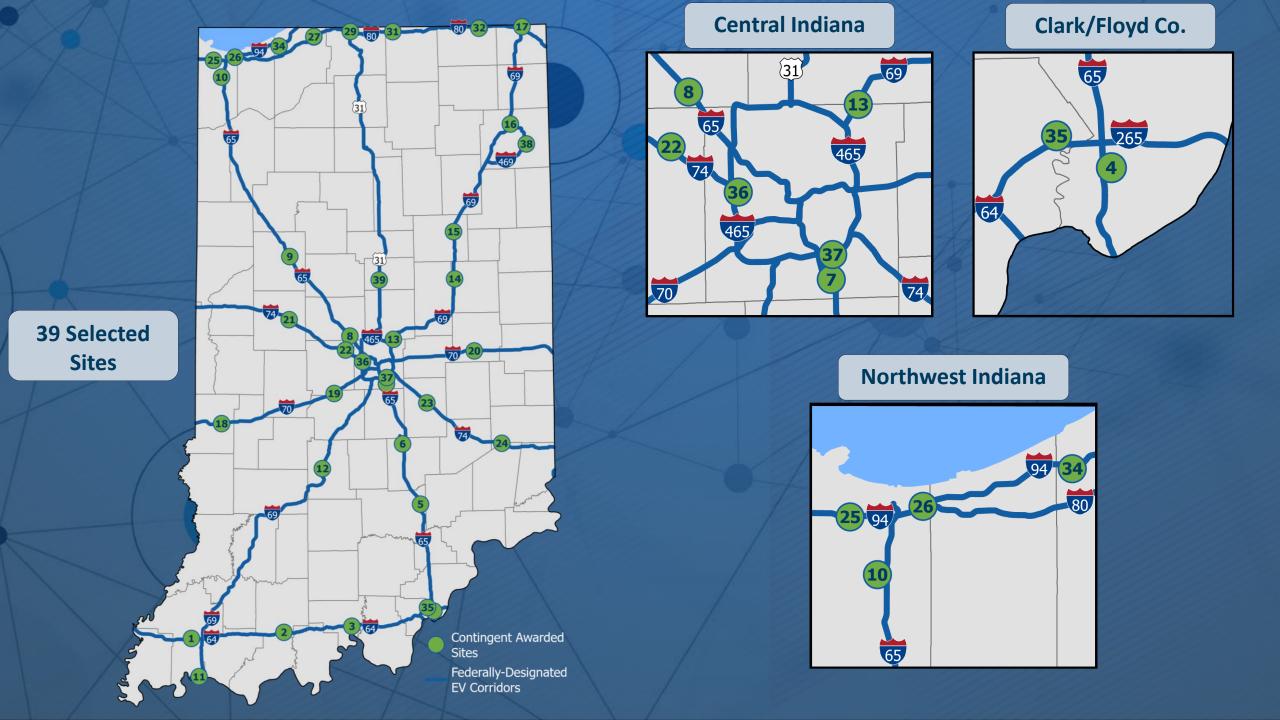
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Location Overview





NEVI DAC Guidance

- Latest Federal guidance instructs states to use a DAC map defined by Argonne National Labs
 - Considers 41 total indicators
 - 426 total DACs in Indiana
- CEJST is not the Federally-recommended tool for **NEVI**
- 40% of program benefits to DACs

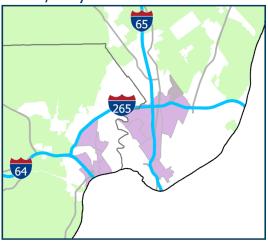


DAC Area Map

74 **DAC Areas Rural Areas EV** Corridor

DAC/Rural Areas

Clark/Floyd Counties



Evansville



Fort Wayne



Indianapolis



NW Indiana

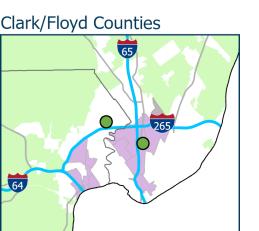


South Bend





DAC/Rural Areas Selections



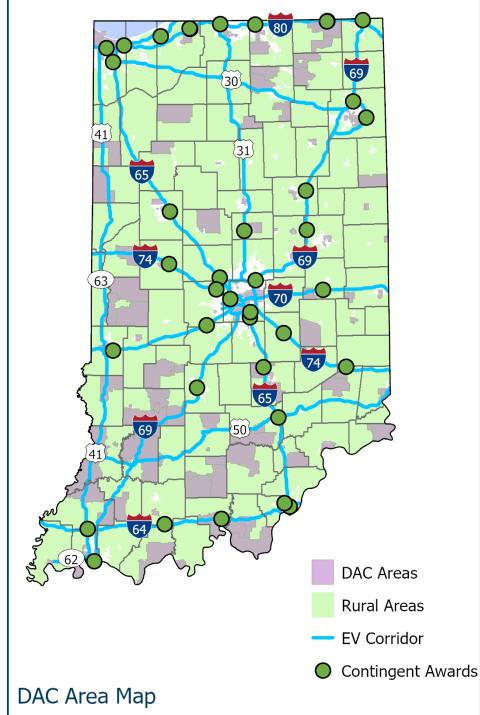












DAC Area Metrics



- Metrics approved in 2022 Plan:
 - Percent of AFC miles within 50 miles of a charging station (100%)
 - Percent of Indiana and DAC population within 40 miles of a charging station (100%)
 - Number of sites and ports in and near a DAC
 - Percent of time at least one port is available at all sites in and near a DAC
- Metrics approved in 2023 Plan:
 - Percent of sites within 15 miles of a DAC (100%)
 - Percent of sites within 5 miles of a DAC (80%)
 - Percent of AFC miles within a DAC (17%)
 - Percent uptime of all NEVI ports accessible to DACs (97%)



DAC Areas: Applications vs. Selected



Within 5 miles of a DAC (INDOT metric)

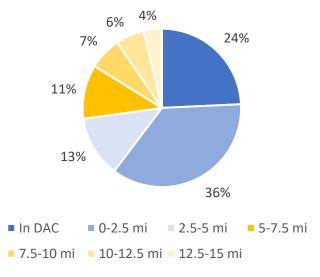
- All candidate sites: 80%

- All applications: 73%

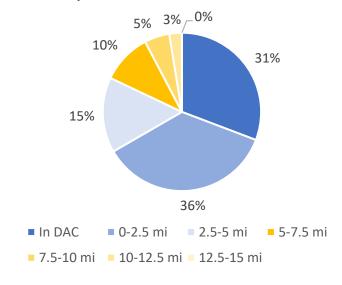
- Selected applications: 82%

- All applications and selections are within 15 miles of a DAC (INDOT metric)
 - Furthest application: 14.8 mi
 - Furthest selection: 10.5 mi





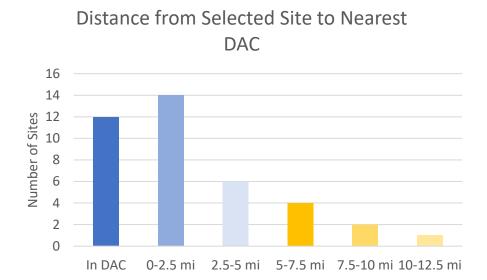
Percent of Selected Applications by Distance to Nearest DAC

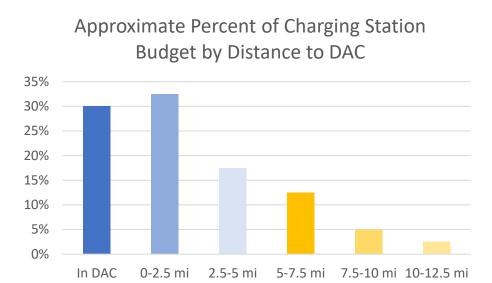




Charger Distance to DAC









Distance to Nearest Charger by DAC Type



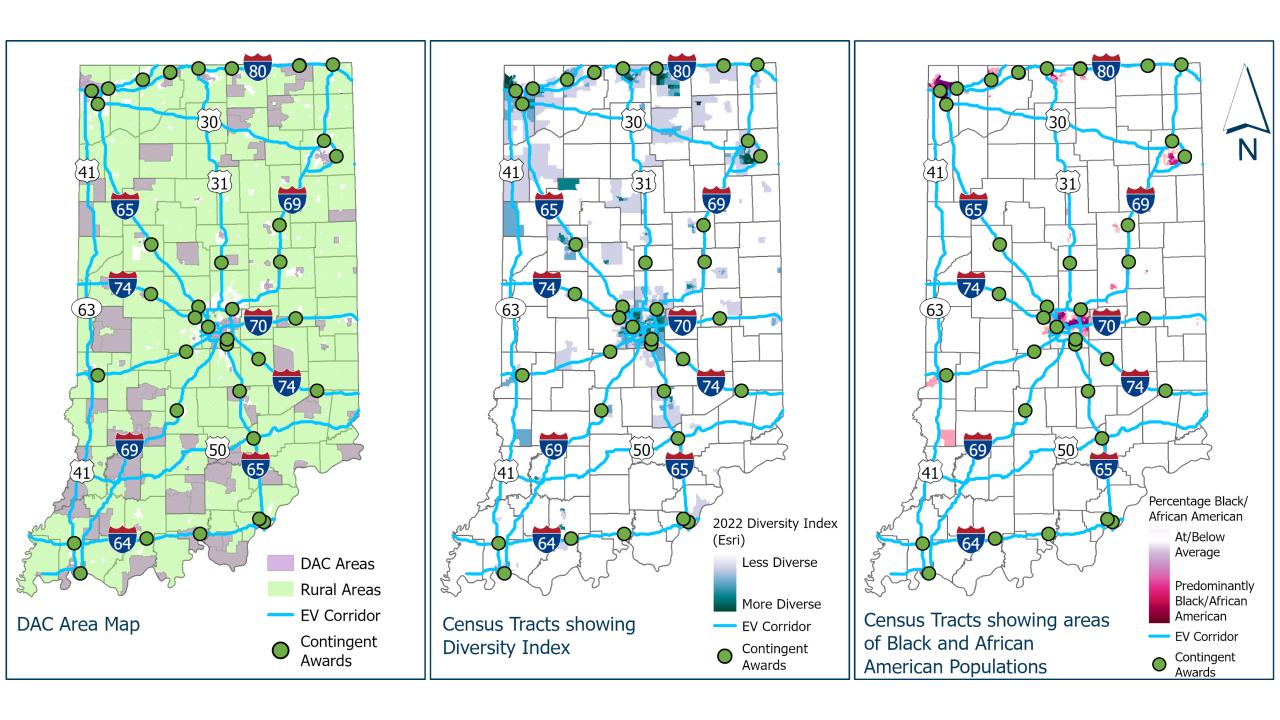
 DACs in larger urban areas are closer to chargers than in small urban and rural areas

- In Indiana:
 - 6 large urban areas, 254 DACs
 - 7 medium urban areas, 42 DACs
 - 23 small urban areas, 39 DACs
 - 91 rural DACs
 - 426 total DACs

DAC Distance to Nearest Selected Charger

DAC Type (Urban Area		75th Percentile	
Population)	Average (mi)	(mi)	Max (mi)
Large: UA > 200k	4.1	5.6	10.9
Medium: UA 50k - 200k	8.2	13.3	15.3
Small: UA 5k - 49k	19.0	27.2	34.9
Rural Area	15.0	22.1	42.5





Selection Procedure



INDOT's Implementation Approach





INDOT will not own or operate the EV chargers



Enable competitive, quals based selection of proposers



Multiple sites selected through multiple competitive procurement(s)



Prioritize sites that are ready



Clear, competitive, replicable process



Up to 80% funding from NEVI At least 20% funding from Applicant



Qualifications-Based Selection



- **Goal:** Select the most qualified charging sites to build out AFCs
- Considerations:
 - Compliance with Federal requirements
 - Application score
 - Site readiness
 - Charging equipment availability
 - Equitable locations and applicant strategies
 - Cost share



Efforts to Engage XBEs



- 6 public meetings in July 2023 after NOFO draft release
 - Evansville
 - Fort Wayne
 - Gary
 - Indianapolis
 - New Albany
 - South Bend

Included public networking events

- Virtual XBE networking event
 - September 29, following the release of the final NOFO
 - 53 XBE attendees
 - 21 potential primes
- Online EV Partner directory
 - 73 listings as of application close (11/21/23)



Federal XBE Requirements



- INDOT cannot score or establish goals related to XBE contracting/participation
 - 23 CFR 680.118(f) "The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program does not apply to the NEVI Formula Funds"
 - FHWA NEVI FAQ 12.2: "State DOTs may not establish DBE goals for NEVI-funded contracts nor count raceneutral DBE participation on such contracts toward the achievement of the State's overall DBE goal"
- Original NOFO had included XBE participation as a scoreable item within applications; however, FHWA required that INDOT remove this item
- INDOT was allowed to score engagement with XBEs within the applications
- INDOT will examine potential opportunities to score XBE involvement in the next round, pending FHWA review



Equity Section

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- Equity, Workforce and Economic Development
- Worth 60 points
- Narrative responses to 4 questions
- Required for each site proposal

Part	Title	Contents	Points
В	Experience	Experience	75
		Qualifications	75
		Project Approach	75
		Project Cost Information	25
	Experience Su	250	
С	Site Proposal	Site Information	70
		Site Schematic	20
		Site Readiness	60
		Future Proofing	40
		Equity, Workforce and Economic Development	60
	Site Proposal Subtotal		250
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE			500



Equity Questions





- Describe your approach to addressing INDOT's equity goals? How do you plan to support and meet the existing equity outcomes outlined in the NEVI plan? Please describe any innovative strategies you intend to adopt for equity purposes.
- 2. Describe the extent of XBE engagement during the pre-application, application, and planned procurement period. Please provide proof of any meetings with XBEs outside of the INDOT-sponsored networking events if any.
- 3. Describe your approach to workforce development in terms of training commitment to XBE and small/local businesses.
- 4. Describe your community engagement plan for EV education and awareness, outlining specific targets, goals, and success measures.



Equity Scoring





- Of the 39 selections, 30 were the highest-scoring equity application at their candidate site
- Average equity score of selected applicants was 9.5 points higher than non-selected
- Takeaways
 - Engagement with XBE potential subcontractors
 - Serving unbanked/under-banked individuals
 - Emphasis on apprenticeship and workforce education programs
 - Multilingual customer support





Upcoming Activities



Stakeholder Collaboration Workshop







Workshop Details

Date: Tuesday, April 30th

Time: 10 AM – 2 PM

Location: Julia M. Carson Government Center, 300 E. Fall Creek Parkway N. Drive, Indianapolis, IN



Facilitated by EVNoire and Herd Strategies

expertise in E-Mobility best practices and E-Mobility diversity, equity and inclusion

Herd Strategies: Statewide/Locally certified DBE/MBE/WBE



Save the Date going out Friday, April 5th



More than 80
stakeholders invited
from diverse and
inclusive
backgrounds and
organizations



Interactive
meeting working
on the NEVI
Justice40
Implementation
Plan and future
engagement
ideas



Launch the

"Charging the
Crossroads
Justice 40
Committee" idea
and gauge
stakeholder
interest



Justice 40 Plan



- Led by EVNoire in collaboration with Herd Strategies
- Initial draft expected Spring/Summer 2024
- Objectives:
 - Employ various methods to improve community engagement.
 - Identify goals for community engagement to understand, assess, and address local needs effectively.
 - Quantify program investment and benefits through categorization and evaluation of metrics.
 - Establish tracking strategies and tools for monitoring and analyzing program benefits.
 - Develop reporting and compliance strategies to track program success and areas for improvement.



Summer 2024 Public Meetings





- 4-6 public meetings filling gaps from last year's public meeting and awarded site locations
- Targeting urbanized areas within or in close proximity to DACs
- How to improve communication of information to XBEs?
 - General Program Information:
 - O Is there a network email list that INDOT can add to program stakeholder list?
 - Share information about notifications/website
 - Public feedback, registration of new stakeholders, subscription for program updates
 - Increase awareness to minority-owned EVSE businesses
 - Identify areas of opportunities for a clearer and more defined application process:
 - Determine areas of confusion from NOFO 1
 - Suggest more accessible instructions and innovative methods for NOFO 2
 - Implement in NOFO narrative, website, communications, etc.





Further Discussion



