CONNECT THE WATTS POWERED BY EVgo

RECOGNITION PROGRAM

2022 SCORING CRITERIA

Celebrating the Heroes of the EV Charging Ecosystem

Connect the Watts™ is an initiative focused on bringing the EV charging infrastructure community together to identify best practices and accelerate fast charger deployment. The National EV Charging Recognition Program, presented by Connect the Watts, was created to celebrate leaders across the EV charging ecosystem, including: Site Hosts, Utilities, Governments, Engineers, Contractors, and Equipment Vendors.

EV Charging Heroes are recognized for deployment excellence across the Connect the Watts platform, which is viewed by leaders in the EV charging ecosystem, including hundreds of state and federal government officials. For more information, visit: EVgo.com/connect-the-watts/recognition

Site Hosts – National Portfolios:

- Commitment to having EV fast chargers at **25% of sites by 2030**; one site energized
- **5%** of sites have EV fast chargers
- **10%** of sites have EV fast chargers
- **20%** of sites have EV fast chargers

Site Hosts – Regional Portfolios:

- Commitment to having EV fast chargers at **50% of sites by 2030**; one site energized *
- **15%** of sites have EV fast chargers
- **25%** of sites have EV fast chargers
- **40%** of sites have EV fast chargers

Utilities:

Published utility **coordination guidelines** on utility's website for construction of EV infrastructure for developer use. Additionally, certification requirements are solely based on safety and interconnect of chargers

In addition to above, has a **team dedicated to EV feasibility**, land easements, engineering design, & construction resources

In addition to all above, the utility has an **inventory of transformers** suited for EV charging, readily available for EV projects

In addition to all above, **Access Agreement language in lieu of Easements** is accepted, and there are established timelines for each process or set of activities required for utility-side design, construction, & interconnection of EV chargers (Engineering & Construction activities)

Local Governments (AHJs):

A **commitment to streamline** the permitting process

Standardized electric vehicle charging station (EVCS) permitting reviews, including ADA compliance (in addition to the above)

Meets the criteria above and one of the following: **a one-stop-shop for all permits**, online permit processing, expedited processing, no pre-appointments on pre-approvals, flexible administrative processing, and inspection

A one-stop-shop for all permits, with at least two of the following: **online permit processing**, expedited processing, no pre-appointments or pre-approvals, **standardized EVCS permitting reviews**, flexible administrative processing, & inspection

Contractors & Design/Build Partners:

Licensed engineers on staff, and/or contractors with an **EMR less than 1 or OSHA 300** with no recordable incidents, & **experience in at least ten** charging installations

Contractors with some **in-house engineering resources** to support permitting with minimal RFIs

Design/Build firm which can execute projects in late-stage development through **construction at a fixed price** with no RFIs to EVSPs (electric vehicle service providers)

Full-service Engineering & Construction company with expertise in EV charging, and **managing the entire project** life cycle, including AHJs/permitting, specific site host interactions, and the utility process

Engineering Partners:

Licensed engineer with minimum **design experience of 30 fast charging projects**

Engineering firm experienced in minimum of **20 utilities nationwide** as well as an **ability to sign/seal drawings in-house or through partners in all 50 states**

Availability to **take on additional scope** of site visits, engineering surveys, rendering & conceptual plans in various states, as well as an ability to seamlessly coordinate with installation contractors on RFIs

Engineering firm **fully integrated with contractors** supporting permitting & utility coordination (beyond the application process)

Equipment Manufacturers:

Provision of UL certified equipment & a **commitment to establishing manufacturing in the U.S. within the next 2 years**

Support of **ISO/IEC 15118** Plug and Charge and Autocharge+

Publishes **observed field failure rate**

Operates **manufacturing facilities in the U.S.**; less than twelve-week lead time from order to fulfillment

Tested per CharIN Conformance Test, to ensure vehicle charger Interoperability