"IT PAYS TO PLUG IN" NJ'S ELECTRIC VEHICLE WORKPLACE CHARGING GRANT PROGRAM

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PURPOSE

 Provides grants to employers to offset a portion of the cost of purchasing and installing electric vehicle charging stations

- Goal to support and encourage employees to purchase and drive electric vehicles to work
 - *Reduce tailpipe emissions from transportation sector





WHY WORKPLACE CHARGING?

- Vehicles are most often parked for extended periods of time at home and at the workplace, making them logical locations to charge an EV
- NJ has made strides to streamline permits for installing residential chargers
 - The next logical location to address is the workplace



Source: Argonne National Laboratory, 2013



GRANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- All NJ employers eligible for funds (public, private, for-profit, not-for-profit, educational, and government entities)
- Only Level 1 and Level 2 chargers eligible
- Charging station must be <u>owned</u> by applicant



 Grant applicants may not be participating in PSE&G workplace charging program or receiving funding from another utility to install charging stations



APPLICATION PROCESS

- Interested applicants must submit an application to the NJDEP prior to installation of charging stations
 - Applications must have project proposal details
 - Number/level of proposed charging stations
 - Make or model of proposed charging units (i.e. ChargePoint CT4000)
- Must also submit a "Certification Checklist"
- NJDEP will review the applications and send written approval to eligible applicants with executed grant agreement
- Applicants must install the agreed upon charging stations within one calendar year of NJDEP application approval



REIMBURSEMENT

- After installation, eligible applicants will be reimbursed by NJDEP based on charging units installed:
 - Up to \$250 per Level 1 charging station
 - Up to \$5,000 per Level 2 charging station
 - *DC Fast Chargers are not suitable for workplace applications and therefore are excluded from this program
- Reimbursement contingent upon availability of funding—first-come, first-served basis until depleted
 Phase I—\$725,000 in available funds
- NJDEP can limit the amount of reimbursement per employer based on number and location of charging stations



GRANT POTENTIAL

Based on the funds available, this program has the potential to add 145 Level 2 chargers to the state
*Up to 2,900 if all Level 1 chargers

- For reference, the state currently has electric vehicle charging stations at 236 locations
 - Source: USDOE's Alternative Fuels Data Center (July 2016)







SUSTAINABLE JERSEY ACTIONS

- Municipalities, as employers, are eligible for funding, and can even get Sustainable Jersey Certification Points for participating
- Example:
 - "<u>Make your town EV friendly</u>" by promoting the program to businesses in your town and securing commitments for local partners to install workplace charging stations





NJ CHARGING CHALLENGE: ELECTRIFY YOUR WORKPLACE

 NJDEP wants to recognize employers in NJ that are making their workplaces "EV Ready"





CHARGING CHALLENGE CRITERIA

- All employers in NJ are eligible to participate
- Must have installed a minimum of 2 EV charging stations (Level 1 or Level 2) since January 1, 2015
- Must fill out application and proof of install form



RECOGNITION

- All applicants who meet the criteria will be recognized on DEP website and with a certificate
- Top performers will be honored at the Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Ceremony

Judging criteria:

- Charging station installations (10 points per station)
- Education and outreach (5 points per activity)
- Renewable energy source (20 points)

Scoring:

- 1st Platinum
- 2^{nd} Gold
- 3rd Silver
 - 3 business tiers
 - Small (<50 employees)
 - Medium (51-500 employees)
 - Large (>500 employees)



DRIVEGREEN NJ

- DriveGreen NJ is a consumer-based web portal designed to provide information on EVs
 - EV basics
 - Charging 101
 - Affordability/available incentives
 - Tools (choosing the right EV, charging station locator, etc.)
 - Helpful links
- Check it out today! <u>www.drivegreen.nj.gov</u>





QUESTIONS?

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