

Solar E-bike RFA Questions & Answers

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Q1: From what we gather, this project would require the active participation of Lyft, which is the manager of the Capital Bikeshare program, and Motivate, the system operator. What would the role of the equipment owner (Lyft) and the service operator (Motivate) be in this process, and would the DC Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) help foster that collaboration? Lyft is not mentioned in the RFP, and they are currently working on their own version of charging docks, so they might be reluctant to support a solution outside of their company.

A1: The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) owns the equipment associated with the Capital Bikeshare system, including bicycles and docking stations. DOEE will facilitate coordination between the grant recipient, DDOT, and DDOT's contractors to ensure the success of the grant.

Q2: Given the large number of shared electric bikes and scooters on the streets of DC from companies like Veo, Lime and Spin, numbers that are greater than the number of e-bikes in the Capital Bikeshare system, would DOEE consider funding an on-street charging solution that could power dockless e-bikes and scooters?

A2: No. The grant recipient must provide a solar charging solution compatible with the existing bicycle fleet or provide new docking stations that are solar charging and fully interoperable with the existing Capital Bikeshare system.

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Q3: Given the novel nature of the project, would DOEE consider pushing back the application deadline by two weeks to enable a more robust and quality proposal?

A3: Yes. The response deadline will be extended to Friday, 10/13/2023 at 11:59 p.m.

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Q4: Given the application deadline extension to October 13, 2023, will additional questions be accepted after today, the 25th of September?

A4: Yes. .