

July 13, 2026

Adopt a Charger RFPs for BABA compliant Level 2 and DCFC questions and responses.

1. For the Level 2 RFP, the communication requirements list Wi-Fi, Ethernet, and Cellular/LTE connectivity. Should each installed Level 2 charger be hardwired via Ethernet as the primary connection, with cellular used as backup, or is cellular acceptable as the primary connection as long as the charger supports Ethernet capability? **Ethernet is preferred, but cellular or wi-fi is acceptable.**
2. For the DCFC RFP, can you please clarify the intended charger architecture? The RFP references shared power architecture between at least four DCFC posts, total system power of at least 575 kW, and per-post output of at least 250 kW continuous. Should vendors quote eight individual DCFC units, eight posts/dispensers connected to shared power cabinets, two four-post shared-power systems, or another configuration that meets the stated requirements?
We require at least 4-post shared-power system configuration. The overall system output for 8 dispensers will be software-limited to a maximum of 1200 kW total across the system. Power will share dynamically, providing up to 250 kW to a single vehicle when stalls are idle.
3. For the DCFC RFP, please confirm whether the required per-post output is 250 kW continuous, or whether a lower continuous output, such as 150 kW per post, would be acceptable if the overall shared-power system meets the project needs.
The system must support up to 250 kW peak output per individual charge port.
4. For both RFPs, can vendors submit alternate BABA-compliant equipment if it meets the performance and reporting requirements but differs from the exact configurations described in the RFP? **Yes.**
5. L2 proposal requirements ask for pricing including “delivery, installation options, extended warranty, software subscription,” while DCFC asks for “unit price, delivery, optional installation, extended warranty.” So, installation seems optional, but support/reporting obligations make it feel broader. **We have already identified installation partners, so these RFPs are for equipment only. Please provide quote for unit price, delivery, 5 years of networking and reporting, and 5-year warranty.**
6. For the BABA documentation requested in the RFP, can you please clarify what needs to be included with the July 14 proposal submission? We understand that the equipment must be BABA-compliant; however, certain final BABA records are often generated at the time of final assembly, serialization, shipment, or delivery of the specific units. Would it be acceptable to submit available manufacturer BABA documentation with the proposal and provide any final charger-specific documentation at delivery? **Proof of BABA compliance needs to be submitted with the response for proposed equipment.**

7. Should proposals be submitted by email, online portal, or another method?
Please submit proposals via email to kitty.adams@adoptacharger.org
8. Are there any required file formats, naming conventions, page limits, or email subject line requirements? Please submit proposals in pdf format via email and also specify in the subject line if it is a response to DCFC RFP or Level 2 RFP.
9. Should the DCFC and Level 2 proposals be submitted separately, or can they be submitted together with separate sections? as we are interested in applying for both opportunities. Responses to DCFC and Level 2 RFPs will be scored as separately but can be submitted together.
10. For the DCFC RFP, can you please clarify the minimum power requirement per charging port? The RFP states “Per Post Power: ≥ 250 kW continuous.” Can you confirm whether “post” refers to each physical charging dispenser, each individual charging port, or the overall DCFC unit?
"Post" refers to each individual charging dispenser. Each dispenser must be capable of delivering up to 250 kW, but the aggregate system limit across all 4 dispensers will be capped via software.
11. What is the minimum required kW output per charging port? Output should be up to 250 kW per charge port, with a minimum of 150 kW.
12. The Scope of Work specifies a quantity of "8 units" and describes each unit as consisting of a power cabinet and pedestal dispensers. Section 3.1 requires a shared power architecture across at least 4-post DCFC, which implies a single power cabinet serving multiple dispensers.
Proposed Answer for Option B: The scope is a total of 8 dispensers sharing power from a single or more cabinet infrastructure. An integrated or distributed power cabinet architecture is acceptable as long as it handles dynamic power sharing up to a 250 kW site limit across those 4 units.
13. Does "8 units" refer to (a) 8 complete charging stations, each with its own dedicated power cabinet and associated dispensers, or (b) 8 charging dispensers (posts) total, organized across shared power cabinets — for example, two cabinets each serving four dispensers? 8 refers to the number of dispensers
14. Please confirm that "post" refers to an individual charging dispenser/pedestal, not a physical mounting post or bollard. Post refers to the number of individual charging dispensers.

15. Per Post Power vs. Total System Power (Section 3.2) Section 3.2 specifies:
- Total System Power: ≥ 575 kW
 - Per Post Power: ≥ 250 kW continuous

If four posts each output 250 kW simultaneously, the required system capacity would be 1,000 kW — nearly double the 575-kW total system specification. Additionally, at 480 VAC 3-phase with the stated Max Input Current of ≤ 465 A, the system's maximum AC input is approximately 387 kVA, which cannot support 575 kW DC output at any practical efficiency level.

Please clarify: Is the 250 kW per-post specification intended to describe the maximum power any single post may receive under dynamic power sharing (i.e., when other posts are idle), rather than the simultaneous output across all posts? And please confirm whether the AC input and DC output specifications represent a harmonized system design. **Maximum output is 250 kW per post/dispenser. Anticipated minimum output is 150 kW with powersharing.**

16. Liquid-Cooled Cables for NACS Connector (Section 3.1)

Section 3.1 specifies 3-meter liquid-cooled cables universally across both connector types. Liquid-cooled NACS cables exist in limited commercial availability today. Please confirm whether liquid cooling is required for the NACS connector specifically, or whether a standard (non-liquid-cooled) NACS cable at 3 meters minimum is acceptable given current product availability constraints. **Considering current product availability constraints, liquid cooled is preferred but 3 meter minimum is required.**

17. Delivery Timeline (Section 9) Section 9 lists Award Notification on August 3, 2026, and Delivery Start on September 1, 2026 — a window of approximately 29 days. BABA-compliant DCFC equipment at this power level typically carries manufacturing and delivery lead times of 12–20 weeks from order placement.

Please clarify: Does "Delivery Start" on September 1 refer to (a) physical delivery of equipment to the Fort Smith site, or (b) the start of site construction/installation activity? If physical delivery of hardware is required by September 1, we respectfully request guidance on whether the timeline is subject to revision, as this constraint would likely preclude compliant proposals from qualified BABA vendors. **September 1, 2026, is the anticipated start of construction. We can work with awarded vendor on physical delivery timeline and can accommodate 12-week lead time, but not much more than that.**

18. Is pricing requested for equipment supply only, or will installation services also be evaluated? **Pricing is requested for equipment only. Installation services are separate.**

19. Since no pricing template has been included are vendors expected to create their own template for pricing? **Yes, vendors can create their own template for pricing.**

20. Has Adopt a Charger received grant for the proposed project? If yes, Can the organization share the budget set aside for the proposed project. **No**
21. Is this procurement tied to a specific federal funding program?
<https://metroplan.org/sustainability/energy-environment-innovation-funding/>
22. Are site civil drawings or conceptual layouts available? **Not at this time.**
23. Please provide the current site readiness status and status on available infrastructure for the proposed location? **Site walks have been completed, and utility coordination has been started.**
24. Will a NEMA 3R rated charger be accepted that are fully certified for outdoor use.
Yes, NEMA 3R or higher-rated chargers fully certified for outdoor use are acceptable and required.
25. Would a BAA certificate for both L2 and DCFC hardware suffice or is the mill certificates, and assembly records mandatory requirements as part of the bid submission. **A certification of BABA compliance is necessary as part of bid submission.**
26. For the DCFC RFP please clarify whether 8 units mean number of ports or number of distributed cabinets? **8 refers to the number of dispensers.**
27. For the DCFC RFP Does the organization prefer a distributed cabinet or a standalone DCFC charger? **8 refers to the number of dispensers**
28. Please indicate the term of contract for providing accurate pricing options. **The term of the contract is 5 years, with the ability to extend service for up to 15 years.**
29. RFP mentions Sample Contract Terms and Insurance Certificate. Please share the Sample Contract Terms associated with this bid and the insurance requirements. **The sample contract terms are being requested from bidders. Insurance - commercial general liability insurance with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury or death; property damage and, an umbrella insurance policy of not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00).**
30. Could the organization confirm if exceptions and/or redlines to requirements and sample contract terms allowed? **Yes**
31. Is software subscription part of scope for both categories? If yes, what is the term of subscription? **Yes, software subscription is part of scope for both categories. Contract length is 5 years with ability to extend up to 15 years.**

32. Please provide details pertaining to installation. Should the proposal include installation options? **No, these RFPs are for equipment and software only.**
33. Does the response to Level 2 and DCFC RFP needs to be two separate proposals, or can they be submitted as one single proposal response? **Level 2 and DCFC are being evaluated separately.**
34. Given that the Level 2 charging equipment is to be delivered to multiple locations, can the organization provide the anticipated installation schedule or deployment timeline for each site? **All Level 2 sites are expected to be operational by the end of the year.**
35. Please indicate the expected quantity of units that may be ordered and delivered under a single purchase order or delivery batch. **8 – DCFC dispensers and 12 Level 2, with the ability to purchase an additional 12 Level 2 if demand warrants expansion.**
36. The Level 2 RFP specifies a minimum charging cable length of 25 feet. Would equipment with a 23-foot charging cable be considered responsive, provided it meets all other technical, ADA accessibility, and performance requirements? **Yes, 23-foot cable is acceptable for Level 2.**
37. Given the number of technical and commercial clarifications required to prepare a comprehensive and compliant proposal, we request an extension of at least 7 business days following the release of the final Q&A including queries from all prospective vendors. **Yes, we can extend RFP due date to July 21, 2026, at 5:00 pm CST**
38. Please confirm the exact proposal submission deadline, including the submission time and applicable time zone. **July 21, 2026, at 5:00 pm CST.**
39. If a vendor provides the preferred modular precast concrete foundation option, is the vendor responsible for the final offloading and mechanical placement at the Fort Smith depot site, or is the local civil contractor handling the physical rigging? **The equipment vendor would need to coordinate this detail with the contractor.**
40. Is there a specific deadline time on July 14, 2026, or should we assume end of day? **Deadline is extended to July 21, 2026, at 5:00 pm CST.**