



Volkswagen Settlement Level 2 State Agencies Program Webinar

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Webinar Agenda

- **“What to Expect”**
- **Peter Ledford - Governor’s Office**
- **VW Level 2 program overview**
- **Heather Brutz and John Bonitz - NC Clean Energy Technology Center**
- **Robert Riddle and Haley Pfeiffer-Haynes - Department of Administration**
- **Application process and overview**
- **GMS demo**
- **Application scoring overview**
- **Summary recap and closing information**
- **Q&A**



What to Expect Today

- **Overview of Level 2 State Agencies program and application process**
- **When/how to submit your application**
- **What happens to your application once it is submitted**
- **Where to find answers after this workshop**
- **Question and answers**

This is not a public forum for comments on implementation of the VW Settlement



Peter Ledford - Clean Energy Director



NCDEQ VW Application Instructions

The Level 2 Request for Proposal (RFP) for State Agencies was released June 1, 2023

**Application will be opened in the DAQ Grant Management System (GMS) on July 3, 2023
GMS Program ID: NCDEQDAQ0016**

**Applications are due: September 1, 2023,
11:59 PM EST**



Level 2 State Agencies Program



Phase 2 Zero Emission Vehicle Light-Duty Infrastructure Programs

Program	Eligible Action Category	Program Funding Amount
Level 2 State Agency Program (round 1) - Completed	Light Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Supply Equipment	\$1,009,684
Level 2 State Agency Program (round 2) - Open		\$739,839
Total		\$1,749,523

NC VW Phase 2 Level 2 State Agency Program Summary



Level 2 State Agencies Program

Eligible applicants include:

- **Government organizations - state agencies, departments, institutions, public universities, community colleges, state parks, aquariums, museums, etc.**

For more details, refer to the [State Agencies RFP](#).



Level 2 State Agencies Program

Eligible locations include:

- **State Government-owned property**
- **State Government-leased property with property site owner approval (leased property must have at least a minimum of five years remaining from date of project contract execution)**
- **State parks**
- **State museums and other state-maintained attractions**

Level 2 State Agencies Program

Project Type	Maximum % of Total Project Costs*
Public Access, Networked	100%
Public Access, Non-networked	80%
No Public Access, Networked or Non-networked	60%

*NCDEQ reserves the right to partially fund an application based on available funds.

For public access projects - chargers must be accessible during site/attraction business hours to the general public without restriction.



Level 2 State Agencies Program

Project Requirements:

- **Minimum of 2 ports per project.**
- **One application per unique charging location (address).**
- **Chargers must be maintained and operated for a minimum of five years from the date of project completion.**

Additional requirements in the [State Agencies RFP](#).



Level 2 State Agencies Program

Site Requirements:

- If the property/site is not state government owned, the applicant must provide a signed letter from the landowner indicating approval of the project.
- Projects must include at least one designated and clearly marked EV parking space per port.

Additional requirements in the [State Agencies RFP](#).



Level 2 State Agencies Program

Accessibility:

- Consider accessibility, ease of use, and safety for disabled drivers, including those using wheelchairs or other assistive equipment.
- Key considerations include ensuring adequate space for exiting and entering the vehicle, unobstructed access to the EVSE, free movement around the EVSE and connection point on the vehicle, as well as clear paths and close proximity to any building entrances.

www.afdc.energy.gov/uploads/publication/WPCC_complyingwithADRequirements_1114.pdf



Level 2 State Agencies Program

- **Commercial grade Level 2 charging station infrastructure**
- **Conduit, cable/wiring, electrical service box disconnect addition**
- **Concrete or asphalt replacement**
- **Paint striping and stenciling of the station parking spaces**
- **Signage**
- **Bollards**
- **Permit costs**
- **Labor for installation (electrical and trenching)**
- **Shipping of equipment**
- **Networking charges (maximum of five years, if paid in advance prior to claim reimbursement) – networked chargers only**
- **EVSE maintenance contracts (maximum of five years, if paid in advance prior to claim reimbursement)**

For more details, refer to the [State Agencies RFP](#).



Clean Fuels Advanced Technology Grants

- **Managed by the NC Clean Energy Technology Center at NC State University**
- **Funded through CMAQ from FHWA through NC DOT, to support projects that contribute air quality improvements and provide congestion relief.**
- **EV charging infrastructure is one of many eligible technologies.**
- **RFP anticipated in July-August.**
- **Stacking of VW awards and CFAT awards is possible!**
- **Eligible applicants must apply for both VW and CFAT grants, and be awarded.**
- **VW funds can be used as cost share for CFAT grants.**
- **To be notified of RFP or if you have further questions, email CFAT_Grants@ncsu.edu with subj: “subscribe”.**
- **We will also have panels on available federal funding and innovative financing at the 2023 Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference Aug-14-16 at the Raleigh Convention Center (www.sustainablefleetexpo.com)**
- **Heather Brutz – hbrutz@ncsu.edu**
- **John Bonitz – jhbonitz@ncsu.edu**



Department of Administration



Haley Pfeiffer-Haynes – haley.pfeifferhaynes@doa.nc.gov
Robert Riddle – robert.riddle@doa.nc.gov



How to Submit an Application

NCDEQ will only accept applications submitted through the NCDAQ Grant Management System (GMS) website, at <https://www.ebs.nc.gov/irj/portal>.

Prior to using the GMS, applicants must obtain an NCID and then complete and submit the online [Enterprise Business Services External Request Application](#).

Applicants must also complete and email the State of North Carolina Substitute W-9 Form to daq.NC_VWGrants@deq.nc.gov to get registered in the system.



2023 Level 2 Charge Program

- Before beginning the application, please make sure you have the following information available.
- The application checklist can be found here: [Checklist](#)

General Application Requirements

- _____ NCID
- _____ Completed and submitted Enterprise Business Services External Request Application (new GMS users only)
- _____ Completed and submitted State of NC Substitute W9 Form (new GMS users only)
- _____ Applicant/All Project Affiliates/Organization Contact Information
- _____ Project Information
- _____ Organization Federal Tax ID

Level 2 ZEV Infrastructure Charging State Agency Program

- _____ GPS coordinates of Charging Station Location
- _____ Charging Equipment Information (# of ports, spaces, model, manuf., etc.)
- _____ Itemized Materials/Services/Labor quote*
- _____ Any other additional supporting documentation*

*Items must be uploaded to DAQ Grants Management System as an attachment with application.



Registering for a NCID

- To request access to the DAQ Grants Management System, you will need an NCID to complete the access request form.
- Setting up an NCID: <https://ncid.nc.gov>
- Instructions are found here: [How-to-Create-a-NC-ID.pdf](#)

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NCID Login

Forgot Username
Forgot Password
Unlock Account

Need Help? Register!

Privacy and Other Policies

Contact Us



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IMPORTANT NCID INFORMATION

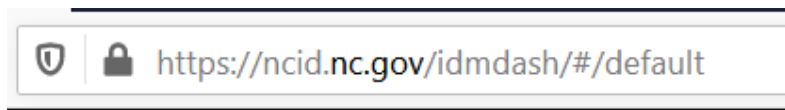
- If you already have an individual or government NCID there is no need to create a new NCID.
- If you are a current user of the NCDOT Grants system (Powell Bill, Governor Highway Safety Program (GHSP), Public Transportation Division (PTD), etc.) use your current EBS username on the [Enterprise Business Services External Request Application](#).
- Once you have completed requesting a NCID, you will receive an email from New NCID User Registration ncid.notifications@nc.gov.

You MUST click the link in the email and follow the instructions to complete the registration of your NCID before submitting the Enterprise Business Services External Request Application.


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Registering for a NCID



NCID Tips



NCID

[Forgot Username](#)
[Forgot Password](#)
[Unlock Account](#)
[Need Help?](#)

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Registering for a NCID



North Carolina Identity Management

New User Registration



Please indicate your user type from one of the following categories:

- Individual** Request access to the State of North Carolina services as an individual or citizen.
- Business Request access to the State of North Carolina services on the behalf of a business.
- State Employee Currently employed or assigned to work for an agency within the State of North Carolina government.
- Local Government Employee Currently employed or assigned to work for a North Carolina county or municipality.

This system is the property of the State of North Carolina and is for authorized use only. Unauthorized access is a violation of federal and state law. All software, data transactions, and electronic communications are subject to monitoring.



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Registering for a NCID

To create your account, NCID will email you a code. You will need this code once you complete the form below and click the "Continue" button.

Desired Username*

TespestasFugit

Prefix (Optional)

Mr.

First Name*

Dave

Middle Initial (Optional)

Last Name*

Willis

Suffix (Optional)

Email Address*

Confirm Email Address*

Mobile Number (Recommended)

919

New Password*

- Password is case sensitive.
- Must be at least 8 characters long.
- Must not include part of your name or user name.
- Must not include a common word or commonly used sequence of characters.
- Can be changed no more often than once every 3 days.
- Must have at least 4 of the 5 character types below:
 - Uppercase (A-Z)
 - Lowercase (a-z)
 - Number (0-9)
 - Symbol (!, #, \$, etc.)
 - Other language characters not listed above
- New password may not have been used previously.

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Strength: Strong

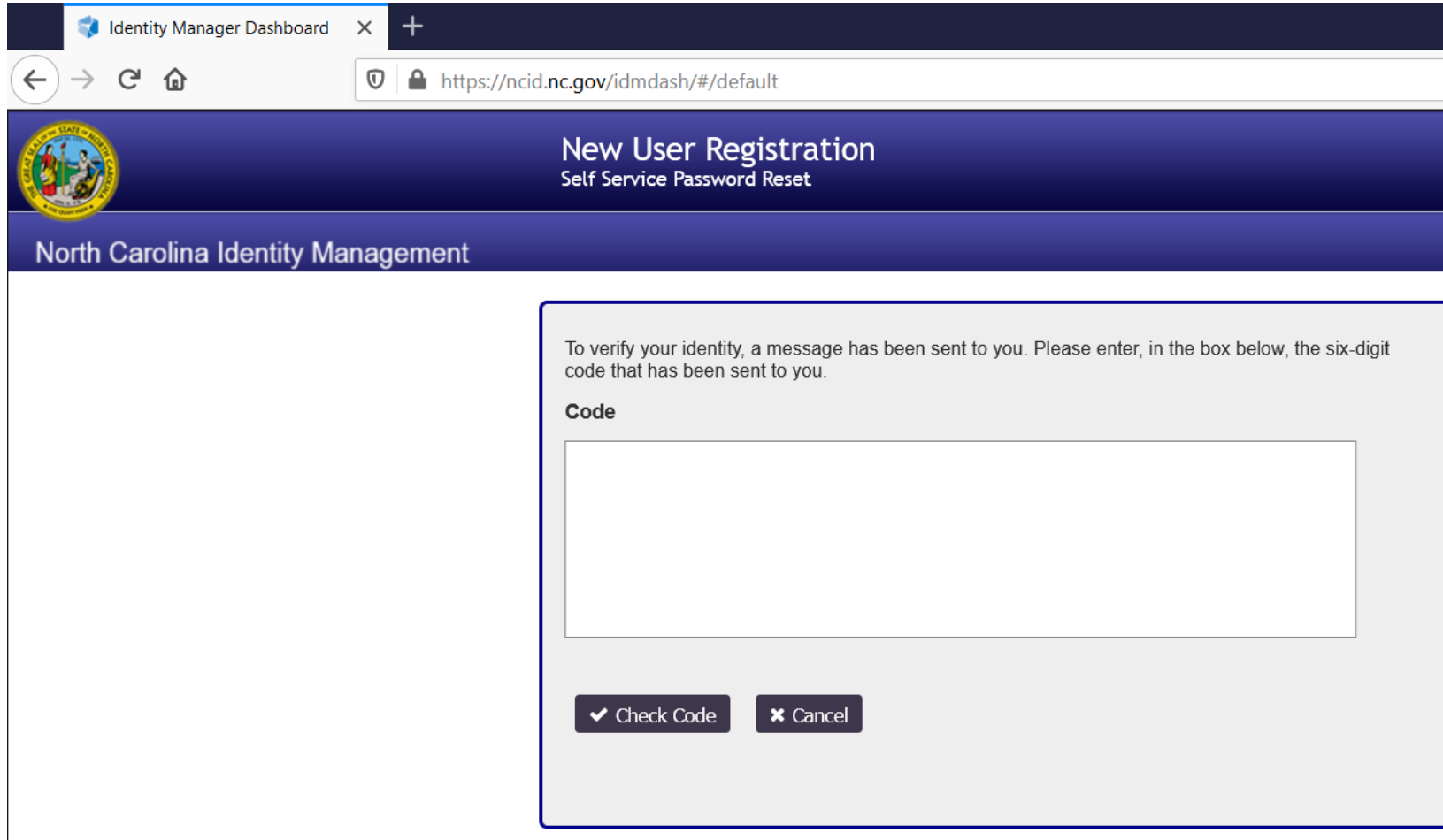
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▶ Continue

✕ Cancel




Registering for a NCID



Identity Manager Dashboard

https://ncid.nc.gov/idmdash/#/default

 **New User Registration**
Self Service Password Reset

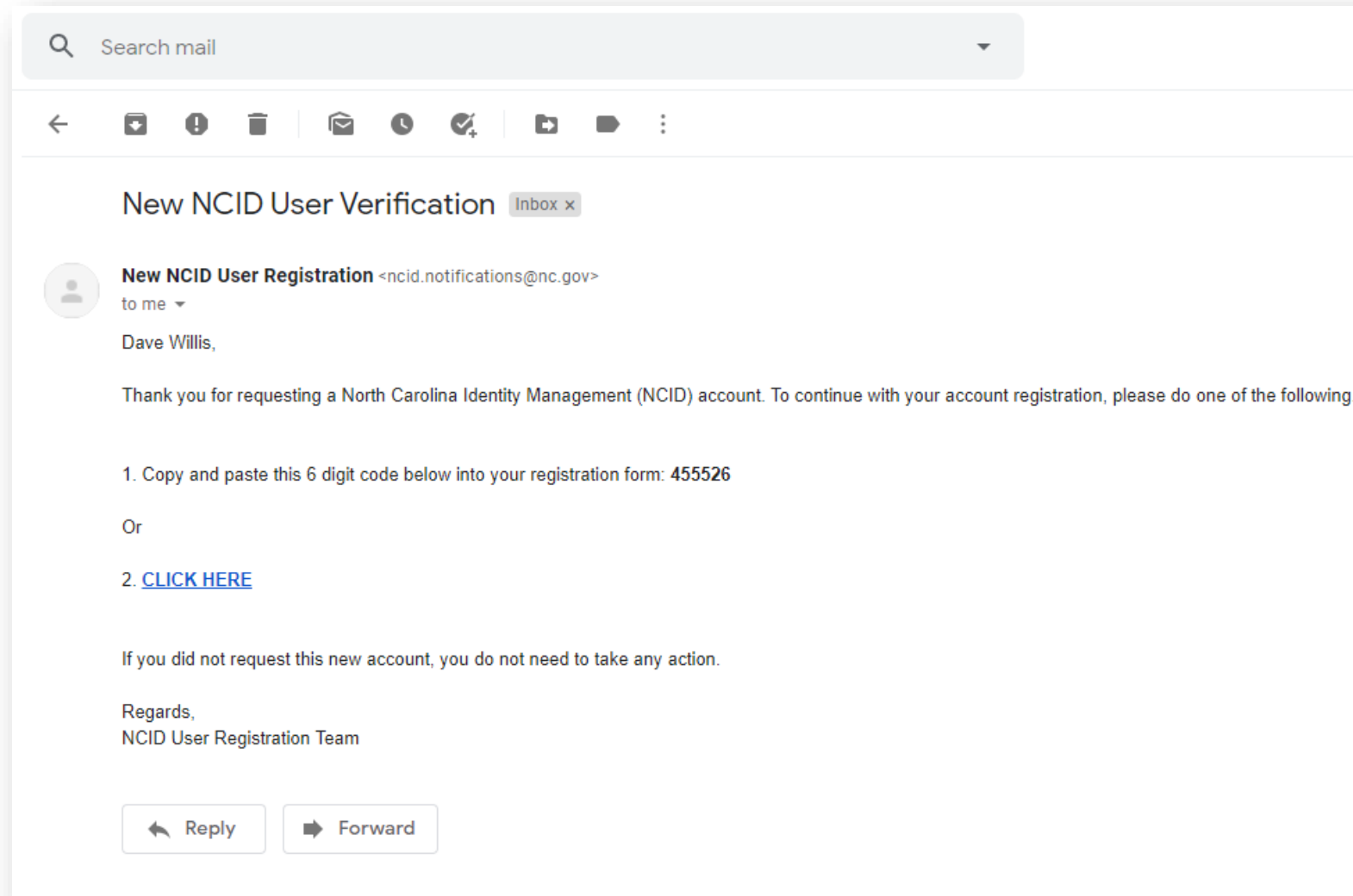
North Carolina Identity Management

To verify your identity, a message has been sent to you. Please enter, in the box below, the six-digit code that has been sent to you.

Code



Registering for a NCID



The screenshot shows an email interface with a search bar at the top containing "Search mail". Below the search bar is a toolbar with icons for back, archive, flag, delete, mail, clock, checkmark, share, and print. The email subject is "New NCID User Verification" with an "Inbox x" tag. The sender is "New NCID User Registration <ncid.notifications@nc.gov>" and it is addressed "to me". The recipient is "Dave Willis,". The body of the email contains the following text:

Thank you for requesting a North Carolina Identity Management (NCID) account. To continue with your account registration, please do one of the following.

1. Copy and paste this 6 digit code below into your registration form: **455526**

Or

2. [CLICK HERE](#)

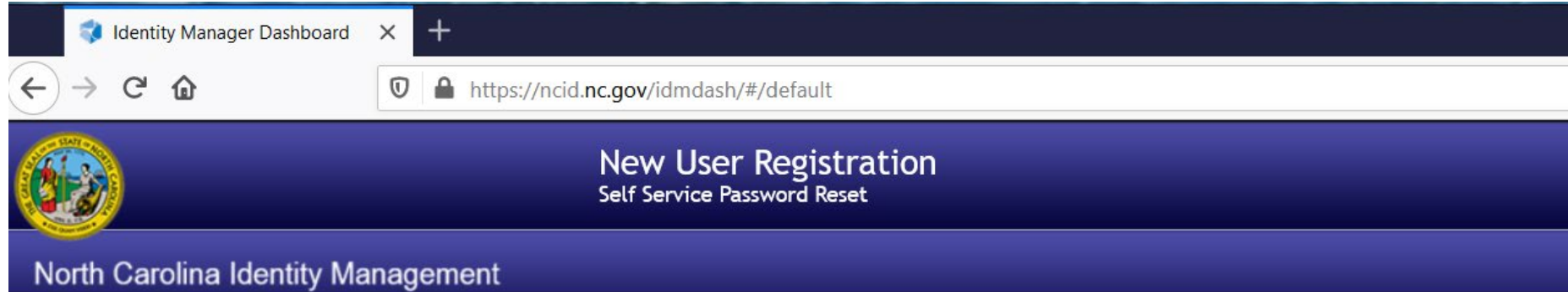
If you did not request this new account, you do not need to take any action.

Regards,
NCID User Registration Team

At the bottom of the email, there are two buttons: "Reply" and "Forward".



Registering for a NCID



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following elements:

- Browser tab: Identity Manager Dashboard
- Address bar: <https://ncid.nc.gov/idmdash/#/default>
- Page header: North Carolina Identity Management
- Page title: New User Registration
- Page subtitle: Self Service Password Reset

Thank You! Your security code sent to tempestasfugit@gmail.com has been verified.

▶ Continue

✕ Cancel



Registering for a NCID

IMPORTANT: DO NOT CLOSE YOUR BROWSER BEFORE COMPLETING REMAINING STEPS

Your new NCID account has been created. Please click on the continue button to complete the security questions and answers to activate your account. You will be redirected to the NCID login page (<https://ncidsspr.nc.gov>).

1. You will need to login with your new NCID account name and password
2. Select 5 different security questions and answers
3. Click on the "Save Answers" button to save your security questions and answers
4. You will be able to review the questions selected. You can change them or select "No Change"
5. At this point your account is active and you are logged out of NCID.

▶▶ Continue



Registering for a NCID

If you forget your password or lock your account, you can access your account by answering your security questions.

Please choose your questions and answers that can be used to verify your identity in case you forget your password or lock your account. Because the answers to these questions can be used to access your account, be sure to supply answers that are not easy for others to guess or discover.

Please type your security answers

— Please select a question item from the list —

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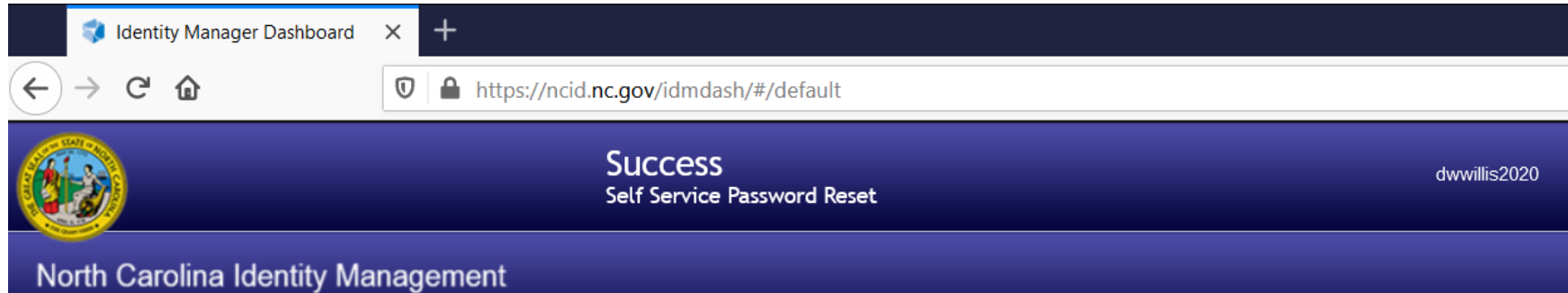
— Please select a question item from the list —

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▶ Save Answers



Registering for a NCID



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following elements:

- Browser tab: Identity Manager Dashboard
- Address bar: <https://ncid.nc.gov/idmdash/#/default>
- Header: North Carolina Identity Management (with the state seal logo on the left)
- Message: **Success**
Self Service Password Reset
- User ID: dwwillis2020

Thank you. Your security questions and answers have been successfully saved. If you ever forget your password or lock your account, you can reset your password or unlock your account by answering your security questions.

▶▶ Continue



DAQ Grant Management System (GMS)

You must read and follow all the directions on the next slides to request access to the DAQ Grants Management System and then be approved before you can log into the system!

Approved means you received a “Welcome to the DAQ Enterprise Business System Portal” email.



DAQ Grant Management System (GMS)

- After getting your NCID
- Submit the [Enterprise Business Services External Request Application](#).
- Complete the North Carolina Substitute [W-9](#) Form for your agency and email it to svc.NCVWApplication@deq.nc.gov.

Each organization is allowed up to 3 authorized users.

Once the authorization is processed, you will receive a "Welcome" email from NCDOT IT SAP Support Services.

Enterprise Business Services (EBS) External Access Request Application

User ID Information

*Agency:

If you already log into ebs.nc.gov (Enterprise Business Services), enter your current User ID:

*Last Name:

*First Name:

Middle Name:

*Organization Name (Legal Name of Entity - Registered with the NC Secretary of State):

Organization Name 2 (DBA):

*Organization Address:
No P.O. Box..

*City:

*State (select from drop down):

*Zip Code:

*Phone:

*Email:


Comments:

Select Role(s) and/or Action(s)

Click the generate button to create a code:

*Copy or type the code in the box :

State of North Carolina Substitute W-9 Form

REV 01/2019		<p>NC Office of the State Controller (IRS Form W-9 will not be accepted in lieu of this form) *Denotes a Required Field</p>		<p align="center">STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTITUTE W-9 FORM Request for Taxpayer Identification Number</p>				
Taxpayer Identification	<p>*1. <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number (SSN), OR <input type="checkbox"/> Employer Identification Number (EIN), OR <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) *2.</p> <p align="center">(PRESS THE TAB KEY TO ENTER EACH NUMBER)</p>			<p>Please select the appropriate Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN, SSN, or ITIN) type and enter your 9-digit ID number. The U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number is being requested per U.S. Tax Law. Failure to provide this information in a timely manner could prevent or delay payment to you or require The State of NC to withhold 24% for backup withholding tax.</p>				
	<p>*4. Legal Name (as shown on your income tax return):</p>			<p>3. Dunn & Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) (see instructions)</p> <p align="center">(PRESS THE TAB KEY TO ENTER EACH NUMBER)</p>				
	<p>5. Business Name/DBA/Disregarded Entity Name, if different from Legal Name:</p>							
	Contact Information							
	<p>*6. Legal Address (DO NOT TYPE OR WRITE IN THIS FIELD)</p>			<p>7. Remittance Address (Location specifically used for payment that is different from Legal Address, if applicable)</p>				
	<p>*Address Line 1:</p>			<p>Address Line 1:</p>				
	<p>Address Line 2:</p>			<p>Address Line 2:</p>				
	<p>*City</p>		<p>*State</p>		<p>*Zip (9 digit)</p>			
	<p>*County</p>			<p>County</p>				



THIRD PARTY ACCESS AUTHORIZATION FORMS

In cases where an applicant has a third-party submitting applications on their behalf, the following procedures must be followed:

- **The applicant must provide in writing (email is sufficient) that they are authorizing the third-party to submit applications and other information on their behalf.**
- **The third-party will need to obtain their own NCID and submit an DAQ Access Authorization Request Application with the applicant's organization address information and the third-party's phone number and email address.**



DAQ Grant Management System (GMS)

- DAQ Grant Management System (GMS) can be accessed at:

<https://www.ebs.nc.gov/irj/portal>

- GMS Instructions can be found at: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/motor-vehicles-and-air-quality/volkswagen-settlement/grants-management>

- Downloadable GMS [Manual](#)

- A sample application can be found on our [Level 2 State Agency webpage](#).



**Enterprise
Business
Services**

User *

Password *

Passwords are case sensitive

[Login Help](#) * [Browser Support](#)



DAQ Grants Management System Demo

The screenshot shows the user interface of the DAQ Grants Management System. At the top left, there is a logo for 'Enterprise Business Services' and a 'Home' dropdown menu. On the top right, there are icons for search, notifications, and user profile. Below the header, there are three main navigation tabs: 'Partner Applications', 'Reports and Dashboards', and 'Help'. The 'Reports and Dashboards' tab is currently selected. The main content area features a large white box on the left titled 'Division of Air Quality Grants' with a document icon and a star. Below this, there is a section titled 'Reports and Dashboards' containing three white boxes: 'BusinessObjects Reports' with a bar chart icon, 'DAQ Grantor Dashboard' with a dashboard icon, and 'Reporting Help' with a question mark icon.



DAQ Grants Management System Demo

Home

Alerts

No result found

Workflow Tasks

No result found

Web Links

DAQ Training Library

Search

- Download Form Data Programs
- Create New Application
- Edit Application Form
- View Application
- View Agreements
- Create New Claim
- Edit Claim Form
- View Claim
- Create/Edit Recipient Account

Favorites

My Favorites

Filter: All Items

My Favorites



DAQ Grants Management System Demo

Search: Application Form Back

Search Criteria Hide Search Fields

Program ID is

Maximum Number of Results:

Save Search As: Include View

Result List Filter:

Program ID	Description	Application Form
No result found		



DAQ Grants Management System Demo

Search Criteria [Hide Search Fields](#)

Program ID is

Program Type is NCDEQ DAQ Grants

Maximum Number of Results:

Save Search As: Include View

Result List

Filter:

Program ID	Description	Application Form
NCDEQDAQ0005	FY2021 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act	DAQ Grant Application - DERA
NCDEQDAQ0006	Phase 2 Transit and Shuttle Bus Program	DAQ Grant Application - Diesel
NCDEQDAQ0007	Phase 2 DCFast Priority Corridor Program	DAQ Grant Application - Fast Charge



DAQ Grants Management System Demo

Project | Contact | Charger Details | Funding | Project Details | Certification

Organization

Organization Name [Redacted] Tax Identification Number (TIN) [Redacted]
Project Title [Redacted]

Project Details

Program Type: ZEV Infrastructure (EMA-9) [v] Eligible Applicant Type: Please Select [v]
Equipment Type: Please Select [v] Project Type: Please Select [v]

Project Location

Street Address [Redacted] City [Redacted]
County: Please Select [v] Zip Code [Redacted]
Latitude (°N): (decimal degrees) [Redacted] Longitude (-°W): (decimal degrees) [Redacted]
Available 12 hours or longer: Please Select [v]

Check Save & Close Next =>



DAQ Grants Management System Demo

Project Contact Charger Details Funding Project Details Certification

Authorized Representative

First Name

Last Name

E-mail

Phone Number

Project Manager

First Name

Last Name

E-mail

Phone Number

Financial Contact

First Name

Last Name



DAQ Grants Management System Demo

Project Contact Charger Details Funding Project Details Certification						
Number	Manufacturer	Model	Number of Ports	Number of Spaces	Charging Capacity (kW)	Warranty Period (Years)
			Total	0	0	0
⏪ Previous			Check Save & Close Next ⏩			



DAQ Grants Management System Demo

Application Form

Version: 0000000004
 View: DEQ DAQ Application Form - Fast Charge

Last Changed By: WDWILLIS
 Change Date: 12/18/2020 13:34:10

- Project
- Contact
- Charger Details
- Budget**
- Project Details
- Certification

Budget Item	Project Total	Requested Funds	Matching Funds (Your Org)	Other Funding	Please specify source of other funding, if any
DC01 Charging equipment cost	\$0				
DC02 Engineering and design costs	\$0				
DC03 Warranty (or maintenance) costs	\$0				
DC04 Other EVSE components	\$0				
DC05 Capital costs	\$0				
DC06 Host site contract costs	\$0				
DC07 Electrical service upgrades	\$0				
DC08 Project management	\$0				
DC09 Other costs	\$0				
Total Project Budget	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Previous

Check Save & Close Next



DAQ Grants Management System Demo

Project	Contact	Charger Details	Funding	Project Details	Certification
<p>Please provide a detailed description of the proposed project. Describe procurement, installation, activation/commissioning, testing, and signage. Describe collaborations with interested utilities, local businesses, cities, counties, or other entities. Describe customer support service accessibility. Describe networking security for both payment and data capture, where applicable.</p>					0 out of 3000
<p>Likelihood of Use: Please describe how the applicant has demonstrated the need for the charging stations. Has the site location/agency been identified by NCDOA as a candidate for a replacement electric vehicle? If not, has the applicant conducted an employee survey to gauge interest/demand for charging stations? If the project is a state attraction, visitor counts.</p>					0 out of 3000
<p>Project Readiness: Is the site ready for construction or is there a viable make-ready plan in place?</p>					0 out of 3000



DAQ Grants Management System Demo

- 1. Please provide a detailed description of the proposed project. Describe procurement, installation, activation/commissioning, testing, and signage. Describe collaborations with interested utilities, local businesses, cities, counties, or other entities. Describe customer support service accessibility. Describe networking security for both payment and data capture, where applicable.**
- 2. Likelihood of Use: Please describe how the applicant has demonstrated the need for the charging stations. Has the site location/agency been identified by NCDQA as a candidate for a replacement electric vehicle? If not, has the applicant conducted an employee survey to gauge interest/demand for charging stations? If the project is a state attraction, visitor counts.**
- 3. Project Readiness: Is the site ready for construction or is there a viable make-ready plan in place?**
- 4. Long-term Sustainability: Has the applicant developed an internal workplace charging management policy that governs access, security, usage, and other issues? (Access to EVSE, Security of equipment, Administration of EVSE operation and maintenance, and Plans for future expansion).**



DAQ Grants Management System Demo

Project Contact Charger Details Funding Project Details **Certification**

By checking this box, I certify that all proposed activities will be carried out; that all money received will be utilized solely for the purposes for which it is intended; that records documenting the planning process and implementation will be maintained and submitted when requested, and DEQ is hereby granted access to inspect project sites and/or records. It is understood that if this project is selected an agreement with DEQ will be executed.

Authorized Representative

Name: Title: Date:



DAQ Grants Management System Demo

Confirmation

Your Application has been **Saved** successfully. - **Application ID** - 1000010853

Your application is not complete until all required documents have been submitted.

To download the Required Attachments Checklist, please click link: [\(Link to Checklist\)](#)

Click browse to select file (100 MB maximum) No file chosen



Tips and Things to Know

- **DO NOT WAIT TO THE LAST WEEK TO REQUEST GMS ACCESS OR APPLY!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- Budget information should be as accurate as possible
- DEQ reserves the right to partially fund awarded projects
- We will not accept paper, scanned, emailed, or faxed applications. We will not accept applications after the due date.
- Do not sign any agreements with vendors or start work until your contract is fully executed
- **APPLICATION AWARD IS NOT A FULLY EXECUTED CONTRACT**



Level 2 State Agencies Program Scoring

Cost Effectiveness (VW\$ funded per kW charging rate * number of charging ports): 30 Points

Projects are ranked and points are calculated and assigned incrementally based on rank from a maximum of 30 for the most cost effective to least cost effective.

$CE = VW\$ / \text{Maximum Available (kW * Ports)}$



Level 2 State Agencies Program Scoring

Project Details page – Likelihood of Use: 10 Points

- **Has the applicant demonstrated a significant need for the charging stations?**

- **Has the applicant conducted an employee survey to gauge interest/demand for charging stations?**

Level 2 State Agencies Program Scoring

Project Details page – Project Readiness: 10 Points

- To what extent are the key participants in the project (site, equipment provider, installation sub-contractors, operator) identified and committed to the project?
- Has the site been identified?
- Is the site ready for construction or is there a viable make-ready plan in place?
- How soon does the applicant propose to install and make operational the station or stations?
- Is the proposed timeline sensible, reasonable and likely to be met?

Level 2 State Agencies Program Scoring

Project Details page – Long Term Sustainability: 10 Points

- **Has the applicant developed an internal workplace charging management policy that governs access, security, usage, and other issues?**
 - **Access to EVSE**
 - **Security of equipment**
 - **Administration of EVSE operation and maintenance**

Level 2 State Agencies Program Scoring

Environmental Justice: 15 Points

The Environmental Protection Agency defines environmental justice (EJ) as “the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.” (US EPA). Historically, people of color and people of low-income, along with other vulnerable populations, have been disproportionately exposed to harmful pollutants.

To determine environmental justice (EJ) scores for the purpose of ranking and rating vehicles and projects, the following analysis was done at the block group level using the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) five-year estimates. The ACS is a demographic survey conducted each year by the U.S Census Bureau to collect detailed demographic information. For this analysis, aggregated five-year data from the 2017 and 2019 surveys was used to increase reliability.

See Appendix B of the [RFP](#).



Level 2 State Agencies Program Scoring

County NOx and VW concentration: 15 Points

Accounts for the number of registered subject VW vehicles and the mobile NOx emissions for a county.

See Appendix C of the [RFP](#) for county scores and a detailed description of how county scores are determined.

Level 2 State Agencies Program Scoring

**Project is in a Historically Under-Resourced County:
10 Points**

Historically under-resourced counties are counties that have an underserved population greater than 15% and are designated as a Tier 1 by the NC Department of Commerce as shown in Appendix C of the [RFP](#).



Level 2 State Agencies Program Scoring

Project includes state fleet vehicle replacement on DOA's recommendation list with an EV: 15 Points

Agencies that indicate in their application that they are replacing an ICE state vehicle from DOA's recommendation list with an EV can receive an additional 15 points toward their project's score.



Level 2 State Agencies Program

This is a Competitive reimbursement program.

- **Applicants selected for funding shall have two years to complete their project from the date of a signed executed contract with NCDEQ.**
- **If after two years a project has not been completed, the awardee would need to request a contract extension from NCDEQ.**



Reporting Requirements

- **Quarterly Reporting Requirement**
 - Quarterly reports on the status of the project are to be uploaded to the Grants Management System until the final project report is submitted.
- **Annual Charging Station Utilization Reporting Requirements**
 - Annual EVSE usage data is given to NCDEQ for the previous 12 months on January 30th of each consecutive year for a five-year period after installation of the charging station(s).
- **Final Project Report**
 - A final project report with a narrative summary of the project and photographic evidence of installation.



DAQ Site Visits

- **DAQ Staff will perform site visits at all stations to verify installation and operation of the charging station prior to approval of any reimbursement claim.**
- **DAQ staff must be granted access to the charging site.**

In Closing



NCDEQ VW Application Instructions

The Level 2 Request for Proposal (RFP) for State Agencies was released June 1, 2023

Application will be opened in the DAQ Grant Management System (GMS) on July 3, 2023

Applications are due: **September 1, 2023,
11:59 PM EST**



Level 2 State Agencies Program RFP Timeline

- **Release of RFP** **June 1, 2023**
- **Applications open in GMS** **July 3, 2023**
- **Proposal applications due date** **September 1, 2023**
- **Proposal application evaluations** **September - October 2023**
- **Phase 2 project selections** **October 2023**
- **Grant awards announced** **October - November 2023**



Where to get more information after today?

Level 2 State Agency Program website:

<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/motor-vehicles-and-air-quality/volkswagen-settlement/phase-2-volkswagen-settlement/level-2-state-agency-program>

E-mail questions to: daq.NC_VWGrants@deq.nc.gov



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Additional Resources

Additional resource contact information is available on our webpage for:

- **Centralina Clean Cities Coalition**
- **Forsyth County Office of Environmental Assistance & Protection**
- **Land of Sky Regional Council**
- **Mecklenburg County Air Quality Agency**
- **NCSU Clean Energy Technology Center**
- **Piedmont Triad Regional Council**
- **PlugIn NC**
- **Sustainable Sandhills**
- **Triangle J Council of Governments (TJ COG)**
- **Western NC Regional Air Quality Agency**



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