

## Funding Request Announcement

**Date:** June 5, 2024

**Issue:** Eminent Domain

**Phase 1:** Interactive and Comparative Maps

**Funding Goal:** \$50,000

**Project Timeline:** Q3 & Q4 2024

The Alliance for Innovation and Infrastructure (Aii) is excited to announce a new initiative aimed at addressing the complexities and controversies surrounding eminent domain for right-of-way acquisition, a fundamental challenge for new and projected infrastructure. We are seeking funding to support the development of a comprehensive, neutral resource on eminent domain laws and policies to facilitate informed decision-making and promote transparency and fairness.

### About Us

Since our establishment, Aii has been dedicated to fostering innovation and improving infrastructure. Our efforts have led to significant advancements in policy and practice, earning us recognition as a leading non-profit in this field.

### The Need

Eminent domain is a complex and contentious issue, with the federal government, states, and even localities having unique approaches. Information gaps between landowners and project developers lead to higher costs, increased tension, and delays in critical infrastructure projects. Current analyses are scattered and lack a comprehensive view, and there is no neutral, central resource for eminent domain laws and policies. This issue is increasingly relevant for future projects, such as expanding the grid for wind and solar energy, building high-voltage transmission lines, and developing new pipelines. Without a thorough and balanced look at eminent domain, projects will continue to be delayed and difficult.

### The Solution

To address these challenges, Aii is launching the Eminent Domain Solution Center. This initiative will provide a platform for sharing information and facilitating collaboration among state legislators, federal authorities, legal professionals, landowners, and developers. The resource will include:

- **Interactive and comparative maps** (Phase 1) summarizing federal and state laws, regulations, and practices.
- **Comprehensive analysis** of regulatory elements, approaches, and projects.
- **Historical and trend analyses** to provide context and insight into the use and development of eminent domain.

## Impact of Your Contribution

We invite you to join us in this transformative effort. Your support will help us achieve our goals and bring about lasting change in the understanding and application of eminent domain practices. Together, we can promote transparency, fairness, and innovation in infrastructure development.

Your funding will specifically help us build and maintain the *Eminent Domain Solution Center*, providing invaluable tools for:

- **Landowners and the Public:** Gain clear insights into property rights and the implications of eminent domain, as well as use federal and state law comparisons for advocacy and accurate reporting.
- **Policymakers:** Leverage comparative analyses to draft, revise, and implement effective policies and reforms.
- **Infrastructure Developers:** Utilize informational maps, legal backgrounds, and resource allocation guides to plan and execute projects efficiently.

## How You Can Help

Please help us make a difference! Support Aii in advancing Eminent Domain Solution Center. Aii is seeking \$50,000 to make Phase 1 (interactive and comparative maps) of this project a reality. You have Aii's commitment that your support will be used to create a comprehensive, up-to-date national eminent domain resource that serves policymakers, legislators, lawyers, academics, media, and the public.

There are two pathways for providing monetary support to Aii based on individual and corporate preferences:

- Aii's 501(c)(3), the Public Institute for Facility Safety
  - tax deductible contributions and publicly disclosed donors
- Aii's 501(c)(4), the National Infrastructure Safety Foundation
  - undisclosed donors and not tax deductible

To learn more about partnership opportunities or making corporate donations, please visit our website at [Aii.org](http://Aii.org) or contact Aii Executive Director, Benjamin Dierker at [bdierker@aii.org](mailto:bdierker@aii.org).

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to the opportunity to partner with you and create a brighter future for our infrastructure and communities.