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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD

Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program Grant Solicitation PON-13-601 Commercial Scale Advanced Biofuels Production Facilities

November 7, 2013

On April 10, 2013, the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) released a Grant Solicitation and Application Package entitled “Commercial Scale Advanced Biofuels Production Facilities” under the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP), to provide funding for the development of commercial scale, California-based biofuel production facilities that can sustainably produce at least 15,000,000 gallons per year of low carbon transportation fuels.

This solicitation provided funding of up to \$9,266,737 in grants for commercial-scale, low-carbon advanced biofuels production facilities. Funding was available for projects to: 1) expand existing biofuels production facilities and/or 2) lower the carbon intensity of the fuels produced at existing biofuels production facilities. To be an eligible project, the capacity of the completed biofuels production facility after the grant project must be at least **15,000,000 gallons per year** of eligible biofuels production. Eligible biofuels are diesel substitutes, gasoline substitutes, and biomethane as defined in Section II of this solicitation, solicitation addenda, and other documents posted at the following link: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/transportation.html#production>

The attached table entitled “Notice of Proposed Awards” identifies: 1) projects recommended for funding; 2) the amount of recommended funding; and 3) the score for all projects that passed administrative and technical screening.

In accordance with the solicitation (PON-13-601, Section III, Pages 27-28), all CEQA compliance documents must be submitted to the Energy Commission for review before Agreements can be approved at an Energy Commission Business Meeting.

Funding of proposed projects resulting from this solicitation is contingent upon the approval of these projects at a publicly noticed Business Meeting at the Energy Commission in Sacramento, California, and execution of a grant agreement. If the Energy Commission is unable to timely negotiate and execute a funding agreement with an Applicant, the Energy Commission, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel the pending award.

This notice is being mailed to all parties who submitted a proposal to this solicitation and is also posted on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/index.html>

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Proposal Number	Applicant	Project Title	Funds Requested	Proposed Award	Match Amount	Score	Recommendation
Proposed Awards							
1	Crimson Renewable Energy LP	Bakersfield Biodiesel & Glycerin Production Plant Expansion Project	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$6,018,049	84.0%	Awardee
10	American Biodiesel, Inc. dba Community Fuels	Expansion of Existing Biorefinery for Producing Low Carbon Intensity Biodiesel	\$4,904,375	\$4,904,375	\$10,537,322	78.6%	Awardee
	Total Funding Recommended		\$9,904,375	\$9,904,375	\$16,555,371		
Passed But Not Funded							
8	UrbanX Renewables Group, Inc.	UrbanX Flex-RD BioRefinery: Phase I	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$17,633,953	77.0%	Passed But Not Funded
2	Biodiesel Industries, Inc. (BIODICO)	BIODICO Sustainable Biorefinery at Red Rock Ranch (SBR) Expansion Project	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000	75.6%	Passed But Not Funded
3	Sirona Fuels, Inc. DBA Blue Sky Biofuels	Blue Sky Biofuels Production Capacity and Efficiency Scale-Up	\$2,986,770	\$0	\$72,896,746	74.8%	Passed But Not Funded
Did Not Pass							
5	Calgren Renewable Fuels	Calgren: California Low Carbon Ethanol Feedstock (CALCEF) Program	\$3,088,912	\$0	\$18,919,643	61.7%	Did Not Pass
6	Pacific Ethanol Development, LLC (Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Pacific Ethanol, Inc)	Pacific Ethanol: California Low Carbon Ethanol Feedstock (CALCEF) Program	\$3,088,912	\$0	\$18,919,643	61.7%	Did Not Pass
7	Aemetis, Inc.	Aemetis: California Low Carbon Ethanol Feedstock (CALCEF) Program	\$3,088,912	\$0	\$18,919,643	61.7%	Did Not Pass
Disqualified							
4	Taylor Energy	Catalytic Hydrothermal Gasification: Non-pyrolytic, water-based, PNNL derived technology of multiple biomass feedstocks	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,671,523	N/A	Disqualified
9	Pacific Oil Products	Not provided	Not Provided	\$0	Not Provided	N/A	Disqualified
	Total Proposals Received		\$37,157,881	\$9,904,375	\$174,516,522		