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Eli et al.,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the EPIC solicitation/proposal process.

Re: the question from CEC about where they might look for examples to improve their solicitation process:

I suggest DOE, in particular EERE. Their proposal guidelines and electronic submission system are imperfect (some of the criticisms I heard today about the completed EPIC PONs also apply to DOE's FOAs), but they are established and largely functional. Very importantly, many of the applicants to EPIC PONs will apply or already have applied to DOE EERE FOAs, so applicants would benefit from a common if not unified system. In particular for an electronic submission system, "piggybacking" on DOE's systems could be a very fast way for CEC to implement a vetted, familiar solution.

Best regards,  
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