**GFO-20-305**

**Addendum 9**

**October 26, 2021**

**The Next EPIC Challenge: Reimagining Affordable Mixed-Use Development in a Carbon-Constrained Future**

The purpose of this addendum is to re-open the solicitation and provide a new deadline of November 10, 2021, for applicants to submit a Full Application. In addition, the addendum includes language clarifying: who is eligible to apply during solicitation re-opening, when application must be submitted by, and how match funding will be scored. Only applicants that passed the Concept Application stage are eligible to submit a Full Application. Applicants that have already submitted a Full Application may resubmit if they would like to make changes to their application, but a new application is NOT required.

The addendum includes the following revisions to the Solicitation Manual. Added language appears in **bold underlined** font. Deleted language appears in ~~strikethrough~~ and within square brackets.

**Solicitation Manual (Grant Funding Opportunity)**

1. **Page 19, Section I.E. Key Activities Schedule**

Amended to read:

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| **ACTIVITY** | **DATE** | **TIME[[1]](#footnote-2)** |
| **Solicitation Release** | December 15, 2020 |  |
| **Pre-Application Workshop** | January 21, 2021 |  |
| **Deadline for Written Questions**[[2]](#footnote-3) | **January 22, 2021** | **5:00 p.m.** |
| **Empower Innovation Event**  **https://www.empowerinnovation.net/en/page/empower-innovation-event-en** | **January 28, 2021** | **8:30 a.m.** |
| Anticipated Distribution of Questions and Answers | Week of March 29,2021 |  |
| **Deadline to Submit Concept Application Abstracts** | May 7, 2021 | **5:00 p.m.** |
| Anticipated Posting of Concept Application Abstract Results | Week of June 7, 2021 |  |

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| **Deadline to Submit Full Applications for the Design Phase[[3]](#footnote-4)** | [~~September 10~~], **November 10** 2021 | **[~~5:00~~**] **4:59 p.m.[[4]](#footnote-5)** |
| Notice of Proposed Award Posting Date | Week of [~~November 1~~] **December 6**, 2021 |  |
| Anticipated CEC Business Meeting | February, 2022 |  |
| Anticipated Agreement Start Date – Design Phase Begins | February, 2022 |  |
| **Deadline to Submit Application Materials for the Build Phase** | **June 23, 2023** | [**~~5:00~~**]**4:59p.m.** |
| Notice of Proposed Award (Build Phase) | Week of July 17, 2023 |  |
| Anticipated CEC Business Meeting (Build Phase Amendment) | August 2023 |  |
| Design Showcase Event | September 2023 |  |
| Build Phase Begins | September 2023 |  |
| Anticipated Design Phase Agreement End Date[[5]](#footnote-6) | March 2024 |  |
| Anticipated Build Phase Agreement End Date | October 2025 |  |

1. **Page 27-28, Section I.K Match Funding**

Amended to read:

Definitions of “match funding” categories are listed below:

“Cash” match means funds that are in the recipient’s possession or proposed by match partner and clearly identified in a support letter, and are reserved for the proposed project, meaning that they have not been committed for use or pledged as match for any other project. Cash match can include funding awards earned or received from other agencies for the proposed technologies or study (but not for the identical work). Proof that the funds exist as cash is required. [~~Cash match will be considered more favorably than in-kind contributions during the scoring phase~~].

1. **Page 37, Section III.B Preferred Method For Delivery**

Amended to read:

Applications submitted by email will not be accepted.

The preferred method of delivery for this solicitation is the CEC Grant Solicitation System, available at: https://gss.energy.ca.gov/. This online tool allows applicants to submit their electronic documents to the CEC prior to the date and time specified in this solicitation. Electronic files must be in Microsoft Word XP (.doc format) and Excel Office Suite formats unless originally provided in the solicitation in another format. Attachments requiring signatures may be scanned and submitted in PDF format. Completed Budget Forms, Attachment 5, must be in Excel format. **The system will not allow applications to be submitted after the application due date and time.**

**Applicants must upload and submit applications BEFORE 5:00 p.m. The Grants Solicitation System will automatically close promptly at 5:00 pm. If the application has not been fully received before 5:00 pm, your application will not be considered. NO EXCEPTIONS will be entertained for late submittal. Do not wait until right before 5:00 pm to submit your application. Due to factors outside the CEC’s control, application upload times may be much longer than expected; some past applicants have experienced unexpected technology issues causing long delays that prevented timely submittal. Please plan accordingly.**

1. **Page 60, Section IV.G Design Phase – Full Application Scoring**

Amended to Read:

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| **Scoring Criteria** | **Maximum Points** |
| 1. **Match Funds** 2. Match funding is not required for this solicitation. However,applications that include match funding will receive additional points based on the proposed total match (cash + in kind) contributions relative to the total amount of EPIC funds requested during the scoring phase.  * Each match funding contributor must submit a commitment letter that meets the requirements of Attachment13. Failure to meet these requirements will disqualify the proposal from consideration of additional points. * 5 points for this criterion will be awarded based on the percentage of match funding relative to requested CEC funds. The percentage used to determine the point value will follow this equation:   %=Total Match/Total CEC Funds Requested  This ratio will be multiplied by 5 to yield the points up to a maximum of 5 total points.  For example: If requested EPIC funds are $1,000,000 and the applicant provides $500,000 in match funding, the proposal would be awarded 2.5 points [($500,000/$1,000,000) x 5 = 2.5]  ~~[Cash match share is preferred; however, in-kind cost share is permitted and will be considered for solicitation. Points for this criterion will be evaluated based on the proposed cash match relative to the total match (cash + in-kind) contributions using the Cash Match Scoring Table:]~~  **~~[Cash Match Scoring Table]~~**   | [~~Percentage of Proposed Cash Match Funds~~] | [~~Score~~] | | --- | --- | | [~~80 to 100%~~] | [~~5~~] | | [~~60 to <80%~~] | [~~4~~] | | [~~40 to <60%~~] | [~~3~~] | | [~~20 to <40%~~] | [~~2~~] | | [~~10 to <20%~~] | [~~1~~] | | **5** |

**Phil Dyer,**

**Commission Agreement Officer**

1. Pacific Standard Time or Pacific Daylight Time, whichever is being observed. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. This deadline does not apply to non-technical questions (e.g., questions concerning application format requirements or attachment instructions) or to questions that address an ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in the solicitation. Such questions may be submitted to the Commission Agreement Officer listed in Section G at any time prior to the application deadline. Please see Section G for additional information. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. **All applicants who passed the Concept Application stage are eligible to submit a full application for the Design Phase, even if they did not previously submit an application by the earlier deadline. Applicants who have already submitted applications and do not want to change anything in the application do not need to resubmit. Applicants who already submitted applications and do want to change something in their application will need to notify the CAO (see section I.G for contact information) to retract their previously submitted application and will have to fully re-submit their revised application.** [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. **Applicants must upload and submit applications BEFORE 5:00 p.m. The Grants Solicitation System will automatically close promptly at 5:00 pm. If the application has not been fully received before 5:00 pm, your application will not be considered. NO EXCEPTIONS will be entertained for late submittal. Do not wait until right before 5:00 pm to submit your application. Due to factors outside the CEC’s control, application upload times may be much longer than expected; some past applicants have experienced unexpected technology issues causing long delays that prevented timely submittal. Please plan accordingly.** [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Design Phase agreement schedules should be developed based on an anticipated Design Phase Agreement End Date of March 2024. Recipients who are selected for the Build Phase will revise their schedule to reflect the Build Phase Agreement End Date of October 2025. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)