**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Advancing Window Retrofits and Reducing Fireplace Air Leaks to Improve Energy Efficiency in Existing Buildings**

**Solicitation GFO-22-501**

**March 7, 2023**

On September 20, 2022, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund energy efficiency research to advance high-performance windows in existing commercial buildings and reduce air and energy leakage in existing residential wood-burning and gas fireplaces. Up to $2,638,222 in Gas Research and Development Program funding is available to fund applications in:

* Group 1: High-Performance Window Retrofits for Commercial Buildings
* Group 2: Strategies to Reduce Fireplace Air Leaks in Residential Buildings

The CEC received three proposals by the due date, December 9, 2022. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Three proposals passed the stage one application screening.

The attached NOPA identifies each applicant selected and recommended for funding by CEC staff and includes the recommended funding amount and score. The total amount recommended is $2,638,222.

Funding of proposed projects from this solicitation is contingent upon the approval of these projects at a publicly noticed CEC business meeting and execution of a grant agreement. If the CEC is unable to timely negotiate and execute a funding agreement with an applicant, the CEC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel or otherwise modify the pending award, and award the funds to another applicant.

In addition, the CEC reserves the right to: 1) add to, remove, or shift funding between the different groups if there are insufficient passing proposals in one group; and 2) negotiate with successful applicants to modify the project scope, schedule, or level of funding.

This notice and awardees for GFO-22-501 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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