**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Assessing the Role of Hydrogen in California’s Decarbonizing Electric System**

 **GFO-22-304**

**April 24, 2023**

On October 27, 2022, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund an applied research and development project that will assess the potential role of hydrogen production from renewable electricity and end-use conversion technologies for electric sector applications in California’s decarbonizing electric system. Up to $800,000 in Electric Program Investment Charge funding is available to fund applications.

The CEC received five proposals by the due date, February 7, 2023. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Five 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 $1,597,153.

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 commission, 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 the NOPA awardees for GFO-22-304 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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