**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Gas Pipeline Safety and Integrity Research to Support Decarbonization GFO-22-503**

**April 20, 2023**

On November 28th, 2023, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund gas pipeline safety and integrity research to advance technologies that can better inspect, monitor, and assess the condition of gas pipelines with a focus on natural force damages and plastic pipeline inspections. Up to $4,000,000 in Gas Research and Development Program funding is available to fund applications in Groups 1 and 2:

* Group 1: Monitoring and Risk Assessment for Natural Force Damage to Gas Pipelines.
* Group 2: Plastic Pipeline Deficiency Inspection for Pipeline Integrity Management.

The CEC received four proposals by the due date, March 06, 2023, all for Group 1. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Four 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 $4,000,000.

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 awardees for GFO-22-503 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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