**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Innovative Hydrogen Refueling Solutions for Heavy Transport**

 **GFO-22-502**

**May 24, 2023**

On October 3, 2022, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund projects that will develop and demonstrate innovative hydrogen refueling solutions to support the decarbonization of emerging medium- and heavy-duty (MDHD) on-road and off-road vehicle applications, reduce hydrogen delivery and refueling costs, improve reliability, enable higher fill rates, and minimize energy losses. Up to $16,500,000 in Gas Research and Development Program and Clean Transportation Program funding is available to fund applications in:

* Group 1: Mobile Off-Road Equipment
* Group 2: Emerging Off-Road Applications
* Group 3: MDHD On-Road Vehicles

To be eligible to compete in the Full Application Phase, applicants needed to have a passing Pre-Application Abstract. The CEC received 34 Pre-Application Abstracts by the due date of November 18, 2022 and 22 abstracts passed based on the published screening and evaluation criteria in the solicitation application manual.

The CEC received 15 Full Applications by the due date, March 3, 2023. Each Full Application was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. 14 Full Applications passed the administrative 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 $16,500,000.

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-22-502 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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