**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Optimizing Long-Duration Energy Storage to Improve Grid Resiliency and Reliability in Disadvantaged and Low-Income Communities and Native American Tribes**

**GFO-22-307**

**November 29, 2023**

On June 13, 2023, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund technology demonstration and deployment projects that accelerate commercialization and validate the capability of long-duration energy storage (LDES) technologies to improve grid reliability and resilience in Disadvantaged Communities, Low-income Communities, and Tribes. Up to $29,200,000 in Electric Program Investment Charge funding is available to fund applications in LDES technologies with a full rated power of at least 100 kW and a minimum duration of 24 hours.

The CEC received twelve proposals by the due date, September 25, 2023. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Eleven 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 $26,697,335.

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-22-307 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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