**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Energy Efficiency and Load Flexibility in Industrial and Commercial Cold Storage Facilities**

 **GFO-23-301**

**April 16, 2024**

On August 18th, 2023, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund demonstrations of advanced energy efficiency and load reduction technologies within industrial and commercial cold storage facilities. Up to $3,500,000 in Electric Program Investment funding is available to fund applications in two groups.

* Group 1: Industrial Refrigerated Warehouses
* Group 2: Commercial Cold Storage Facilities

The CEC received seven proposals by the due date, February 2, 2024. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. All seven 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 $9,297,460.

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-23-301 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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