**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Distributed Electricity Backup Assets Program**

**Bulk Grid Asset Enhancements for Grid Reliability**

**GFO-23-401**

**April 22, 2024**

On December 7, 2023, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to grant funds for the purchase and installation of 1) efficiency upgrades and 2) capacity additions to existing bulk grid power generators in California that will serve as emergency supply for the state’s electrical grid during extreme events (as defined in Public Resources Code [PRC] section 25790.5[b]). In accordance with the *Distributed Electricity Backup Assets (DEBA) Program Guidelines, First Edition*, this solicitation aims to fund eligible projects to strengthen electricity reliability and prioritizes 1) feasible, cost-effective zero- and low-emission resources, and then 2) feasible, cost-effective conventional resources. Grant funding under this solicitation is intended to accelerate project timelines and fill gaps in the market that are preventing implementation of eligible projects. Up to $150,000,000 in DEBA funding is available to fund applications in bulk grid asset enhancements for grid reliability.

The CEC received 12 proposals by the due date, February 20, 2024. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. All proposals passed administrative screening and one application failed technical 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 $122,756,855.

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 CEC, 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-23-401 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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