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Addendum 3
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Demonstrating Secure, Reliable Microgrids and Grid-linked Electric Vehicles to Build Resilient, Low-carbon Facilities and Communities

The purpose of this addendum is to make the following revisions to PON-14-301:

Application Manual (Program Opportunity Notice)

Part I

- Page 5, Section D (Background): Added vehicle-to-grid reference documents.
- Page 5, Section E (Funding Amounts): Reduced the Group 3 minimum award amount from \$500,000 to \$200,000.
- Pages 6-7, Section E (Match Funding):
 - Added “project partner” in-kind labor costs as an eligible source of match funding.
 - Clarified that “match funds” do not include EPIC funds received from other sources.
 - Clarified that plug-in electric vehicles may not be used as match funding but that their characteristics will be considered in the scoring phase.
- Page 8, Section F (Key Activities Schedule):
 - Extended the application deadline to November 17, 2014.
 - Extended the Notice of Proposed Award posting date to January 30, 2015.
 - Clarified that all project technical activities must be completed no later than six months before the agreement end date.
 - Clarified that March 31, 2018 is the latest allowable agreement end date.
 - Added a footnote that clarifies that the deadline for written questions does not apply to non-technical questions or to questions that address an ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in the solicitation.
- Pages 9-10, Section H (Questions): Clarified that the deadline for written questions does not apply to non-technical questions or to questions that address an ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in the solicitation.

Part II

- Page 11, Section A (Application Requirements): Added language that excludes publicly-owned utilities from the solicitation, for consistency with CPUC Decision 12-05-037.
- Pages 12-14, Section B.2.a (Project Focus, Group 1):
 - Removed the requirement for IEEE 2030.7 (standard for the specification of microgrid controllers).
 - Clarified that EPIC funds for Group 1 projects may only be used for activities on the customer side of the meter.
- Pages 15-16, Section B.2.b (Project Focus, Group 2):
 - Removed the requirement for IEEE 2030.7.

- Clarified that on-site renewable resources must supply more than 51% of the facility or community's total annual electricity requirements.
- Clarified that EPIC funds may only be used for activities on the customer side of the meter.
- Replaced the reference to footnote 7 with footnote 8.
- Pages 16-19, Section B.2.c (Project Focus, Group C):
 - Clarified that communication beyond the customer premise is required.
 - Stated that all EV ownership configurations are permitted and that EV demonstrations can be part of a microgrid project in lieu of a separate proposal.
 - Added a footnote that refers to the "demand response" description in footnote 8.
 - Clarified grid services, equipment standards, fleet size requirements, and battery energy requirements.
 - Included PEV owners and facilities perspective in technical tasks.

Part III

- Page 20, Section A (Application Format, Page Limits, and Number of Copies):
 - Font: Excluded original template headers, footers, and commitment/support letters from the 11-point Arial font requirement.
 - Signatures: Clarified that only manual (i.e., not electronic) signatures on original forms are acceptable.
 - File format: Stated that commitment/support letters are excluded from the MS Word requirements (the letters may be submitted in PDF format).
 - Reference and Work Product Form: Revised for consistency with the form instructions
 - Scope of Work template: Clarified that the page limit requirement applies to the project schedule.
- Pages 21-23, Section C (Application Organization and Content):
 - Tab/Attachment chart: Specified which sections of the application require signatures.
 - Item 5 (Project Team Form): Stated that the Project Team Form must identify individuals employed by any major subcontractor (i.e., a subcontractor receiving at least 25% of Commission funds or \$100,000, whichever is less).
 - Item 8 (CEQA Compliance Form): Clarified that the CEQA form must be completed and signed regardless of whether the proposed activities are considered a "project."

Part IV

- Page 28, Section E (Application Screening):
 - Criterion 6: Specified that electronic signatures are not acceptable.
 - Criterion 10: Clarified that screening criterion 10 applies only to Group 1 proposals.
- Pages 34-35, Section F (Application Scoring):
 - Criterion 6: Corrected the percentages of EPIC funds spent in California and clarified that percentage rounding will not be used.
 - Criterion 8: Revised the criterion title to clarify that it applies only to match funding above the minimum 25% amount, and added a statement that match funding is required in the amount of at least 25% of the requested EPIC funds.

Attachment 1 (Application Form)

- Page 3, "Funding" section:
 - Reduced the minimum funding amount for group 3 to \$200,000

- Added partner in-kind labor costs as a match fund option
- Page 3, “California Environmental Quality Act” section:
 - Clarified that the CEQA Compliance Form must be completed regardless of whether the answers to the questions in the section are “yes” or “no.”
 - Question 2: Clarified that if an applicant checks the “no” box, the CEQA Compliance Form should state why no CEQA documentation has been prepared.

Attachment 5 (Project Team Form)

- Updated to include major subcontractors as key personnel.

Attachment 7 (Budget Forms)

- Tab B-3 Prime Labor Rate: Revised to read “if the Contractor is a University of California or a U.S. Department of Energy entity, the salary identified will be unloaded monthly.”
- Tab B-4: Removed protection from the “This section is for Government Entities only” field.
- Tab B-4b, B-4c: Corrected the headers.
- Tab B-5: Added a formula for total Commission funds in the pre-approved travel detail.

Attachment 8 (CEQA Compliance Form)

- Page 1: Stated that applicants must complete the form regardless of whether the proposed activities are considered a “project.”
- Pages 2-3: Replaced “project” with “proposed activities.”
- Page 4: Added language that clarifies that item #6 applies to any agency listed in item #4 that has prepared CEQA documents or indicated that it will do so.
- Page 5: Added language clarifying that the “no” box must be checked if any agency listed in item #4 has indicated that it will prepare CEQA documents.

Attachment 11 (Commitment and Support Letter Form)

- Added “project partner” in-kind labor costs as a match funding source.

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