



**CALIFORNIA
ENERGY COMMISSION**



**California Energy Commission
October 3, 2024 Business Meeting
Backup Materials for California Clean Energy Fund dba CalCEF Ventures.**

The following backup materials for the above-referenced agenda item are available as described below:

1. Proposed Resolution, attached below.
2. Contract Amendment Request Form (CARF)

[PROPOSED]

RESOLUTION NO: YY-MMDD-

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION: California Clean Energy Fund dba CalCEF Ventures

WHEREAS, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) has created the California Sustainable Energy Entrepreneur Development (“CalSEED”) Initiative within the Electric Program Investment Charge (“EPIC”) Program to provide funding for public interest research, development and demonstration activities; and

WHEREAS, the California Clean Energy Fund (“CalCEF”) is the administrator of the EPIC CalSEED Initiative under Agreement Number 300-15-007 and is responsible for soliciting grant applications, recommending grant awards to the CEC, and managing approved grant projects; and

WHEREAS, at its February 14, 2024 business meeting, the CEC awarded a \$500,000 EPIC CalSEED Initiative grant to Solvari Inc. for a project titled “Demonstrating Automated Assembly of a Ready-to-Install All-in-One Residential Solar Panel.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Amendment Request Form; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC approves a change of recipient from Solvari Inc. to Truthseeker Holding Company, for the \$500,000 EPIC CalSEED Initiative grant award for the project titled “Demonstrating Automated Assembly of a Ready-to-Install All-in-One Residential Solar Panel”; wherein all aspects of the project, including the project team and scope of work will remain the same; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC directs CalCEF Ventures to execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on October 3, 2024.

AYE:

NAY:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Dated:

Kristine Banaag
Secretariat



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CONTRACT AMENDMENT REQUEST FORM (CARF)

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Original Agreement # 300-15-007 Amendment # NA

Division	Agreement Manager:	MS-	Phone
ERDD	Joshua Croft	51	925-452-7638

Recipient's Legal Name	Federal ID Number
California Clean Energy Fund dba CalCEF Ventures	77-0640000

Revisions: (check all that apply)	Additional Requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> Term Extension New End Date:	Include revised schedule and complete items A, B, C, D, & H below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget Augmentation Amendment Amount: \$	Include revised budget and complete items A, B, C, D, E, F, & H below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget Reallocation	Include revised budget and complete items A, B, C, D, & H below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Scope of Work Revision	Include revised scope of work and complete items A, B, C, D, & H below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Change in Project Location or Demonstration Site	Include revised scope of work and complete items A, B, C, D, G, & H below.
<input type="checkbox"/> DVBE Replacement	Include revised scope of work and complete items A, B, C, D, F & H below.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Novation/Name Change of Prime Recipient	Include novation documentation and complete items A, B, D, & H below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Terms and Conditions Modification	Include applicable exhibits with bold/underline/ strikeout and complete items A, B, C, D & H below.

A) Business Meeting Information**Business Meeting approval is not required for the following types of Agreements:**☐ Minor amendments delegated to Executive Director per December 2013 ResolutionProposed Business Meeting Date 10/03/2024 ☒ Consent ☐ Discussion

Business Meeting Presenter Joshua Croft Time Needed: 5 minutes

Please select one list serve. EPIC (Electric Program Investment Charge)

Agenda Item Subject and Description:

California Clean Energy Fund dba CalCEF Ventures. Proposed resolution approving a novation for a previously awarded California Sustainable Energy Entrepreneur Development (CalSEED) \$500,000 small grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This novation will transfer the CalSEED sub-award from Solvari Inc. to Truthseeker Holding Company and allow the sub-awardee to register to do business in California. All aspects of the project, including the project team and scope of work will remain the same. (EPIC Funding) Contact: Josh Croft ERDD

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B) Amendment Justification (For contract amendments only)

- ☐ Non-Competitive Bid (Attach DGS-GSPD-09-007) <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Forms>
- ☐ Exempt
- ☐ Non-Competitive Follow On Funding (SB 115)

C) List all subcontractors (major and minor) and equipment vendors: (attach additional sheets as necessary)

[illegible]

D) List all key partners: (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Legal Company Name:

E) Budget Information (only include amendment amount information)

[illegible]

R&D Program Area: TIEB: EDMF

TOTAL: \$

Explanation for “Other” selection

Reimbursement Contract #: Not applicable

Federal Agreement #:

F) Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program (DVBE)

1. ☐ Exempt (Interagency/Other Government Entity)
2. ☒ Meets DVBE Requirements DVBE Amount:\$ DVBE %:____
- a) ☐ Contractor is Certified DVBE

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- b) ☐ Contractor is Subcontracting with a DVBE: Select
3. ☐ Contractor selected through CMAS or MSA with no DVBE participation
4. ☐ Requesting DVBE Exemption (attach CEC 95)

G) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance

1. Is Agreement considered a "Project" under CEQA?
- ☒ Yes (skip to question 2)
- ☐ No (complete the following (PRC 21065 and 14 CCR 15378)):

Explain why Agreement is not considered a "Project":

2. If Agreement is considered a "Project" under CEQA:

- c) ☐ Agreement **IS** exempt.
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. List PRC and/or CCR section number:
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. List CCR section number: Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15303, 15306
- ☐ Common Sense Exemption. 14 CCR 15061 (b) (3)

Explain reason why Agreement is exempt under the above section:

This project was originally approved by the Commission at its February 14, 2024 and was found exempt under Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sections 15303 and 15306 for the following reasons:

This project is exempt under CEQA because it is limited to the building and operability testing of two small solar panel assembly stations at an already zoned for this purpose. The structures built will be small (under twenty feet long total) and will not result in an expansion of existing or former use of the site. There will be no hazardous materials or excessive noise or odors as a result of the project.

The change here is a novation of the agreement to another entity. This novation will not result in any project changes- the same team will do the same project work that was originally approved. Therefore, this change will not result in any impacts to the environment that were not previously considered by the Commission when approving the project at its February 2024 business meeting and this project is still exempt under Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sections 15303 and 15306.

- d) ☐ Agreement **IS NOT** exempt. (consult with the legal office to determine next steps)

Check all that apply

- ☐ Initial Study
- ☐ Negative Declaration
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration
- ☐ Environmental Impact Report
- ☐ Statement of Overriding Considerations



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H) The following items should be attached to this CARF (as applicable)

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| 1. Exhibit A, Scope of Work/Schedule | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 2. Exhibit B, Budget Detail | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 3. DGS-GSPD-09-007, NCB Request | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 4. CEC 95. DVBE Exemption Request | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 5. CEQA Documentation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 6. Novation Documentation | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached |
| 7. CEC 105, Questionnaire for Identifying Conflicts | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached |

Joshua Croft
Agreement Manager

8/15/2024
Date

Anthony Ng
Branch Manager

8/20/2024
Date

Anthony Ng on behalf of Director
Director

8/20/2024
Date