



## **Pre-Application Abstract Results Grant Solicitation, GFO-19-601 Low-Carbon Fuel Production Program**

**October 25, 2019**

On August 28, 2019, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a grant solicitation and application package entitled "Low-Carbon Fuel Production Program." This grant solicitation is an offer to fund ultra-low-carbon transportation fuel production at new and existing advanced fuel production facilities; existing fuel production facilities must expand or modify facilities to increase production capacity.

The solicitation follows a two-phase process. During the pre-application abstract phase, an evaluation committee evaluated pre-application abstracts based on the published pre-application abstract screening and evaluation criteria in the solicitation. The average of all evaluation committee members' scores determined each applicant's score and resulting percentage for each evaluation criterion.

The attached table, "Pre-Application Abstract Results," documents the results of the pre-application abstract evaluation and whether each applicant is qualified to submit a full application. This notice is posted on the CEC's website in our [Solicitations webpage](http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/index.html), available at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/index.html>.

Only those pre-application abstracts passing the pre-application abstract screening criteria and receiving a score of 70% or higher on all three pre-application abstract evaluation criteria within the solicitation are eligible to submit a full application.

Applicants who were disqualified or did not pass the evaluation criteria may request a debriefing on their pre-application abstract results no later than November 12, 2019. Applicants qualified to submit a full application cannot request a debriefing until after the Notice of Proposed Awards has been published.

Applicants qualified to submit a full application may submit written clarifying questions pertaining to the solicitation. Written questions must be received by the due date and time specified in the solicitation.

Applicants are reminded that all CEQA documentation (including a CEQA determination made by the lead agency) must be submitted to the CEC no later than 30 calendar days after the Notice of Proposed Awards is posted. If a CEQA determination has not been

made within the required timeframe, the CEC may cancel a proposed award and award funds to the next highest scoring applicant.

Questions and debriefing requests should be directed to:

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## Low-Carbon Fuel Production Program Pre-Application Abstract Results

Proposal #	Applicant	Project Title	Score	Qualified To Submit a Full Application
37	AltAir Paramount, LLC	AltAir Paramount Renewable Fuels Conversion Project	84.2%	Yes
22	Lakeside Pipeline LLC	Lakeside Pipeline Dairy Digester Cluster Project	83.3%	Yes
12	Rialto Bioenergy Facility, LLC	Rialto Bioenergy Phase 3: Expanded Renewable Natural Gas Refueling	82.1%	Yes
11	SoCal Biomethane, LLC	SoCal Biomethane Co-Digestion of Sludge External Waste Project	81.3%	Yes
7	Merced Pipeline LLC	Merced Pipeline Dairy Cluster Project	81.3%	Yes
25	California Bioenergy LLC	South Point Dairy Biogas Electric Fuel Generator for EVs	80.8%	Yes
32	Aemetis Biogas LLC	Aemetis Central Dairy Digester Cluster Biogas Cleanup Project	79.6%	Yes
29	SANCO Services LP	Escondido Resource Recovery (ERR) Transfer Station Upgrade Project	79.6%	Yes
23	California Bioenergy LLC	Bar 20 Dairy Biogas Electric Fuel Generator for EVs	79.6%	Yes
4	WIE-AGRON Bioenergy, LLC	Agron Biodiesel Modernization Project (AMP)	78.3%	Yes

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26	California Bioenergy LLC	Hilmar Dairy Biogas LLC	77.5%	Yes
3	California Grinding, Inc.	Fresno Anaerobic Digestion Facility	77.5%	Yes
19	Iwatani Corporation of America	Project Horseshoe	75.0%	Yes
21	First Solar, Inc.	First Solar Mendota Renewable Hydrogen Plant	74.6%	Yes
6	SG H2 Energy Global LLC	Lancaster Waste to Renewable Hydrogen	73.8%	Yes
14	SMES-Stockton, LLC	New 10 MMGY Brown Grease to Biodiesel Biorefinery co-located with Community Fuels	73.3%	Yes
27	Ergostech Renewable Energy Solution LLC	Ergostech Renewable Hydrogen Production Facility	72.9%	Yes
10	Inland Empire Resource Recovery LLC	Palmdale Biomass Diesel Plant	72.9%	Yes
38	Onquest, Inc.	Low Carbon Fuel Production Program: Madera Business Conversion to Renewable Natural Gas	72.5%	Yes
33	EDF Renewables, Inc.	La Brisa Renewable Hydrogen Production Facility	72.5%	Yes

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17	Biogas Energy	Lakeview Biomethane Fuel Production	72.5%	Yes
16	American Biodiesel, Inc. DBA Community Fuels	Maximizing Flexibility and Efficiency at Existing Bio-Refinery	72.1%	Yes
35	Viridis Fuels, LLC	Viridis Fuels Biodiesel Project	71.7%	Yes
2	Biodico, Inc.	Modular Renewable Fuel System: Biodiesel, RNG, Solar & Wind	71.7%	Yes
13	SMES-Escondido, LLC	Brown Grease to Biodiesel: A Project to Retrofit, Expand, and Upgrade (RE-Up) an Idled California Biofuels Plant	70.8%	Yes
<b>Applications Not Qualified to Submit a Full Application</b>				
5	H2B2 USA, LLC	SoHyCal-II: New Renewable Hydrogen Production Plant as an Alternative Fuel	71.3%	No (did not pass 1 or more criteria)
20	Allotrope Partners, LLC	Project Development of a Cellulosic Ethanol Plant, Utilizing Primarily Forest Waste from High Hazard Fire Zones	69.6%	No (did not pass 1 or more criteria)
8	Sylvatex Inc.	MicroX: California's NextGen Clean Alternative Diesel Fuel	66.3%	No (did not pass 1 or more criteria)

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30	Air Products and Chemicals Inc.	Hydrogen Production with Renewable Power	65.0%	No (did not pass 1 or more criteria)
15	Dash2energy LLC	Alta Hydrogen Center	64.2%	No (did not pass 1 or more criteria)
24	Nikola Energy Company	Nikola Hydrogen Fuel Production and Dispensing in Van Nuys	57.5%	No (did not pass 1 or more criteria)
28	Nikola Energy Company	Nikola Hydrogen Fuel Production and Dispensing in Fairfield	57.1%	No (did not pass 1 or more criteria)
1	Blume Industries	Low Carbon Fuel Production Program Grant Submittal	Disqualified	No
9	El Mar Plastics Inc.	NAOHTANK & ZCGLASS	Disqualified	No
18	El Mar Plastics Inc.	Solarfuel Medium Plant	Disqualified	No
34	El Mar Plastics Inc.	NATANK	Disqualified	No
36	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory/Joint BioEnergy Institute	California Mobile Biomass Harvesting and Conversion Unit (CARIBOU)	Disqualified	No