



**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARDS
Grant Solicitation, GFO-19-601
Low-Carbon Fuel Production Program**

January 21, 2020

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 grant solicitation announced the availability of up to \$12.5 million to fund agreements resulting from this solicitation and that the CEC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to increase or reduce the amount of funds available under this solicitation.

The attached table, "Notice of Proposed Awards" identifies each applicant selected and recommended for funding by CEC staff and includes the amount of recommended funding and score.

Funding of proposed projects resulting from this solicitation is contingent upon the approval of these projects at a publicly noticed CEC Business Meeting and execution of a grant agreement. The CEC reserves the right to negotiate with applicants to modify the project scope, the level of funding, or both. If the CEC is unable to successfully negotiate and execute a funding agreement with an applicant, the CEC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel the pending award and fund the next eligible application.

If additional funds become available, the CEC reserves the right to recommend for funding any partially funded applications and any passing finalists in ranked order until all funds available are exhausted.

This notice is being mailed to all parties who submitted an application to this solicitation and is also posted on the CEC's website at:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/index.html>.

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Notice of Proposed Awards of Solicitation GFO-19-601
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Table 1: Proposed Awards

Proposal Number	Applicant	Project Title	Funds Requested	Proposed Award	Match Amount	Score	Recommendation
7	Rialto Bioenergy Facility, LLC	Rialto Bioenergy Phase 3: Expanded Renewable Natural Gas Refueling	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,050,000	86.5%	Awardee
5	Merced Pipeline LLC	Merced Pipeline Dairy Cluster Project	\$2,518,948	\$2,518,948	\$7,238,798	86.5%	Awardee
3	Aemetis Biogas LLC	Aemetis Central Dairy Digester Cluster Biogas Cleanup Project	\$4,183,000	\$4,183,000	\$7,804,780	85.5%	Awardee
4	Lakeside Pipeline LLC	Lakeside Pipeline Cluster Project	\$3,822,163	\$798,052	\$3,937,500	84.4%	Partial Awardee

Table 2: Passed But Not Funded

Proposal Number	Applicant	Project Title	Funds Requested	Proposed Award	Match Amount	Score	Recommendation
11	AltAir Paramount, LLC	AltAir Paramount Renewable Fuels Conversion Project	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$150,000,000	83.9%	Finalist
8	WIE-AGRON Bioenergy LLC	Agron Biodiesel Modernization Project (AMP)	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$14,200,000	83.3%	Finalist

Proposal Number	Applicant	Project Title	Funds Requested	Proposed Award	Match Amount	Score	Recommendation
9	SoCal Biomethane, LLC	SoCal Biomethane Co-Digestion of Sludge External Waste Project	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,001,289	82.6%	Finalist
12	Ergostech Renewable Energy Solutions LLC	Ergostech Renewable Hydrogen Production Facility	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$13,170,000	73.7%	Finalist

Table 3: Did Not Pass

Proposal Number	Applicant	Project Title	Funds Requested	Proposed Award	Match Amount	Score	Recommendation
2	Biodico, Inc.	Modular Renewable Fuel System	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$2,500,000	68.8%	Did Not Pass 1 or More Criteria
1	California Grinding Inc	Fresno Anaerobic Digestion Facility	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$20,341,280	67.4%	Did Not Pass 1 or More Criteria
10	OnQuest, Inc.	Low-Carbon Fuel Production Program: Madera Biomass Conversion to Renewable Natural Gas	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000	66.6%	Did Not Pass 1 or More Criteria
6	SG H2 Energy Global LLC	Lancaster Waste to Renewable Hydrogen	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000	55.3%	Did Not Pass 1 or More Criteria

GRAND TOTALS: **Funds Requested:** **\$ 53,024,111**
Match Amount: **\$239,243,647**
Proposed Award: **\$ 12,500,000**