



NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)

Energy Conservation Assistance Act - Education Subaccount

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On February 25, 2020, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation soliciting applications for Energy Conservation Assistance Act (ECAA) Program zero-interest loans to fund energy efficiency projects at K-12 schools throughout California, as authorized by SB 110 (2017). A total of \$38 million was available through this ECAA-Ed competitive solicitation, utilizing monies from the unallocated funds from Proposition 39, the Clean Energy Jobs Act.

SB 110 directed the ECAA-Ed competitive program to consider the size and regional location of the Local Education Agency (LEA), the percentage of LEA students participating in the Free and Reduced Price Meal program (FRPM), and the estimated energy savings of the proposed project. A weight of 50% of score was applied to both FRPM and estimated energy savings. To ensure student population was roughly equal, the state was divided into four regions (Central, North, Los Angeles County, and South) with approximately 1.55 students in each region. LEAs were divided into four sizes: Size 1 – less than 1,000 students; Size 2 – 1,000 to 2,000 students; Size 3 – 2,001 to 10,000 students; and Size 4 – more than 10,001 students. The total dollar amount allocated to each Size was as follows: Size 1 up to \$1.5 million; Size 2 up to \$2 million and Sizes 3 and 4 up to \$3 million.

Due to the interruption and hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, CEC extended the deadline to submit applications from June 29, 2020, to August 27, 2020. CEC received 20 applications by the deadline of August 27, 2020. Each application was screened, evaluated and scored using the criteria provided in the solicitation. Out of 20 submitted applications, 15 applications passed the administrative and technical screening by submitting a full and correct application. The 15 applications selected for funding totaled \$17,882,836. Two applications, totaling \$3,211,600, failed to pass technical screening, and three applications totaling \$6,170,495 were administratively disqualified.

The attached “Notice of Proposed Awards” identifies the applicants selected and recommended for funding by CEC staff, by region and size, project title, and includes the score and recommended funding amount. The attached also

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includes applicants that are not being recommended for funding, by region and size, project title, and requested funding amount.

Funding of the proposed awards resulting from this solicitation is contingent upon approval of these projects at a publicly noticed CEC Business Meeting and execution of a final loan agreement. If the CEC is unable to timely negotiate and execute a final loan agreement with an Applicant, the CEC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel or modify the proposed award.

This Notice of Proposed Awards will be provided to all parties that submitted an application to this solicitation and posted on the CEC's website at:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/>.

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