**GFO-20-305**

**The Next EPIC Challenge: Reimagining Affordable Mixed-Use Development in a Carbon-Constrained Future**

**Addendum 11**

**November 10, 2021**

The purpose of this addendum is to notify potential applicants of changes that have been made to GFO-21-305. The addendum includes the following revisions to the Solicitation Manual. Added language appears in **bold underlined** font. Deleted language appears in ~~strikethrough~~ within brackets.

## **Solicitation Manual**

1. **Page 21-22, Section I.E. Table 10: KEY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**

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| **ACTIVITY** | **DATE** | **TIME** |
| **Solicitation Release** | December 15, 2020 |  |
| **ACTIVITY** | **DATE** | **TIME** |
| **Pre-Application Workshop** | January 21, 2021 |  |
| **Deadline for Written Questions** | **January 22, 2021** | **5:00 p.m.** |
| **Empower Innovation Event**  **https://www.empowerinnovation.net/en/page/empower-innovation-event-en** | **January 28, 2021** | **8:30 a.m** |
| Anticipated Distribution of Questions and Answers | Week of March 29,2021 |  |
| **Deadline to Submit Concept Application Abstracts** | May 7, 2021 | **5:00 p.m.** |
| Anticipated Posting of Concept Application Abstract Results | Week of June 7, 2021 |  |
| **Deadline to Submit Full Applications for the Design Phase** | **December 1,** 2021 | **[~~4:59~~] 11:59 p.m.[[1]](#footnote-2)** |
| Notice of Proposed Award Posting Date | Week of December 20,2021 |  |
| **ACTIVITY** | **DATE** | **TIME** |
| Anticipated CEC Business Meeting | March 2022 |  |
| Anticipated Agreement Start Date – Design Phase Begins | March 2022 |  |
| **Deadline to Submit Application Materials for the Build Phase** | **June 23, 2023** | **4:59p.m.** |
| Notice of Proposed Award (Build Phase) | Week of July 17, 2023 |  |
| Anticipated CEC Business Meeting (Build Phase Amendment) | August 2023 |  |
| Design Showcase Event | September 2023 |  |
| Build Phase Begins | September 2023 |  |
| Anticipated Design Phase Agreement End Date[[2]](#footnote-3) | March 2024 |  |
| Anticipated Build Phase Agreement End Date | October 2025 |  |

1. **Page 41-42, Section III.B. METHOD FOR DELIVERY**

Updated:

The preferred method of delivery for this solicitation is the CEC Grant Solicitation System, available at: https://gss.energy.ca.gov/. This online tool allows applicants to submit their electronic documents to the CEC prior to the date and time specified in this solicitation. Electronic files must be in Microsoft Word XP (.doc format) and Excel Office Suite formats unless originally provided in the solicitation in another format.  Attachments requiring signatures may be scanned and submitted in PDF format.  Completed Budget Forms, Attachment 5, must be in Excel format.  [**~~The system will not allow applications to be submitted after the application due date and time.~~**

~~Applicants must upload and submit applications BEFORE 5:00 p.m. The Grants Solicitation System will automatically close promptly at 5:00 pm. If the application has not been fully received before 5:00 pm, your application will not be considered. NO EXCEPTIONS will be entertained for late submittal. Do not wait until right before 5:00 pm to submit your application. Due to factors outside the CEC’s control, application upload times may be much longer than expected; some past applicants have experienced unexpected technology issues causing long delays that prevented timely submittal. Please plan accordingly.~~]

**The deadline to submit grant applications through the CEC’s GSS is 11:59 p.m. The GSS system automatically closes at 11:59 pm. If the full submittal process has not been completed before 11:59 p.m., your application will not be considered. NO EXCEPTIONS will be entertained.**

**The CEC strongly encourages Applicants to upload and submit all applications by 5:00 p.m. because CEC staff will not be available after 5:00 p.m. or on weekends to assist with the upload process. And please note that while we endeavor to assist all would-be applicants, we can’t guarantee staff will be available for in-person consultation on the due date, so please plan accordingly.**

**Please give yourself ample time to complete all steps of the submission process: do not wait until right before the deadline to begin the process. Due to factors outside the CEC’s control and unrelated to the GSS system, upload times may be much longer than expected. For example, some past applicants experienced unexpected issues on their end, causing long delays that prevented timely submission. They spent significant time and resources on applications the CEC will not consider. Please plan accordingly. For instructions on how to apply using the GSS system, please see the How to Apply document available on the CEC website at: https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/1654.**

**Phil Dyer**

**Commission Agreement Officer**

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2. Design Phase agreement schedules should be developed based on an anticipated Design Phase Agreement End Date of March 2024. Recipients who are selected for the Build Phase will revise their schedule to reflect the Build Phase Agreement End Date of October 2025. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)