**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

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

 **Solicitation # GFO-20-305**

**February 17, 2022**

On December 15, 2020, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund a design-build competition that will challenge multi-disciplinary project teams to design and build a mixed-use development – using cutting-edge energy technologies, tools and construction practices - that is affordable, equitable, emissions-free and resilient to climate change impacts and extreme weather events. Up to $48,000,000 in Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) funding is available to fund applications in groups identified in the solicitation. Of this $48 million, $12 million is immediately available to fund 12 proposals (three proposals for each group below) for up to $1 million for the Design Phase. Applicants selected and funded for the Design Phase are eligible to receive up to $9 million for the Build Phase of this solicitation.

* Group #1: Bay Area Region
* Group #2: Central Valley/Northern California
* Group #3: Los Angeles Region
* Group #4: Imperial Valley, Inland Empire, and San Diego County

To be eligible to compete in the Design Phase, applicants needed to have a passing Concept Application, consisting of a Project Abstract that summarized key project goals and objectives. The Energy Commission received forty-two Concept Application Abstract Packages by the due date of May 7, 2021. Thirty-three Concept Applications passed the criteria in the solicitation to be eligible to compete in the Design Phase.

The Energy Commission received twenty-four applications for the Design Phase by the due date of December 1, 2021. Each application was screened on a pass/fail basis using the criteria in the solicitation. Twenty-four proposals passed the Administrative Screening.

The attached NOPA identifies each applicant selected and recommended for funding for the Design Phase by CEC staff and includes the recommended funding amount and score. The total amount recommended is $12,000,000.

Funding of proposed projects resulting from this solicitation is contingent upon approval of selected projects at a publicly noticed Energy Commission Business Meeting and execution of a grant agreement. If the Energy Commission is unable to timely negotiate and execute a funding agreement with an Applicant, the Energy Commission, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel or otherwise modify the pending award, and award the funds to another applicant.

In addition, the Energy Commission reserves the right to: 1) add to, remove, or shift funding to make additional awards and 2) negotiate with successful applicants to modify the project scope, schedule, and/or level of funding.

This notice and awardees for GFO-20-305 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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