**Part I: CBE Requirements**

Pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 25620.5(h), the California Energy Commission’s Public Interest Energy Research Program must give a priority to “California-based entities” (CBEs) when making awards.

A CBE is a corporation or other business form organized for the transaction of business that either:

* Has its headquarters in California AND manufactures in California the product that is the subject of the award; or
* Has an office for the transaction of business in California and substantially manufactures the product or substantially performs the research within California that is the subject of the award.

Proposals must meet the following requirements in order to receive CBE preference points:

1. The proposal must include a CBE as either the recipient or a subcontractor.
2. The budget must show that the CBE(s) will receive more than 60.00% the natural gas funds awarded.

• If the CBE is the recipient, no more than 40.00% of the awarded PIER funds can be subcontracted to non-CBEs.

• The 60.00% applies to PIER funds and does not include match funding. For example, if a proposal has a PIER budget of $100,000, the budget must show $60,000 or more in PIER funds allocated to CBEs regardless of how much match funding is pledged.

• The 60.00% requirement can be made up of multiple CBEs. For example, a proposal in which a recipient CBE will receive 30.00% of PIER funds and a subcontractor CBE will receive 30.00% of PIER funds meets the 60.00% requirement.

**Part II: CBE Questionnaire**

Please answer all questions below for **each** CBE. Failure to provide accurate, detailed, and complete information may result in not receiving CBE preference points. (Examples are provided in gray.)

1. State the full legal name of the CBE and its business form (e.g., corporation, limited liability company, sole proprietorship).

*Smith Onions, LLC*

1. Indicate whether the CBE is the Recipient or a subcontractor.

*The CBE is the subcontractor.*

1. Indicate whether the CBE has its headquarters or an office for the transaction of business in California. Please indicate the street address.

*Smith Onions is headquartered in California.*

*Smith Onions, LLC*

*1222 Atlantic Ave.*

*Oxnard, CA 93030*

1. Provide a brief description of the product or research that is the subject of the proposal.

*This project will demonstrate the effectiveness of a commercially available membrane filtration system to clean and reuse wastewater produced from the Smith Onions onion processing plan for supply evaporative cooling towers used in the plant.*

1. List the location(s) in California where the product will be manufactured or the research will occur, and provide a brief description of the facility at the location (for multiple locations, please describe the portion of manufacturing or research that will be completed at each location).

*The demonstration project will occur at the Smith Onions onion processing plant, which has approximately 50,000 square feet of refrigerated processing and warehousing space. The plant is located at 1222 Atlantic Ave. in Oxnard, CA.*

1. Indicate whether any part of the research or product manufacturing will occur outside of California. If so, please explain what portion and how a substantial portion will occur in California.

*No research will be performed outside of California.*