**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Advancing Environmental Monitoring Technologies for Floating Offshore Wind**

**GFO-22-401**

**February 1, 2023**

On August 17, 2022, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund projects that advance environmental monitoring technologies to support efforts by floating offshore wind operators, state agencies, and other relevant entities to better evaluate potential biological and ecological implications of floating offshore wind deployments. Up to $7,000,000 in Electric Program Investment Charge Interim Plan funding is available to fund applications.

The CEC received eight proposals by the due date, October 17, 2022. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Eight (8) proposals passed the stage one application screening.

The attached NOPA identifies each applicant selected and recommended for funding by CEC staff and includes the recommended funding amount and score. The total amount recommended is $8,900,868. The purpose of the adjustment is to reflect additional funds that have been made available to this solicitation. This resulted in an additional $674,363 from Electric Program Charge Interim Plan and $1,226,505 from Electric Program Investment Charge 4 Plan.

Funding of proposed projects from this solicitation is contingent upon the approval of these projects at a publicly noticed CEC business meeting and execution of a grant agreement. If the CEC is unable to timely negotiate and execute a funding agreement with an applicant, the 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 CEC reserves the right to: 1) add to, remove, or shift funding between the different groups if there are insufficient passing proposals in one group; and 2) negotiate with successful applicants to modify the project scope, schedule, or level of funding.

This notice and awardees for GFO-22-401 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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