**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Food Production Investment Program 2022**

 **GFO-22-303**

**March 9, 2023**

On November 02, 2022, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund commercially available drop-in energy efficiency technologies for food production facilities with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and benefiting priority populations. Up to $10,103,611 in Food Production Investment Program funding is available to fund applications in:

* Tier I: Drop-in Technologies

The CEC received 18 proposals by the due date, January 25, 2023. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Seventeen 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 $10,103,611. No funds remain at the conclusion of Round 1, and this NOPA will serve as notice that no applications will be accepted for Round 2.

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-22-303 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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