**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Valuation of Investments in Electricity Sector Resilience**

**Solicitation # GFO-22-302**

**June 20, 2023**

On November 8, 2022, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund research to collect data and apply methods contributing to the practical understanding and valuation of electricity system resilience for the purpose of guiding investments by Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) and informing electricity resilience improvements overall. Research supported by this solicitation will fill knowledge gaps facing electricity resilience planning by contributing to the development of methods and frameworks for recognizing, valuing, and achieving societal benefits—including economic, public health, and other benefits—of customer, community, and grid resilience investments, with a focus on widespread long-duration power outages and with specific consideration of resilience in Disadvantaged Vulnerable Communities. Up to $1,200,000 in Electric Program Investment Charge funding is available to fund applications for this solicitation.

The CEC received four proposals by the due date, January 31, 2023. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Four proposals passed the stage one application screening.

The attached NOPA identifies the applicant selected and recommended for funding by CEC staff and includes the recommended funding amount and score. The total amount recommended is $1,200,000.

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; and 2) negotiate with successful applicants to modify the project scope, schedule, or level of funding.

This notice and awardees for GFO-22-302 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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