**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARDS**

**Clean Transportation Program**

**Grant Solicitation GFO-22-608**

**Ultra-Low-Carbon Fuel: Demonstration- and Commercial-Scale Production Facilities Utilizing Forest Biomass**

**June 21, 2023**

On February 3, 2023, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a grant solicitation and application package entitled “Ultra-Low-Carbon Fuel: Demonstration- and Commercial-Scale Production Facilities Utilizing Forest Biomass.” This competitive grant solicitation was an offer to fund projects that support ultra-low-carbon fuel in two funding categories: demonstration-scale and commercial-scale production facilities utilizing forest biomass.

The grant solicitation announced the availability of up to $9 million to fund agreements resulting from this solicitation and that the CEC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to increase or reduce the amount of funds available under this solicitation. Based on available funding under the CEC’s *2022-2023 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program*, the CEC is proposing to allocate an additional $1 million to fund applications with a passing score. A total of $10 million is now available under this solicitation.

The attached table, “Notice of Proposed Awards” identifies each applicant selected and recommended for funding by CEC staff and includes the amount of recommended funding and score.

Funding of proposed projects resulting from this solicitation is contingent upon the approval of these projects at a publicly noticed CEC Business Meeting and execution of a grant agreement. This notice is posted on the CEC’s website at: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/solicitations>.

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**Production Facilities Utilizing Forest Biomass**

**Notice of Proposed Awards of Solicitation GFO-22-608**

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**Table 1: Proposed Awards**

| **Category** | **Appli-****cation #** | **Applicant** | **Project Title** | **Funds Requested** | **Proposed Award** | **Match Amount** | **Score** | **Recommendation** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Commercial Scale | 1 | California Grinding Inc  | Fresno Forest Waste to Fuel (FW2F) Project | $5,000,000 | $5,000,000 | $6,174,465 | 72.4% | Awardee |
| Commercial Scale | 5 | Yosemite Clean Energy, LLC | Yosemite Clean Energy Paradise Biomass to Carbon Negative Biofuels Plant | $5,000,000 | $5,000,000 | $243,200,000 | 71.8% | Awardee |

**Table 2: Did Not Pass**

| **Category** | **Appli-****cation #** | **Applicant** | **Project Title** | **Funds Requested** | **Proposed Award** | **Match Amount** | **Score** | **Recommendation** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Demonstra-tion Scale | 2 | West Biofuels, LLC | RNG-FREE Renewable Natural Gas from Forest Residues for Eco-friendly Energy | $3,000,000 | $0 | $3,189,462 | 66.4% | Did Not Pass. Application failed to achieve the minimum passing score in 1 or more criteria and failed to achieve the overall minimum passing score of 70 percent. |
| Commercial Scale | 3 | Sierra Institute for Community and Environment | Northern Sierra Clean Liquid H2 | $4,003,125 | $0 | $4,003,125 | 68.9% | Did Not Pass. Application failed to achieve the minimum passing score in 1 or more criteria and failed to achieve the overall minimum passing score of 70 percent. |
| Commercial Scale | 4 | Mote Inc. Dba CO2 Mote Inc. | Mote Sacramento Carbon Negative Hydrogen Project 1 | $3,000,000 | 0 | $3,000,000 | 63.3% | Did Not Pass. Application failed to achieve the minimum passing score in 1 or more criteria and failed to achieve the overall minimum passing score of 70 percent. |

**GRAND TOTALS: Funds Requested: $ 20,003,125**

**Match Amount: $ 259,567,052**

**Proposed Awards: $ 10,000,000**

**Match Amount Tied to
Proposed Awards: $ 249,374,465**