



GFO-23-607 Pre-Application Workshop

Tribal Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, Planning, and Workforce Training and Development

Fuels and Transportation Division

February 15, 2024 | 9:00 am



Workshop Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Clean Transportation Program
- Solicitation Overview
 - Purpose, process, funding
 - Project and Applicant Eligibility and Requirements
 - Project Activities
- Application Components
- Application Evaluation
- Application Submittal
- Next Steps
- Adjourn





Welcome and Housekeeping

- Workshop is recorded on Zoom
- GFO-23-607 Tribal Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, Planning, and Workforce Training and Development) Webpage:

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2024-01/gfo-23-607-tribal-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-planning-and-workforce>

- Virtual participation via Zoom or telephone during the Q&A period
- Written Questions to the Commission Agreement Officer (CAO):
 - Eilene Cary eilene.cary@energy.ca.gov
Subject: GFO-23-607
Q&A Deadline: March 1, 2024



Clean Transportation Program Origins

- Established by Assembly Bill 118 (2007)
- Extended to July 1, 2035, by Assembly Bill 126 (2023)
- CEC has authority to allocate approximately \$95.2 million per year
- Investment Plan determines funding allocations across various categories
- Includes workforce training and development





Tribes and the Clean Transportation Program

- Recognizing and committing the CEC to supporting California tribal energy sovereignty and independence (Resolution No. 23-0302-09).
- Working jointly with the CEC's Tribal Program and the Tribal Lead Commissioner for assistance with outreach and promotion of transportation-related funding opportunities to tribes.
- Receiving feedback from listening sessions.
- Ensuring that Clean Transportation Program investments benefit rural and tribal communities.





Solicitation Overview

GFO-23-607 Tribal Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, Planning, and Workforce Training and Development



Purpose of Solicitation

Competitive grant solicitation

Scope:

Dedicated, tribal-specific solicitation for:

- Reliable & resilient electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure
- EV planning
- EV workforce training and development

Goals:

- ✓ Address barriers identified by tribes through past programs
- ✓ Focus on areas of significant need



Solicitation Process





Eligibility Requirements

Geographic

- Projects must be located in California on or connected to tribal land
 - Land held in trusts, long-term leases or in fee simple

Applicant

- California Native American Tribes
 - Federally recognized and non-federally recognized tribes
- Tribal organizations, or tribally owned business
- Authorized Tribal Designee

- Applicants are not required to provide match funding or to provide a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.



Available Funding

- A total of \$10 million is available under this solicitation
 - Minimum CEC award amount is \$400,000
 - Maximum CEC award amount is 100% of the total project costs or \$3,000,000, whichever is less
- CEC funds available under the solicitation have encumbrance deadlines as early as June 30, 2025.



Terms and Conditions (Attachment 10)

Are not required to be submitted with your application. Limited waiver of sovereign immunity is not required.

Appendix 1 – Streamlined Grant Terms and Conditions

- E.g. backup documentation required for invoicing
- Quarterly Reports & Monthly Call
- Terms and Conditions: https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2024-01/10_GFO-23-607_Att_10_CTP_Grant_Ex_C_Standard_General_TCs_ada.docx
- ECAMS Resources webpage: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/ecams-resources>.



Project Activity Types

- Project Activity 1 – EV Charging Infrastructure
- Project Activity 2 – EV Infrastructure Planning
- Project Activity 3 – EV Workforce Training and Development

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Project Activity 1 – Electric Vehicle Charging Projects

Applicants may apply for funding to install EV charging equipment, supporting infrastructure, and associated resiliency technologies for passenger, and medium- and heavy-duty (MDHD) EVs.



Example of off-grid charging installed in conjunction with solar and battery storage from Yotta Energy.

Eligible Costs:

- Equipment & Infrastructure
- Installation
- Certain Operation & Maintenance



EV Charging Projects - Requirements

Recordkeeping and reporting standards

AB 2061 (Ting, Chapter 345, Statutes of 2022) and Cal. Pub. Resources Code sect. 25231.5 require the CEC, in consultation with the CPUC, to develop recordkeeping and reporting standards for EV chargers and charging stations. CEC is working to develop regulations in compliance with AB 2061.

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program "EVITP"

EV charging infrastructure and equipment located on the customer side of the electrical meter shall be installed by a contractor with the appropriate license classification.



Project Activity 2 – EV Infrastructure Planning

Planning activities to prepare grant recipients to apply for future funding opportunities and to provide a clear path forward for EV adoption.

Eligible Costs:

- Strategic Plans
- Financial feasibility studies
- EV fleet transition plans.
- Project planning

Project Requirements

- Development of the required **Blueprint** document.



Project Activity 3 – EV Workforce Training & Development

Training and development activities that support careers in EVs, EV infrastructure, and EV-related technologies

Eligible Costs:

- Workforce assessment, job outreach, curriculum and career path development.
- Training for construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and service related to EVs, EV charging, or EV-related technologies.



Unallowable Costs

- Forgone Profit
- Forgone Rent
- Discounted or Refunded Equipment Costs
- Forgone Salary, Fringe, Indirect or Other Types of Cost
- Hydrogen refueling infrastructure
- EV Chargers installed for private use at single-family or multi-family residence
- Vehicle incentives
- Infrastructure not directly related to EV charging, beyond associated resiliency technologies
- Costs that occur outside of the grant agreement term
- Direct lobbying
- Certain costs associated with job outreach and engagement
- Utility-provided electrical upgrades & funding
- Compliance
- Utility bills
- Extended warranties



Question and Answers

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Application Components

GFO-23-607 Tribal Electric Vehicle Infrastructure,
Planning, and Workforce Funding Opportunity



Application Content

Application Components:

Item	Solicitation Attachment#
Project Narrative	N/A
Scope of Work	Attachment 1
Schedule of Products and Due Dates	Attachment 3
Proposal Budget Template	Attachment 4
<i>Resumes</i>	N/A
Contact List	Attachment 5
Letters of Support/Commitment	N/A
CEQA/Environmental Compliance Form	Attachment 6
Localized Health Impacts Information Form	Attachment 7
Past Performance Reference Form(s)	Attachment 8
Applicant Declaration	Attachment 9

GFO-23-007 Solicitation Website:

SOLICITATION FILES

-  [00_GFO-23-607_Solicitation_Manual_ada.docx](#)
-  [01_GFO-23-607_Att_01_Scope_of_Work_ada.docx](#)
-  [02_GFO-23-607_Att_02_Scope_of_Work_Instructions_ada.docx](#)
-  [03_GFO-23-607_Att_03_Schedule_of_Products_and_Due_Dates_ada.xlsx](#)
-  [04_GFO-23-607_Att_04_Proposal_Budget_Template_Tribal_Energy.docx](#)
-  [05_GFO-23-607_Att_05_Contacts_List_ada.docx](#)
-  [06_GFO-23-607_Att_06_CEQA_Worksheet_ada\(ci 12-29-23\).docx](#)
-  [07_GFO-23-607_Att_07_Local_Health_Impacts_Information_ada.docx](#)
-  [08_GFO-23-607_Att_08_Past_Performance_Reference_Form_ada.docx](#)
-  [09_GFO-23-607_Att_09_Applicant_Declaration_ada.docx](#)
-  [10_GFO-23-607_Att_10_CTP_Grant_Ex_C_Standard_General_ada.docx](#)



Project Narrative

Outline

- Table of contents
- Project description
- Goals and objectives
- Evaluation criteria:
 1. Demonstrative Need or Value
 2. Project Implementation and Readiness
 3. Teams Qualifications and Experience
 4. Project Budget and Cost Effectiveness



Project Narrative cont.

- 10 Page Limit, not including:
 - Table of Contents
 - Other application components (SoW, Schedule, Budget, Resume, etc.)
- Applying for multiple Project Activities?
 - Describe all activities in your project narrative
 - Please include how much is being budgeted for EV Workforce Training and Development.



SoW - Scope of Work (Attachment 1)

Tasks should include:

- Goal
 - Bulleted list of activities
 - Products resulting from the individual tasks
- Template instructions: **bold blue**
 - Text within < > should be filled out by the recipient
 - Tasks should be comprehensive and sequential
 - Please don't change pre-defined tasks

Attachment 1
Exhibit A
SCOPE OF WORK

TECHNICAL TASK LIST

<Insert the Task numbers and Task names for your Agreement. Applicants may leave the CPR column blank.>

Task #	CPR	Task Name
1		Administration
2		<Insert Task Name>
3		<Insert Task Name>
<Etc.>		<Insert Task Name>
<Etc.>		<Insert Task Name>
<Fourth to Last Task>		Operations and Reliability
<Third to Last Task>		Semi-Annual Electric Vehicle Charger Inventory Reports (for charging infrastructure projects)
<Second to Last Task>		Data Collection and Analysis
<Last Task>		Project Fact Sheet

KEY NAME LIST

<Insert the Task numbers and the Key names for each Task in your Project. Include Key names only if the value of the project would significantly change without those personnel, subcontractors, or partners. Add additional lines as needed. Alternatively, you may delete this table if there are no key names.>

Task #	Key Personnel	Key Subcontractor(s)	Key Partner(s)
1	<Name>	<Name>	<Name>
2	<Name>	<Name>	<Name>
3	<Name>	<Name>	<Name>



Schedule of Products and Due Dates (Attachment 3)

Identify due dates for deliverables (products) in the SoW.

- Provide realistic dates on when deliverables can be completed
- Important: all work completed within three years of the agreement start date and no later than **March 31, 2027**

Schedule of Products and Due Dates

Task Number	Task Name	Product(s)	Due Date
1.1	Attend Kick-off Meeting	Updated Schedule of Products	<Insert Date>
		Updated List of Match Funds	<Insert Date>
		Updated List of Permits	<Insert Date>
		Written Statement of Match Share Activities	<Insert Date>
		Kick-Off Meeting Agenda (CEC)	<Insert Date>
1.2	Critical Project Review Meetings	CPR Report	<Insert Date>
		1st CPR Meeting	<Insert Date>
		CPR Meeting Agenda (CEC)	<Insert Date>
		Schedule for written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
		Written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
<Add as many CPRs as required>	<Utilize same products as 1st CPR Meeting>	<Insert Date>	
<Add as many CPRs as required>	<Utilize same products as 1st CPR Meeting>	<Insert Date>	
1.3	Final Meeting	Written documentation of meeting agreements	<Insert Date>
		Schedule for completing closeout activities	<Insert Date>
1.4	Monthly Calls	Email to CAM concurring with call summary notes	Within 5 days of receipt
1.5	Quarterly Progress Reports		10th calendar day of each January, April, July, and October during the approved term of this Agreement
		Quarterly Progress Reports	
1.6	Final Report	Outline of the Final Report	<Insert Date>
		Draft Final Report	<Insert Date>
		Final Report (no less than 60 days before the end term of the agreement)	<Insert Date>
1.7	Identify and Obtain Match Funds (if applicable)	A letter regarding match funds or stating that no match funds are provided	<Insert Date>
		Copy(ies) of each match fund commitment letter(s) (if applicable)	<Insert Date>
		Letter(s) for new match funds (if applicable)	Within 10 days of identifying new match funds
		Letter that match funds were reduced (if applicable)	Within 10 days of identifying reduced funds
1.8	Identify and Obtain Required Permits (if applicable)	Letter documenting the permits or stating that no permits are required	<Insert Date>



Proposal Budget (Attachment 4)

How will funds be spent?

- Matching funds not required.
- Include all reimbursable project costs.
- Cost Categories
- Major Subrecipients
 - > \$100,000 of CEC funds
 - Require a separate budget form

➤ Applicant updates blue cells: \$ -

➤ Budget category guidance: [CEC ECAMS Resources webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/ecams-resources) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/ecams-resources>

Category Budget				SANDBOX AREA (highlighted in light red)- For rough work associated with the print are				
PROPOSAL BUDGET				"Category Budget" value check, below, to use to ensure that values files when converting or updating budget files.				
Grant Funding Number	GFO-23-607			Paste values in Blue cells below from "Category Budget" tab of the budget file that you want to compare against (such as another Budget Worksheet file, an Agreement Budget file, or an old budget file that you want to convert to the new templates). The formulas in the "Category Budget" v with those of this bu from both budget file Values that DO NOT will receive a "Fail" r conditionally formatt				
Name of Organization	ABC company							
Select Recipient or Subrecipient								
Select your organization's California Business Certifications								
Cost Category	CEC Share	Match Share	Total	CEC Share	Match Share	Total	CEC Share	M
Direct Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Pass	
Fringe Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Pass	
Total Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Pass	
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Pass	
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Pass	
Materials/Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Pass	
Subrecipients/Vendors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Pass	
Total Other Direct Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Pass	

Cost Categories



Contact List (Attachment 5)

- Applicants must include contact information for the project's Project Manager, Administrator, and Accounting Officer.
- The CEC will complete the CEC points of contact during agreement development
- Complete the blue text in the right-hand column.

Attachment 05 CONTACT LIST

Please complete the information in the "Recipient" column.

California Energy Commission	Recipient
<p>Commission Agreement Manager: <i>(Progress Reports and Non-Confidential Products may be emailed to the CAM or uploaded into ECAMS with Invoice.)</i></p> <p>(TBD by Commission) California Energy Commission 715 P Street, MS-6 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (916) XXX-XXXX e-mail:</p>	<p>Project Manager:</p> <p>Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX Fax: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:</p>
<p>Commission Agreement Officer: [CAO Name] California Energy Commission Contracts, Grants, and Loans Office 715 P Street, MS-18 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (916) XXX-XXXX</p>	<p>Administrator:</p> <p>Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX Fax: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:</p>
<p>Invoices:</p> <p>Please submit electronic invoices in ECAMS:</p> <p>https://ecams.energy.ca.gov/s/login/</p>	<p>Accounting Officer:</p> <p>Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX Fax: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:</p>



Resumes

- Applicants must include resumes for key personnel identified in the application
- Resumes are limited to a maximum of 2 pages each
- “Key personnel” are individuals who are critical to the project due to their experience, knowledge, and/or capabilities.

FIRST LASTNAME

Construction Worker
Seattle, WA
firstlast@email.com
555-555-5555

Effective at using forklift's, hand trucks and pallet jacks to move merchandise. Skilled at inspecting stock, tagging product and updating computer tracking systems. Well-versed in warehouse operations, inventory audits and loading and unloading procedures.

Eligible to work for any employer in the U.S.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Construction Worker

NewCompany January 2018 to Present

Unpacked and assembled all new merchandise using variety of power tools and lean manufacturing. Heavy Lifting. Measuring. Organize Building Materials. Read and Interpret Drawings. Safety. Supported technicians in equipment maintenance and repair. Organized Warehouse Operations.

Crew Lead

CompanyCo, Inc July 2017 to December 2017

Trained employees so that they were well-educated in time management and the proper ways to complete their job duties. Utilized all machinery and equipment while observing various safety precautions and practices. Ensured that job tasks were completed to standards and in accordance with company guidelines. Maintained the job site on a daily basis and checked to see that all trash and refuse was removed. Completed daily forklift safety checklists. Located proper slots on storage racks and set pallets in place with forklift and pallet jack.

EDUCATION

High school or equivalent

Ged Program - NewCity, NC
April 2015 to February 2016



Letters of Support/Commitment

Required

- Key Project Partners
 - Tribal Council
 - If the applicant is an Authorized Tribal Representative or Tribal Designees applying on behalf of an eligible tribe. with the written consent of the Tribal Council.
 - 3rd Party Match Share Contributors
- No template, two-page limit per letter.

Optional

Third-party letters of support from

- Potential users of the proposed project
- State or federal agencies
- Local safety officials



California Environmental Quality Act / Environmental Compliance Form (Attachment 6)

Includes different types of environmental compliance (not just CEQA)

- Applicants must submit a completed CEQA/Environmental Compliance Form - or provide information that explains the exemption.
- Include CEQA documentation

➤ CEQA Questions?

Contact CAO: Eilene Cary
eilene.cary@energy.ca.gov
 Subject: GFO-23-607 - CEQA

ATTACHMENT 6

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)/Environmental Compliance Form

All applicants **must complete** this form, regardless of whether the proposed activity is considered a "project" as defined below. Answer all questions as completely as possible. The Energy Commission may request additional information in order to clarify the responses provided on this form.

Section 1: Information Regarding Applicant

1. Is the applicant a federally recognized tribe?

- Yes (If Yes, please answer remaining Questions within Section 1 and then proceed to Section 2)
- No (If no, please skip to Section 2 regarding the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.))

2. Is any portion of the proposed project on the tribe's reservation lands or otherwise in Indian Country?

- Yes
- No

If the answer to Question 2 was "Yes," please provide documentation to identify the status of the parcels on which the project is located.

3. Has the applicant prepared any environmental assessment required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), applicable Tribal law, and/or a Tribal-State Gaming Compact?¹²

¹ Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 15277 states:

CEQA does not apply to any project or portion thereof located outside of California which will be subject to environmental impact review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 or pursuant to a law of that state requiring preparation of a document containing essentially the same points of analysis as in an Environmental Impact Statement prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Any emissions or discharges that would have a significant effect on the environment in the State of California are subject to CEQA where a California public agency has authority over the emissions or discharges.

² The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.) requires a Tribe to enter into a Tribal-State compact with a State if the Tribe is planning to develop a new gaming facility that includes Class III games or gaming devices. The Tribal Government Gaming and Economic Self-Sufficiency Act of 1998 (Cal. Gov. Code § 98000 et seq.) authorized the Governor to enter into compacts with Tribes and established the basic terms of the compacts. Compacts adopted pursuant to Gov. Code § 98000 et seq. may contain environmental review provisions.



Local Health Impacts Information (LHI) Form (Attachment 7)

As required by Assembly Bill 118, guidelines are documented in CARB’s AB 118 Air Quality Guidelines.

Includes:

- Project Site Location(s)
- Demographic Data
- Estimate of Project-generated Emissions
- Project Health Impacts
- Community Outreach Efforts

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Attachment 07

LOCAL HEALTH IMPACTS INFORMATION

Air Quality Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Chapter 8.1, Section 2343(c)(8)(A)) require the Energy Commission to analyze the aggregate locations of the funded projects, analyze the impacts in communities with the most significant exposure to air contaminants or localized air contaminants, or both, including, but not limited to, communities of minority populations or low-income populations, and identify agency outreach to community groups and other affected stakeholders.

This information must be provided for all AB 118 funding categories, including fueling stations, fuel production, feedstock production or procurement, and vehicle or technology component production.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete the following information for all sites where work for the proposed project that will require a permit will be done. For project sites on tribal land, please complete the following if the proposed project will require Tribal licensing, permitting, environmental review, or other entitlement or precondition from a Tribal body. Attach additional pages if necessary. If the project includes multiple sites, you may submit this information in a table format using the bolded font below as column headers.

PROJECT NAME

APPLICANT'S NAME AND ORGANIZATION

PROJECT SITE(S) DESCRIPTION

Provide the precise street address(es) of the site(s) and a description of existing infrastructure or facilities (if any), surrounding structures, reference to any regional plans or zoning requirements for each location, and its proximity to residences, day care facilities, elder care facilities, medical facilities, and schools.

(E.g., Site 1: 123 Main Street, Grand Terrace, CA, 92313, Vacant lot in a commercially zoned area. Commercial buildings surround the lot. No residences, daycare facilities, elder care facilities, medical facilities or schools within ¼ mile; Site 2: 321 Beach Street, San Francisco, CA, Existing gasoline/diesel fueling station. Residential area within 200 on South and East ends of project site.)

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Provide demographic data at the city or Zip code level for either the project location or the location of the potential health impacts, including:

- Total population
- Median education level
- Unemployment rate
- Percentage of minorities (by ethnicity)
- Percentage of population falling under the poverty level
- Percentage of population under 5 years and over 65 years of age

Suggested sources: [Census Data](#), <https://www.census.gov>, city website, local economic development department, Employment Development Department Labor Market Information Data Division.

Cite your data sources including name of data source, date of data.

PROJECT-GENERATED EMISSIONS

Provide a quantified description of the air emissions (criteria and toxic) directly associated with the project's operations, including, but not limited to: 1) transport (truck or rail) of fuel, feedstock or other material to project site as required for operations and production; 2) production of fuel or technology components; 3) fueling of alternatively-fueled vehicles; 4) potential increases to traffic.

PROJECT HEALTH IMPACTS

Using the demographic data and emissions information, provide a description of the project's potential localized health impacts. For this section, "potential localized health impact" denotes the project's potential to add criteria pollutants and toxic air contaminants to a localized air shed and affect ambient air quality levels to an extent that local community health is adversely affected.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Provide the page number in the proposal that describes the project goal and proposed infrastructure changes.

Provide estimate of environmental benefits and/or impacts from the proposed project.

OUTREACH EFFORTS

Describe outreach efforts to be implemented throughout the project to educate the surrounding community of these benefits and/or impacts. Include method of outreach (e.g., flyer, town hall meeting), frequency of outreach, number of targeted stakeholders, and information to be provided.



Past Performance Reference Form (Attachment 8)

Applicants must fill out a separate Past Performance Reference Form for each prior agreement (contract, grant or loan) received by the applicant.

- CEC: All agreements within the last 10 years
- Other public agencies: five most recent agreements within the last 10 years
- References may be contacted by CEC staff.
- Applicants with no previous agreements, please explain in the Project Narrative, Team Experience and Qualifications.

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Name of Organization	
Address	
Contact Name	
Contact Title	
Contact Phone Number (or Email)	
Title of Project	
Agreement Number or Other Unique Identifier	
(For projects that did not complete (or timely complete) project objectives) Describe the challenges faced, what led to those challenges and indicate whether those challenges were within the Applicant's control.	
Describe any severe audit findings and how they were ultimately addressed and resolved.	
Describe the final outcome of the project.	



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Application Evaluation

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How Will My Application Be Evaluated?

Stage One: Application Screening

- Administrative Screening Criteria (Pass/Fail)
- Technical Screening Criteria
 1. The Applicant is an eligible applicant.
 2. The project is an eligible project.
 3. The Applicant passes the past performance screening criterion.
- Past Performance Criteria (Pass/Fail)

Stage Two: Application Technical Evaluation and Scoring

*Applicants must pass ALL screening criteria, or the application shall be disqualified and eliminated from further evaluation.



Administrative Screening Criteria

Criteria	Pass/Fail
1. The application is received by the due date and time specified in the “Key Activities Schedule” in Section I of this solicitation.	Pass or Fail
2. The Applicant has not included a statement that is contrary to the required authorizations and certifications when submitting in ECAMS.	Pass or Fail



Technical Screening Criteria

Criteria	Pass/Fail
1. The Applicant is an eligible applicant.	Pass or Fail
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4. The applicant passes the past performance criterion.	Pass or Fail



Past Performance Screening

1. An Applicant may be disqualified due to severe performance issues characterized by significant negative outcomes under one or more prior or active CEC agreement(s) within the last 10 years.
2. Any applicant that does not have an active or prior agreement equates to no severe performance issues and therefore would pass this screening criteria.



Technical Application Evaluation and Scoring

Scoring Criterion	Possible Points
1. Demonstrated Need or Value	30
2. Project Implementation and Readiness	30
3. Team Qualifications and Experience	20
4. Project Budget and Cost Effectiveness	20
Total Possible Points	100
Minimum Points to Pass (70%)	70



Demonstrated Need or Value (30 points)

Applications will be evaluated on the degree to which:

- The proposed project fulfills a demonstrated Tribal need and would not proceed in the absence of CEC funds.
- The proposed project will have a positive impact on the tribal community.
- The proposal details and provides proposed metrics to quantify and demonstrate the proposed projects benefits to the Tribal community, and how those benefits meet the described need.
- The Applicant has demonstrated a need for resiliency technology to support reliable EV charging, if the application requests funds for resiliency technologies.
- The Applicant has demonstrated a need for workforce training and development funding to support EVs, EV infrastructure, and EV-related technologies, as applicable.



Project Implementation and Readiness (30 points)

Applications will be evaluated on the degree to which:

- The Scope of Work is accurate, complete, detailed, and thorough.
- The project narrative clearly describes project goals and objectives, as applicable.
- The proposed project is technically feasible and can address critical factors and risks to project success.
- The project schedule is complete, sequential, reasonable, expedited, and will lead to successful and scheduled completion of the project.



Team Qualifications and Experience (20 points)

Applications will be evaluated on the degree to which:

- The proposed project team is qualified, and has the relevant expertise, experience, skill sets and suitability to the tasks described in the proposed scope of work.
- The Applicant demonstrates experience with existing or prior funding agreements from the CEC or other public agencies, as applicable, and how the project team completed objectives in a timely, efficient, and professional manner.
- The proposed project team demonstrates their ability to manage and implement large, complex projects and meet deadlines and milestones and control project costs.
- Past performance on prior CEC awards has been timely and exceptional.
- Proposed project team member and key project partner functions are relevant and applicable to the proposed project.



Project Budget and Cost Effectiveness (20 points)

Applications will be evaluated on the degree to which:

- The proposed budget is justified and reasonable relative to the project goals, objectives, and tasks.
- The Applicant addresses and mitigates potential risks and budget contingencies.
- The proposed project minimizes administrative and overhead costs for reimbursement.
- The proposed project has documented internal controls and processes to ensure complete and accurate accounting of project funds, and proper invoicing and payment of bills.
- The proposed project is fiscally sustainable and will continue beyond the term of the CEC's funding agreement.



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Application Submittal

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GFO Submission Requirements (ECAMS)

- Electronic files must be in Microsoft Word and Excel formats, unless originally provided in the solicitation in another format
- Application documents should meet formatting requirements, and page recommendations provided in the solicitation manual
- Attachments requiring signatures (Support/Commitment Letters) may be scanned and submitted in PDF format
- Until further notice, any requirement in CEC solicitations to provide a signature is waived. *In ECAMS, checking the "I Agree" box and clicking the "I Agree & Submit" button provides the required authorizations and certifications*
 - Notice on CEC's waiver of the signature requirement appears here: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/solicitations>



GFO Submission Requirements

- Applications will be submitted through the Energy Commission Agreement Management System, available at: <https://ecams.energy.ca.gov/>
- **Applicants must have or create a user account in order to apply for this solicitation.** To create an account, please see the guidance document titled [User Registration Instructions](#)
- One account manager per organization
 - Users can be added by account manager

The screenshot displays the California Energy Commission website. At the top left is the logo, and at the top right is a search bar and a 'Sign In' button. Below the navigation bar is a 'Welcome!' message and a large 'Funding Opportunities' heading with a 'View Solutions' button. A banner image shows a colorful bus, a wind turbine, solar panels, and a house. Below the banner is a paragraph: 'The California Energy Commission offers a variety of funding opportunities to advance the state's transition to clean energy and transportation through innovation, efficiency, and the development and deployment of advanced technologies.'

The main content area features six tiles:

- Funding Workshops:** Find upcoming workshops to learn about solicitations, ask questions, network, and meet potential project partners.
- Awards:** Information about the California Energy Commission's awards, including notices of proposed awards and notices of selection.
- Funding Resources:** Guides, forms, templates, and other resources for individuals applying for funding opportunities that the California Energy Commission offers.
- ECAMS Grant Resources:** Templates, forms, and tools for the invoicing process and agreement management in general.
- Empower Innovation:** Empower Innovation is an initiative of the California Energy Commission, in partnership with leading California technology accelerators, fellowship programs, nonprofits, and private partners.
- Salesforce Training:** How to apply for solicitations and submit invoices.

At the bottom right, there is a 'Contact' section with the email address: ecams-salesforcesupport@energy.ca.gov



GFO Submission Resources (ECAMS)

- For detailed instructions on how to submit an application, please see the [Applying for a Solicitation](#) guidance document
- Both of the referenced guidance documents are available at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources> under *General Funding Information*
- Any questions about the ECAMS system can be sent to ECAMS.SalesforceSupport@Energy.ca.gov

A screenshot of a web application interface. At the top is a dark blue header with the text "General Funding Information" and a white "X" icon in the top right corner. Below the header, the page is divided into two sections. The first section is titled "GRANT SOLICITATION SYSTEM (GSS) INFORMATION" and contains two bullet points: "Grant Solicitation System (GSS) Login" and "How to Apply - PDF". The second section is titled "ENERGY COMMISSION AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ECAMS)" and is enclosed in a red rectangular border. It contains three bullet points: "Energy Commission Agreement Management System (ECAMS) Login", "User Registration - PDF", and "Applying for a Solicitation".



GFO Submission (ECAMS)

Submit applications early!

The ECAMS system will stop accepting application documents promptly at the deadline of 11:59 p.m. on **April 24, 2024**

Applications in the process of being submitted prior to the deadline will NOT be accepted after the deadline



Written Questions

Please send all questions related to GFO-23-607 to:

Eilene Cary

Commission Agreement Officer

715 P Street, MS-18

Sacramento, CA 95814

(916) 931-5973

E-mail: Eilene.Cary@energy.ca.gov

(Please add subject line: GFO-23-607)

Deadline to submit questions: March 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m. PST

Deadline to submit applications: April 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. PST



Key Dates

Activity	Action Date
Solicitation Release	January 18, 2024
Pre-Application Workshop	February 15, 2024
Deadline for Written Questions by 5:00 p.m.	March 1, 2024
Anticipated Distribution of Question/Answers	Week of March 11, 2024
Support for Application Submission in ECAMS by 5:00 p.m.	Ongoing until April 24, 2024
Deadline to Submit Applications by 11:59 p.m.	April 24, 2024
Anticipated Notice of Proposed Awards Posting	July 2024
Anticipated Energy Commission Business Meeting	Q3 2024



Question and Answers

Three ways to ask questions:

Please state your name and affiliation. Keep questions under 3 minutes to allow time for others.

1. Use the raise hand function in Zoom

Zoom Phone Controls:

- *6 – Toggle mute/unmute
- *9 – Raise hand

2. Type questions in the Zoom Q&A Box

- **Submit written questions**

Send written questions to E-mail: Eilene.Cary@energy.ca.gov

Deadline: March 1, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. PST



Thank You