**GFO-23-312**

**Addendum 1**

**May 30, 2024**

**Community Energy Reliability and Resilience Investment (CERRI) Program**

**Round 1 Solicitation**

Disclaimer: Textual content contained within brackets and with ~~strikethrough~~ was removed. Textual content **underlined and bolded** was added.

The purpose of this addendum is to notify potential applicants of changes that have been made to the GFO-23-312 Solicitation Manual (Attachment 00) and the Application Submittal Checklist (Attachment A). Clarifying language was added in the solicitation manual consistent with written responses to questions asked during the pre-application workshop and written question submittal period.

## **Attachment 00 GFO-23-312 Solicitation Manual**

1. Cover page. **Addendum 1** **May** ~~March~~ 2024
2. Page 10 of the Solicitation Manual, Section II.C, Match Funding Requirements:

* ~~Match funds must be spent only during the agreement term, either before or concurrently with CERRI funds. Match funds also must be reported in invoices submitted to the CEC.~~ **Match share expenditures for permitting and environmental review are allowable under an agreement only if they are incurred after CEC notifies the Applicant that its project has been proposed for an award through the release of a Notice of Proposed Award (NOPA). Match expenditures incurred after the release of a NOPA but prior to the execution of an agreement are made at the Applicant’s own risk. CEC is not liable for Applicant’s match share costs if the grant is not approved, if approval is delayed, or if the match share expenditure is not allowable under the terms and conditions of the grant or this solicitation. Please note that non-match expenditures incurred prior to agreement execution are not reimbursable from CERRI funds.**

1. Page 16 of the Solicitation Manual, Section III.C, Application Content, under “5. Budget Forms (Attachment 05)”:
2. **Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) Waivers**

**When necessary, recipients may apply for, and Department of Energy (DOE) may grant, a waiver from the Buy America requirements. DOE may grant a waiver if it determines that the request meets one of the following justifications:**

* 1. **Public Interest: Applying the Buy America Requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest.**
  2. **Non-Availability: The types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality.**
  3. **Unreasonable Cost: The inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.**

**Anticipated waiver requests should be submitted in writing with the application package. Waiver requests are subject to review by DOE and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as well as a public comment period of at least 15 calendar days. Recipient’s waiver requests will be made publicly available on DOE’s and OMB’s websites. Waiver requests may take up to 90 calendar days to process. DOE may reject or grant waivers in whole or in part depending on its review, analysis, and/or feedback from OMB or the public. DOE’s final determination regarding approval or rejection of the waiver request may not be appealed.**

**Additional guidance on submission of a waiver request and the existing BABA waivers can be found** [**here**](https://www.energy.gov/management/doe-buy-america-requirement-waiver-requests)**: https://www.energy.gov/management/doe-buy-america-requirement-waiver-requests.**

1. Page 20 of the Solicitation Manual, Section IV.B, Ranking, Notice of Proposed Award, and Agreement Development, under “1. Ranking and Notice of Proposed Award”

* CEC staff will post a ~~Notice of Proposed Award (~~NOPA~~)~~ that includes: (1) the total proposed funding amount; (2) the rank order of applicants; and (3) the amount of each proposed award. The CEC will post the NOPA at its headquarters in Sacramento and on its website and will mail it to all entities that submitted an application. Proposed awards must be approved by the CEC at a business meeting.

1. Page 36 of the Solicitation, Section V.B, Applicable Laws, Policies, and Background Documents, under “Relevant Information”

**Relevant Information**

* **U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office: Low-Cost Grid Resilience Projects**

**This resource provides an overview of 40101(d) allowable projects that are likely to cost under $500,000 and can be impactful against a range of outage threats, including both cost estimates and potential benefits for these projects. Additionally, the document includes suggestions for how to work with utilities to show the benefit of this opportunity and select mutually agreeable projects for proposal.**

**Link to Resource:** [**https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2024-02/46060\_DOE\_GDO\_Low\_Cost\_Grid\_Resilience\_Projects\_RELEASE\_508.pdf**](https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2024-02/46060_DOE_GDO_Low_Cost_Grid_Resilience_Projects_RELEASE_508.pdf)

* **U.S. Department of Energy: Innovative Grid Deployment Liftoff report**

**The Innovative Grid Deployment Liftoff report is focused on identifying pathways to accelerate deployment of key commercially available but underutilized advanced grid solutions on the existing transmission and distribution system to address near-term hotspots and modernize the grid to prepare for a wide range of energy futures.**

**Link to Resource: https://liftoff.energy.gov/innovative-grid-deployment/**

1. Page 38 of the Solicitation, Section V.D, Additional Requirements, under 3. Build America Buy America (BABA) Requirement"

Waiver requests are subject to review by DOE and ~~the Office of Management and Budget (~~OMB~~)~~, as well as a public comment period of no less than 15 calendar days. DOE may reject or grant waivers in whole or in part depending on its review, analysis, and/or feedback from OMB or the public.

## **Attachment A Application Submittal Checklist**

1. Page 2 of the Application Submittal Checklist, under “Attachment Number 05 Budget Form”:

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| 05 | **Budget Form:**  Requested funding is within the minimum and maximum amounts of the CERRI program. (See solicitation manual, Section I.C.1)  Review the Project Budget for completeness. Only complete the non-greyed areas and do not modify preset formulas. The DOE forms (blue highlighted sheets) do not need to be filled out by applicant; they will be auto populated by the information provided by the applicant.  Category budget – complete organization name and amount of funds to be spent in California, check totals.  Direct Labor – ensure all columns A-J are completed. Check totals. Ensure that all rates are projected caps for the duration of the project. See instructions on Direct Labor tab for more information.  Fringe Benefits – ensure all columns A-P are completed. Check totals. Again, ensure that all rates are the projected caps for the duration of the project. Additional instructions can be found on the Fringe Benefits tab.  Travel – ensure all columns A-J are completed. Check totals. Ensure that no out-of-state or international travel is listed under CEC Funds.  Equipment – ensure all columns A-J are completed. Check totals.  Supplies – ensure all columns A-J are completed. Check totals.  Subcontracts – ensure all columns A-H are completed. Check totals***.***  Subcontractors receiving $100k or more of CEC funds or 25% or more of total requested CEC funds have their own set of complete budget forms, including a full set of worksheets.  Construction – ensure all columns A-J are completed. Check totals.  Other- ensure all columns A-J are completed. Include any costs needed for the project that do not apply to other categories. Check totals.  Indirect Costs & Profit – ensure all columns A-F are completed. Check totals. Use “Additional Explanation” box to explain calculations.  Match funding amount and sources are consistent with the Commitment Letters (Attachment 08).  **Ensure** **Build America Buy America (BABA) Waiver Requests are submitted in writing with sufficient information (if applicable).** |

## **Attachment 09 Project Metrics**

1. Job Creation and Training

Project Metrics tab, cells F46/47: Number from ~~DAC and/or Local Project Community~~ **Priority Communities** [*Note: bold and strikeout do not show in Excel.*]

## **Attachment 10 Applicant Declaration**

1. Page 2: If unable to sign this form due to failure to meet the standards set forth in the bullet list items above, please detail the reason(s) why in the space provided below. **Applicants who are unable to sign this form will remain eligible for award consideration.**