**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Food Production Investment Program 2024**

 **GFO-23-305**

**June 28, 2024**

On January 19, 2024, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund the adoption of advanced energy and decarbonization technologies and equipment for food processing and related supportive facilities to support electrical grid reliability, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and benefit priority populations. Up to $23,890,000 (reduced from $36,000,000 due to reductions in the Food Production Investment Program funding) is available to fund applications.

The CEC received 28 proposals by the due date, May 09, 2024. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. 25 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 $23,444,614.

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-23-305 is posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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