**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Virtual Power Plant Approaches for Demand Flexibility (VPP-FLEX) GFO-23-309**

**October 4, 2024**

On March 1, 2024, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund technology demonstration projects of innovative technologies that increase demand flexibility to help achieve statewide goals such as 7,000 megawatts of load shift by 2030. Up to $21,000,000 in Electric Program Investment Charge funding is available to fund applications in:

* Group 1: Community Virtual Power Plant Approaches for Demand Flexibility
* Group 2: Interoperable Energy Management Systems for Commercial Buildings

The CEC received 17 proposals by the due date, July 1, 2024. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Seventeen 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 $20,995,556.

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-23-309 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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