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

**Round 1 Solicitation**

Disclaimer: The addendum includes the following revisions to the Solicitation Manual and Attachments. Added language appears in **bold underline**, and deleted language appears in [~~strikethrough~~] and within square brackets.

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).

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will post a notice of letter of intent(s) (NOLOI) that identifies the **GFO-23-312, the Community Energy Reliability and Resilience Investment (CERRI) Program** applications the CEC selected and recommended for funding to the Department of Energy. The NOLOI will be posted on the **GFO-23-312 CERRI Program** [**web page**](https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2024-03/gfo-23-312-community-energy-reliability-and-resilience-investment-cerri) by **Friday, December 06, 2024** and include the recommended funding amount and application score. Applicants may receive a Letter of Intent for funding from the CEC based on their application score.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the full Solicitation Manual Addendum 05 to ensure that all program and application requirements have been addressed. Updates may be communicated in a future announcement.

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

1. Change to Cover Page: **Addendum 5** and **October** [~~March~~] 2024.
2. Change to Solicitation Manual pages 6-7. Updated Section I.D Key Activities Schedule

| ACTIVITY | DATE | TIME[[1]](#footnote-2) |
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| Solicitation Release | March 28, 2024 |  |
| **Pre-Application Workshop** | **April 11, 2024** | **10:00 a.m.** |
| **Deadline for Written Questions[[2]](#footnote-3)** | **April 26, 2024** | **5:00 p.m.** |
| Anticipated Distribution of Questions and Answers | May 24, 2024 |  |
| **Deadline for Second Written Questions[[3]](#footnote-4)** | **September 20, 2024** | **5:00 p.m.** |
| **Anticipated Distribution of Questions and Answers** | [~~September 27, 2024~~]  **October 2, 2024** | **5:00 p.m.** |
| **Support for Application Submission in ECAMS** | [~~June 28, 2024~~]  [~~September 27, 2024~~]  **October 11, 2024** | **5:00 p.m.[[4]](#footnote-5)** |
| **Deadline to Submit Applications** | [~~July 12, 2024~~]  [~~September 27, 2024~~]  **October 11, 2024** | **11:59 p.m.** |
| **Anticipated Notice of Proposed Award Posting Date (Awardee will receive a Letter of Intent)** | **December 6, 2024** |  |
| CEC Recommends Awards to DOE for Approval[[5]](#footnote-6) | [~~September 6, 2024~~]  **December 16, 2024** |  |
| Anticipated Notice of Proposed Award Posting Date | [~~Q4, 2024~~] **Q2, 2025[[6]](#footnote-7)** |  |
| Anticipated CEC Business Meeting Date | [~~Q1, 2025~~] **Q3, 2025** |  |
| Anticipated Agreement Start Date | [~~Q1, 2025~~] **Q1, 2026** |  |
| Anticipated Agreement End Date | April 30, [~~2028~~] **2029**[[7]](#footnote-8) |  |

1. Change to Solicitation Manual page 13. Updated 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)]~~ Letter of Intent (NOLOI). Match expenditures incurred after the release of a [~~NOPA]~~ NOLOI but prior to the execution of an agreement are made at the Applicant’s own risk and are only allowed for the category of permitting and environmental review. 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. Change to Solicitation Manual page 26. Updated Section IV.B Ranking, Pre-Federal Approval Notice of Letter of Intent, Notice of Proposed Award, and Agreement Development.
2. **Ranking, Pre-Federal Approval Notice of Letter of Intent, Notice of Proposed Award, and Agreement Development**
3. **Ranking and Notice of Proposed Award**

Applications that receive at least the minimum required score for all criteria will be ranked according to their score.

* **CEC staff will post a Notice of Letter of Intent (NOLOI) that identifies the applications the CEC has selected and will recommend for funding to the DOE. The NOLOI will include the recommended funding amount and application score. This is posted before DOE’s final approval of proposed awards. Applicants may receive a Letter of Intent for funding from the CEC based on the score of their application. After proposed awards have received final approval from DOE, the CEC will post a Notice of Proposed Award (NOPA).**
* CEC staff will post a **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.
  + NOPA releases will be coordinated with the DOE following its final approval of the proposed awards.
* **Debriefings:** Unsuccessful applicants may request a debriefing after the release of the

NOPA by contacting the CAO listed in Part I. A request for debriefing must be received **no later than 30 calendar days** after the NOPA is released.

* In addition to any of its other rights, the CEC reserves the right to:
  + Allocate any additional funds to passing applications, in rank order; and
  + Negotiate with successful applicantstomodify the project scope, schedule, project team entity that will receive the award, location, and/or level of funding.

Laura Williams,

Commission Agreement Officer

1. Pacific Standard Time or Pacific Daylight Time, whichever is being observed. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. This deadline does not apply to non-technical questions (e.g., administrative questions concerning application format requirements or attachment instructions), including questions regarding application submission in the ECAMS system or to questions that address an ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in the solicitation. Such questions may be submitted to the CAO listed in Section E (to be provided in final solicitation manual) at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. of the application deadline date. Please see Section E (to be provided in the final solicitation manual) for additional information. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. This deadline does not apply to non-technical questions (e.g., administrative questions concerning application format requirements or attachment instructions), including questions regarding application submission in the ECAMS system or to questions that address an ambiguity, conflict

   discrepancy, omission, or other error in the solicitation. Such questions may be submitted to the CAO listed in Section E (to be provided in final solicitation manual) at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. of the application deadline date. Please see Section E (to be provided in the final solicitation manual) for additional information. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Please see Section I.G Questions (to be provided in final solicitation manual) and Section III.B Method for Delivery for more information. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. DOE maintains final approval on all awarded projects. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. **Contingent upon approval from the U.S. Department of Energy.** [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. Extensions may be requested to DOE through CEC on a yearly basis. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)