**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Industrial Carbon Dioxide Utilization for Value Added Products**

**GFO-23-502**

**October 17, 2024**

On March 13, 2024, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund improvements to the energy efficiency of innovative approaches and processes for manufacturing commodities using carbon dioxide captured from industrial emissions or air. The solicitation targets technologies that have the potential to decarbonize difficult-to-abate industrial fossil gas use via carbon dioxide utilization to create value-added products.

The CEC received nine proposals by the due date, August 7, 2024. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Nine 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 $6,100,000.

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-23-502 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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