**REVISED NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Note: Added language appears in bold underline, and deleted language appears in [~~strikethrough]~~ and within square brackets.**

**The Next EPIC Challenge: Reimagining Affordable Mixed-Use Development in a Carbon-Constrained Future**

 **Solicitation # GFO-20-305 Phase III**

**[~~December 26, 2023~~]**

**November 26, 2024**

On December 15, 2020, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund a design-build competition. The competition challenged multi-disciplinary project teams to design and build a mixed-use development – using cutting-edge energy technologies, tools, and construction practices – that is affordable, equitable, emissions-free, and resilient to climate change impacts and extreme weather events. Up to $48,000,000 in Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) funding is available to fund applications in the four groups identified in the solicitation. Of this $48 million, $12 million was used to fund twelve proposals (three proposals for each group) for up to $1 million for the Design Phase. Applicants selected and funded for the Design Phase were eligible to receive up to $9 million for the Build Phase of this solicitation.

* Group #1: Bay Area Region
* Group #2: Central Valley/Northern California
* Group #3: Los Angeles Region
* Group #4: Imperial Valley, Inland Empire, and San Diego County

To be eligible to compete in the Design Phase, applicants needed to have a passing Concept Application, consisting of a Project Abstract that summarized key project goals and objectives. The Energy Commission received forty-two Concept Application Abstract Packages by the due date of May 7, 2021. Thirty-three Concept Applications passed the criteria in the solicitation to be eligible to compete in the Design Phase.

The CEC received twenty-four applications for the Design Phase by the due date of December 1, 2021. Each application was screened on a pass/fail basis using the criteria in the solicitation. Twenty-four applications passed the Administrative Screening; twelve of the applications were awarded and funded for the Design Phase.

The applicants awarded in the Design Phase were asked to complete specific deliverables during their grant agreements, and these deliverables comprised their applications to the Build Phase. The CEC received eleven applications for the Build Phase by the due date of September 29, 2023.

The attached **revised** NOPA identifies each applicant selected and recommended for funding for the Build Phase by CEC staff and includes the recommended funding amount and score. **This NOPA reflects updates made to the original NOPA released on December 26, 2023, and reflects the cancellation of award for one of the proposed awardees and recommends another applicant for funding.** The total amount recommended is **$33,000,000** [~~$34,000,000~~].

Funding of proposed projects resulting from this solicitation is contingent upon approval of selected projects at a publicly noticed Energy Commission Business Meeting and execution of a grant agreement. If the Energy Commission is unable to timely negotiate and execute a funding agreement with an Applicant, the Energy 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-20-305 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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