**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Industrial, Agricultural, and Water Demand Flexibility Research and Deployment Hub (IAW FlexHub)**

**GFO-23-316**

**December 26, 2024**

On July 5, 2024, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund the establishment of a demand flexibility research and deployment hub for the Industrial, Agricultural, and Water (IAW) sectors. Up to $17,000,000 in Electric Program Investment Charge funding is available to fund applications.

The CEC received one proposal by the due date, November 4, 2024. This proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. One proposal passed the stage one application screening.

The attached NOPA identifies the applicant selected and recommended for funding by CEC staff and includes the recommended funding amount and score. The total amount recommended is $17,000,000.

Funding of the proposed project from this solicitation is contingent upon the approval of the project 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 negotiate with successful applicants to modify the project scope, schedule, or level of funding.

This notice and awardees for GFO-23-316 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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