**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Direct Air Capture Research, Demonstration, and Community Engagement**

 **GFO-24-303**

**January 30, 2025**

On October 04, 2024, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund testing, piloting, and demonstrating advanced Direct Air Capture (DAC) technologies, coupled with active community engagement, benefits planning, and community education. Up to $14,700,000 in Greenhouse Gas Reduction funding is available to fund applications in:

* Group 1: Direct Air Capture Research and Development; and
* Group 2: Direct Air Capture Field Demonstration and Community Engagement.

The CEC received twenty-one proposals by the due date, December 13, 2024. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Twenty-one 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 $12,987,482.

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 CEC, 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-24-303 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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