**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Offshore Wind Energy Waterfront Facility Improvement Program**

**GFO-24-701**

**March 7, 2025**

On September 30, 2024, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund projects that will plan for offshore wind energy infrastructure improvements that advance the capabilities of California waterfront facilities to support the development and operation of floating offshore wind projects. This solicitation implements the Clean Energy Program established under Assembly Bill 209 (The Energy and Climate Change budget bill, Chapter 251, Section 12, Chapter 7.6, Article 6, enacted in September 2022), advancing the preparedness of California waterfront facilities to meet the needs of the floating offshore wind energy industry. Up to $42,750,000 in total funding was allocated across Category I ($7,750,000) and Category II ($35,000,000).

Category I activities support developing individual or regional retrofit concepts and investment plans.

Category II activities support final design, engineering, environmental studies and review, and construction of retrofits.

The CEC received thirteen proposals by the application deadline, December 20, 2024. Each proposal was screened and those applications that passed screening were reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. In Category I, three proposals passed the scoring evaluation process totaling $4,500,000, leaving $3,250,000 in unused funds. These unused funds were reallocated to Category II, increasing the total funding available from $35,000,000 to $38,250,000.

The attached NOPA identifies each applicant selected and recommended for funding by CEC staff, along with the recommended funding amounts and scores. The total amount recommended is $42,750,000 ($4,500,000 for Category I and $38,250,000 for Category II).

Funding of proposed projects from this solicitation is contingent upon the approval of these projects at a publicly noticed CEC business meeting and the 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) allocate unspent funds to passing applications in rank order; (2) Aggregate funds from multiple groups to fully fund the highest ranked passing application(s), regardless of group (if applicable); and (3) Negotiate with successful applicants to modify the project scope, schedule, project team entity that will receive the award, project location and/or level of funding.

This notice and the awardees for GFO-24-701 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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