**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Energy Storage Innovations to Support Grid Reliability**

**GFO-23-317**

**4/23/2025**

On June 27, 2024, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund applied research and development and technology demonstration and deployment projects that will advance short- to long-duration stationary energy storage technologies in support of grid reliability. Up to $30 million in Electric Program Investment Charge funding is available to fund applications in:

* Group 1: Applied R&D to Improve Energy Storage Value, Safety, and Sustainability
* Group 2: Multiple-Use Case Demonstrations for Equitable Energy Storage Value Stacking

During the Full Application Phase (Phase 2), the CEC received twenty-nine proposals (including fifteen in Group 1 and fourteen in Group 2) by the due date, January 21, 2025. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria.

The attached NOPA identifies each applicant selected and recommended for funding by CEC staff and includes the recommended funding amount and score. The solicitation reflected $30,000,000 in total funding available. An additional $403,122 was added for a total recommended amount of $30,403,122.

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-23-317 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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