**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Environmental Sustainability of a Clean Energy Transition**

**GFO-24-301**

**April 14, 2025**

On August 12, 2024, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund applied research and development projects that inform California’s transition to an equitable, zero-carbon energy system that is climate resilient and meets environmental goals. Up to $ 3,000,000 in Electric Program Investment Charge funding is available to fund applications in the following four groups identified in the solicitation:

* Group 1: Automated Mapping of Solar Energy Footprints and Modeling Land Suitability for Agrivoltaics
* Group 2: Assessing and Minimizing Environmental and Biological Resource Impacts of Clean Energy Deployments
* Group 3: Testing Bird-friendly Windows for Decarbonized Buildings
* Group 4: Identifying Biologically Appropriate Exterior Lighting

The CEC received sixteen proposals by the due date, November 8, 2024. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Fifteen 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 $2,888,945.

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-24-301 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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