



GFO-22-611 Pre-Application Workshop

FAST— Fast and Available Charging for All Californians

Fuels and Transportation Division
April 26, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.



Workshop Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Diversity Survey
 - Empower Innovation
 - Clean Transportation Program
- Solicitation Overview
 - Process
 - Purpose
 - Eligibility and Requirements
- Application Components
- Application Evaluation
- Application Submittal
- Questions & Answers
- Next Steps
- Adjourn



Housekeeping

- Workshop is recorded on Zoom
- Grant Funding Opportunity Webpage:
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2023-04/gfo-22-611-fast-fast-and-available-charging-all-californians>
- Virtual Participation via Zoom or telephone during the Q&A period
- Written Questions to Commission Agreement Officer:
Phil Dyer, email: Phil.Dyer@energy.ca.gov
Subject: GFO-22-611
Q&A Deadline: Friday, May 5, 2023, by 5:00 PM



Commitment to Diversity

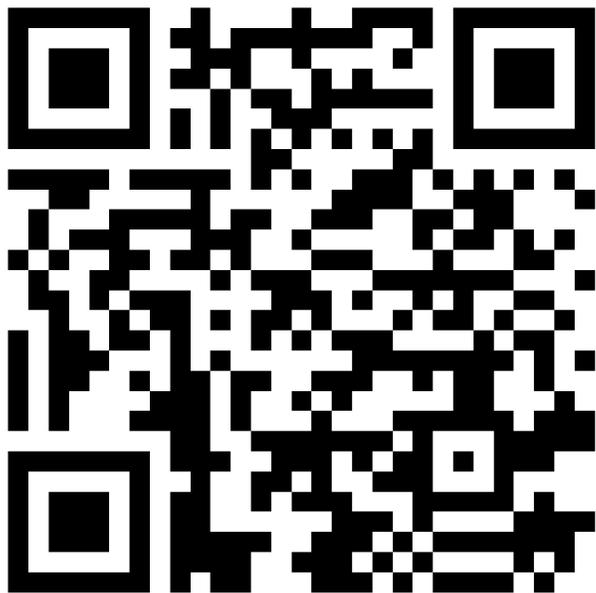
The CEC adopted a resolution strengthening its commitment to diversity in our funding programs. The CEC continues to encourage disadvantaged and underrepresented businesses and communities to engage in and benefit from our many programs.

To meet this comment, CEC staff conducts outreach efforts and activities to:

- Engage with disadvantaged and underrepresented groups throughout the state;
- Notify potential new applicants about the CEC's funding opportunities;
- Assist applicants in understanding how to apply for funding from the CEC's programs;
- Survey participants to measure progress in diversity outreach efforts.



Diversity Survey



Scan the code on a phone or tablet with a QR reader to access the survey.

One Minute Survey

The information supplied will be used for public reporting purposes to display anonymous overall attendance of diverse groups.

Zoom Participants, please use the link in the chat to access the survey or scan the QR code on the left of the screen with a phone or tablet to access the survey.

Survey will be closed at the end of the day.

Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/g/NNupG83jC7>



Find Partners on EmpowerInnovation.net

Empower Innovation aims to accelerate your clean tech journey with easy access to funding opportunities from the Energy Commission and others, resources and events, and connections to people and organizations.

www.empowerinnovation.net

FIND A PARTNER

Announce your interest in funding opportunities and message potential project partners directly.

RESOURCES & TOOLS

Browse the collection of resources including Resource Libraries, Funding Sources, Tools, and Databases.



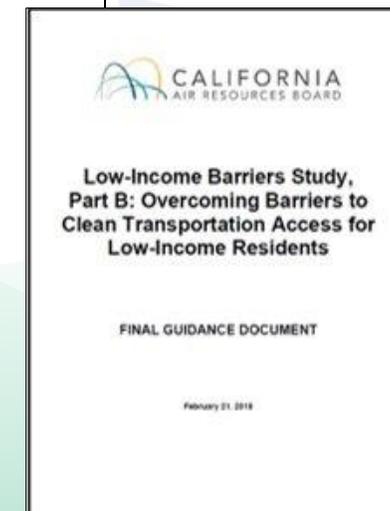
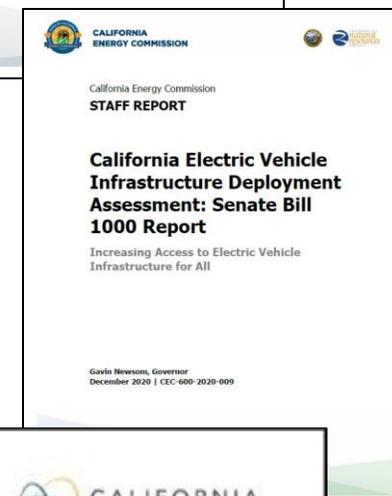
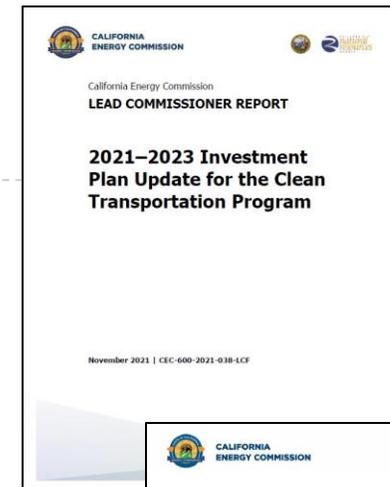
Clean Transportation Program

- Established in 2007 by Assembly Bill 118 (2007)
- Extended to January 1, 2024, by Assembly Bill 8 (2013)
- Provides approximately \$95 million of funding per year through 2023
- Investment Plan determines funding allocations across various categories
- Supports workforce training and development



Policy Drivers

- 2021-2023 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program
- Assembly Bill 2127 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Assessment – Analyzing Charging Needs to Support Zero-Emission Vehicles in 2030
- California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Assessment: Senate Bill 1000 Report
- Senate Bill 350 Low-Income Barriers Study, Part B: Overcoming Barriers to Clean Transportation Access for Low-Income Residents
- Executive Order N-79-20





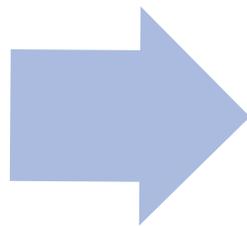
Solicitation Overview

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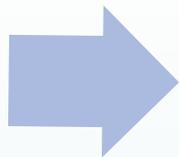
Solicitation Process

Solicitation
Release
April 5, 2023



Applications Due
June 23, 2023

Notice of
Proposed
Awards
August 2023



CEC Business
Meeting
Q4 2023



Project Start
Q4 2023



Purpose of Solicitation

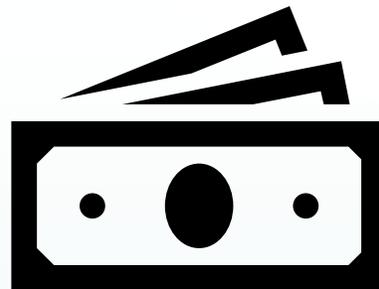
- Competitive grant solicitation.
- Provide EV charging infrastructure for high mileage on-demand transportation services, car sharing enterprises, or car rental agencies, and the public.





Available Funding and Maximum Award

- A total of \$35 million is available under this solicitation.
- The maximum grant award is \$6 million per project.





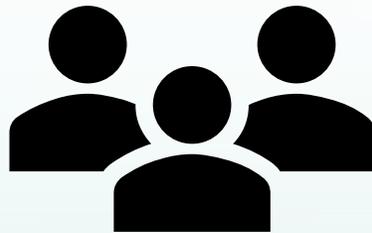
Applications and Awards

- Applicants may submit 2 applications per region.
- Applicants submitting multiple applications are eligible for no more than 40% of the total funding.
- The CEC will screen and score applications.
- The projects with the highest ranking within each region and at least the minimum passing score will be recommended for funding.
- Remaining funds will then be allocated to the next overall highest scoring application(s) with a passing score, regardless of the region, in ranked order until all funds available under this solicitation are exhausted.



Eligible Applicants

- All public and private entities.
- Applicants must accept the Clean Transportation Program Terms and Conditions, without negotiation.
- Applicants are required to register with the California Secretary of State and be in good standing to enter into an agreement with the CEC.

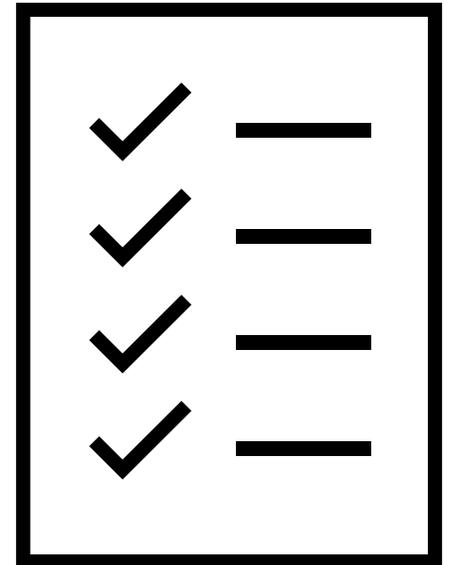




Project Requirements

All projects must:

- Include participation or written support from on-demand transportation services, car sharing enterprises, or car rental agencies.
- Be open to the public for at least 18 hours a day. Projects may not restrict public use of installed chargers.
- Be at existing structures or facilities and involve negligible or no expansion of former use.





Project Requirements - Regions

- Each project shall be in one region only.
- An applicant may submit up to 2 applications within each region.

	General Region Description	Selected Counties
1	Northern California	Alameda, Alpine, Butte, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, and Yuba
2	Central Valley	Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne.
3	Southern California	Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.



Project Requirements – Serving Underserved Communities

- At least **50%** of a project's EV chargers must be installed within disadvantaged communities and/or low-income communities.

- Applicants should use the California Air Resources Board [California Climate Investments Priority Populations 2022 CES 4.0 map](https://webmaps.arb.ca.gov/PriorityPopulations/) (<https://webmaps.arb.ca.gov/PriorityPopulations/>) to identify disadvantaged communities and/or low-income communities.





Project Requirements – Charging Equipment

- Projects must:
 - Use DCFC
 - Include a minimum of four 150 kW CCS connectors.
 - Be networked for over-the-air updates, data collection.
 - Must include minimum 5-year networking agreement.
 - Not require a subscription or membership to dispense energy.
- No Level 1 or Level 2 chargers.





Project Requirements – Charging Equipment

Charging equipment must:

- Use the Open Charge Point Protocol (OCPP) – version 1.6 or later.
 - Certified by Open Charge Alliance.
- Be certified by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory Program (NRTL) to either UL 2202 or UL 9741.
- Be ENERGY STAR certified.
- Use ISO-15118 "Hardware Ready."
- Projects may include renewable distributed energy resources (DERs).





Project Requirements - EVITP

- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Project (EVITP) certification required to install EV charging infrastructure equipment under this grant funding opportunity.
- At least 25% of the electricians on the project at any given time must hold EVITP certification.





Project Requirements – Operations & Reliability

- Operations and reliability standards are specified in the Scope of Work (Attachment 2), and include:
 - An uptime requirement of 97% per charger.
 - Collection and reporting of remote Monitoring and Maintenance data.
 - Preventive maintenance and corrective maintenance to be done within 10 days of charger being inoperable.
 - Submission of quarterly reports to CEC.



Project Requirements – Payment and Data

Payment Options

- Must be capable of supporting multiple point-of-sale methods.
 - Without additional fees, inconvenience or delays versus other payment methods.

Data Collection

- Requirements to collect, analyze, and report data specified in Scope of Work (Attachment 2).



Construction & Installation Completion Date

Within **18 months** of agreement execution date



All work must be scheduled for completion by **1/31/26** due to liquidation deadlines



Project Costs

Eligible project costs include:

- Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE).
- Applicant's cost-share of utility installation.
- Renewable distributed energy resources or energy storage equipment.
- Installation costs.
- Planning and engineering design costs.
- Stub-outs (i.e. exposed conduit for connection of future charging infrastructure).
- Demand management equipment.
- Equipment warranties for during the term of the agreement.
- Maintenance, or maintenance agreement.

Ineligible project costs include:

- Paper studies or research projects.
- Surveys to determine interest for EV chargers.
- Proposals for any type of vehicle demonstration or demonstrations of existing technologies for public outreach or education.
- Cost of electricity used to charge EVs.
- Vehicle purchases.
- Forgone profit, salary, or rent.



Match Funding

50%

- Applications must include a minimum 50% percent of the total project cost as match share.
- See solicitation manual for detailed requirements on match funding.



Application Components

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Application Organization (p. 20)

Item	Action Needed by Applicant
Application Form (Attachment 1)	Complete the attachment
Project Narrative	Create document
Scope of Work (Attachment 2)	Complete the attachment
Schedule of Products and Due Dates (Attachment 4)	Complete the attachment
Budget Forms (Attachment 5)	Complete the attachment
Resumes	Create document(s)
Contact List (Attachment 6)	Complete the attachment
Letters of Support/Commitment	Create document(s)
CEQA Worksheet (Attachment 7)	Complete the attachment
Localized Health Impacts Information Form (Attachment 8)	Complete the attachment
Past Performance Reference Form(s) (Attachment 9)	Complete the attachment(s)
Scope of Work Instructions (Attachment 3)	None
Clean Transportation Program Terms and Conditions (Attachment 10)	None



Application Form (Attachment 1)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 1.
- Signature requirement on the application form is waived.

ATTACHMENT 01
GFO APPLICATION FORM

[This document provides the California Energy Commission (CEC) with basic information about the Applicant and Proposed Project. Each Applicant must complete and include this Application Form in its application.]

Applicant's Legal Name		Federal ID Number
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]

Title of Proposed Project	
[REDACTED]	

Proposed Term	
Start Date	End Date
[REDACTED] / [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] / [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]

Proposed Project Funding	
Amount of Funds Requested	\$ [REDACTED]
Total Match Funding	\$ [REDACTED]
Cash Match \$ [REDACTED] In-kind Match \$ [REDACTED]	
Total Project Cost (sum of two previous rows)	\$ [REDACTED]
Match Funding Percentage (Total Match Funding/Total Project Cost)	[REDACTED] %

Application Project Region (Check box(es) as required by the solicitation.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern California	
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley	
<input type="checkbox"/> Southern California	

Application Form
Attachment 01

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Project Narrative

- **Applicants must submit a project narrative**
- Limited to 20 pages
- Use 11-point font, single-spaced and a blank line between paragraphs
- Include page numbers and section titles
- **Project Narrative must address each scoring criterion described in the Evaluation Criteria (pp. 37-40)**

a. Project Description

Clearly and concisely describe the project and include project goals and objectives. State the proposed number and capacity of chargers to be installed and the proposed number and type of sites.

b. Market Viability

- 1) Describe how the project demonstrates a replicable and scalable model to provide charging to on-demand transportation services, car sharing enterprises, or car rental agencies that facilitates and accelerates the electrification of those services

E. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Criterion	Possible Points
1. Market Viability Applications will be evaluated on the degree to which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project demonstrates a replicable and scalable model to provide charging to on-demand transportation services, car sharing enterprises, or car rental agencies that facilitates and accelerates the electrification of those services. • The project supports an existing business model or demonstrates and tests a new business model. • The project will increase utilization of EVs and replace gasoline vehicle mileage in on-demand transportation services, car sharing enterprises, or car rental agencies, and other services such as meal and grocery delivery. 	30



Table of Contents

- The Project Narrative must include a Table of Contents.
- Table of Contents will not count towards the 20-page limit.

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Scope of Work (Attachment 2)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 2.
- Describe exactly what the project will do.
- Identify what will be delivered to the CEC.
- Be sure to include in the technical tasks:
 - At least one product deliverable per task.

**Attachment 2
Exhibit A
SCOPE OF WORK**

TECHNICAL TASK LIST
<Insert the Task numbers and Task names for your Agreement. Applicants may leave the CPR column blank.>

Task #	CPR	Task Name
1		Administration
2		<Insert Task Name>
3		<Insert Task Name>
<Etc.>		<Insert Task Name>
<Etc.>		Operations and Reliability
<Second to Last Task>		Data Collection and Analysis
<Last Task>		Project Fact Sheet

KEY NAME LIST
<Insert the Task numbers and the Key names for each Task in your Project. Include Key names only if the value of the project would significantly change without those personnel, subcontractors, or partners. Add additional lines as needed. Alternatively, you may delete this table if there are no key names.>

Task #	Key Personnel	Key Subcontractor(s)	Key Partner(s)
1	<Name>	<Name>	<Name>
2	<Name>	<Name>	<Name>
3	<Name>	<Name>	<Name>
<Etc.>	<Name>	<Name>	<Name>

GLOSSARY
Specific terms and acronyms used throughout this scope of work are defined as follows:

Term/ Acronym	Definition
CAM	Commission Agreement Manager
CAO	Commission Agreement Officer
CEC	California Energy Commission

<DATE>

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Attachment 2 - Scope of Work

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Schedule of Products and Due Dates (Attachment 4)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 4.
- Add tasks and product deliverables that correspond to the Scope of Work.
- Provide realistic dates on when product deliverables can be completed.

Task Number	Task Name	Product(s)	Due Date	
1.1	Attend Kick-off Meeting	Updated Schedule of Products	<Insert Date>	
		Updated List of Match Funds	<Insert Date>	
		Updated List of Permits	<Insert Date>	
		Written Statement of Match Share Activities	<Insert Date>	
		Kick-Off Meeting Agenda (CEC)	<Insert Date>	
1.2	Critical Project Review Meetings	CPR Report	<Insert Date>	
		1st CPR Meeting	CPR Meeting Agenda (CEC)	<Insert Date>
			Schedule for written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
			Written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
		<Add as many CPRs as	<Utilize same products as 1st CPR Meeting>	<Insert Date>
	<Utilize same products as 1st CPR Meeting>	<Insert Date>		
1.3	Final Meeting	Written documentation of meeting agreements	<Insert Date>	
		Schedule for completing closeout activities	<Insert Date>	
1.4	Monthly Calls	Email to CAM concurring with call summary notes	Within 5 days of receipt	
1.5	Quarterly Progress Reports	Quarterly Progress Reports	10th calendar day of each January, April, July, and October during the approved term of this Agreement	
1.6	Final Report	Final Outline of the Final Report	<Insert Date>	
		Draft Final Report	<Insert Date>	
		Final Report (no less than 60 days before the end term of the agreement)	<Insert Date>	
1.7	Identify and Obtain Match Funds	A letter regarding match funds or stating that no match funds are provided	<Insert Date>	
		Copy(ies) of each match fund commitment letter(s) (if applicable)	<Insert Date>	
		Letter(s) for new match funds (if applicable)	Within 10 days of identifying new match funds	
		Letter that match funds were reduced (if applicable)	Within 10 days of identifying reduced funds	
1.8	Identify and Obtain Required Permits	Letter documenting the permits or stating that no permits are required	<Insert Date>	



Proposal Budget (Attachment 5)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 5.
- Follow Budget Instructions.
- Identify how CEC funds and match funds will be spent to complete the project.
- For more information on updates to the CEC budget forms, visit the [CEC ECAMS Resources](https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/ecams-resources) webpage at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/ecams-resources>

PROPOSAL BUDGET			
Category Budget			
Agreement Number	GFO-22-611		
Name of Organization	Organization Name		
Select Recipient or Subrecipient			
Select your company's California Business Certifications			
Cost Category	CEC Share	Match Share	Total
Direct Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fringe Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subrecipients/Vendors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Direct Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Profit (not allowed for grant recipients)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Indirect and Profit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total CEC Reimbursable Funds Spent in California or Paid to California-Based Entities (if applicable)	\$ -		
Percentage of CEC Reimbursable Funds Spent in California or Paid to California-Based Entities			



Resumes

- Applicants must include resumes for key personnel identified in the application.
- Resumes are limited to a maximum of 2 pages each.

FIRST LASTNAME

Construction Worker
Seattle, WA
firstlast@email.com
555-555-5555

Effective at using forklift's, hand trucks and pallet jacks to move merchandise. Skilled at inspecting stock, tagging product and updating computer tracking systems. Well-versed in warehouse operations, inventory audits and loading and unloading procedures.

Eligible to work for any employer in the U.S.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Construction Worker

NewCompany January 2018 to Present

Unpacked and assembled all new merchandise using variety of power tools and lean manufacturing. Heavy Lifting, Measuring, Organize Building Materials, Read and Interpret Drawings, Safety. Supported technicians in equipment maintenance and repair. Organized Warehouse Operations.

Crew Lead

CompanyCo, Inc July 2017 to December 2017

Trained employees so that they were well-educated in time management and the proper ways to complete their job duties. Utilized all machinery and equipment while observing various safety precautions and practices. Ensured that job tasks were completed to standards and in accordance with company guidelines. Maintained the job site on a daily basis and checked to see that all trash and refuse was removed. Completed daily forklift safety checklists. Located proper slots on storage racks and set pallets in place with forklift and pallet jack.

EDUCATION

High school or equivalent

Ged Program - NewCity, NC
April 2015 to February 2016



Contact List (Attachment 6)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 6.
- Include the appropriate points of contact under the Recipient column.
- The CEC will complete the CEC points of contact during agreement development.

Attachment 06
CONTACT LIST

Please complete the information in the "Recipient" column.

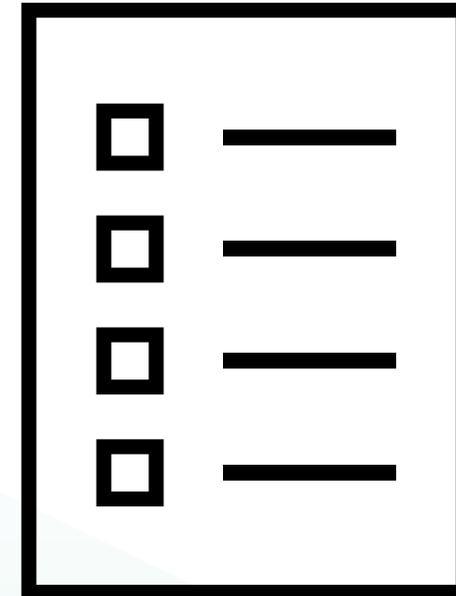
California Energy Commission	Recipient
Commission Agreement Manager: (TBD by Commission) California Energy Commission 715 P Street, MS-6 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (916) XXX-XXXX e-mail:	Project Manager: Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX Fax: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:
Commission Agreement Officer: California Energy Commission Contracts, Grants, and Loans Office 715 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (916) XXX-XXXX e-mail:	Administrator: Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX Fax: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:
Accounting Office: California Energy Commission Accounting Office 715 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814 e-mail: invoices@energy.ca.gov	Accounting Officer: Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX Fax: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:
Legal Notices: Tatyana Yakshina Grants Manager California Energy Commission 715 P Street, MS-18 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (916) 827-9294 e-mail: tatyana.yakshina@energy.ca.gov	Recipient Legal Notices: Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX -XXXX Fax: (XXX) XXX -XXXX e-mail:

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Operation and Reliability Plan

- Operation and Reliability Plan for equipment up to six years after project begins.
- Detailing:
 - Operations
 - Recordkeeping
 - Maintenance
 - Reporting
- Operation and Reliability requirements detailed in Scope of Work.





Letters of Support/Commitment

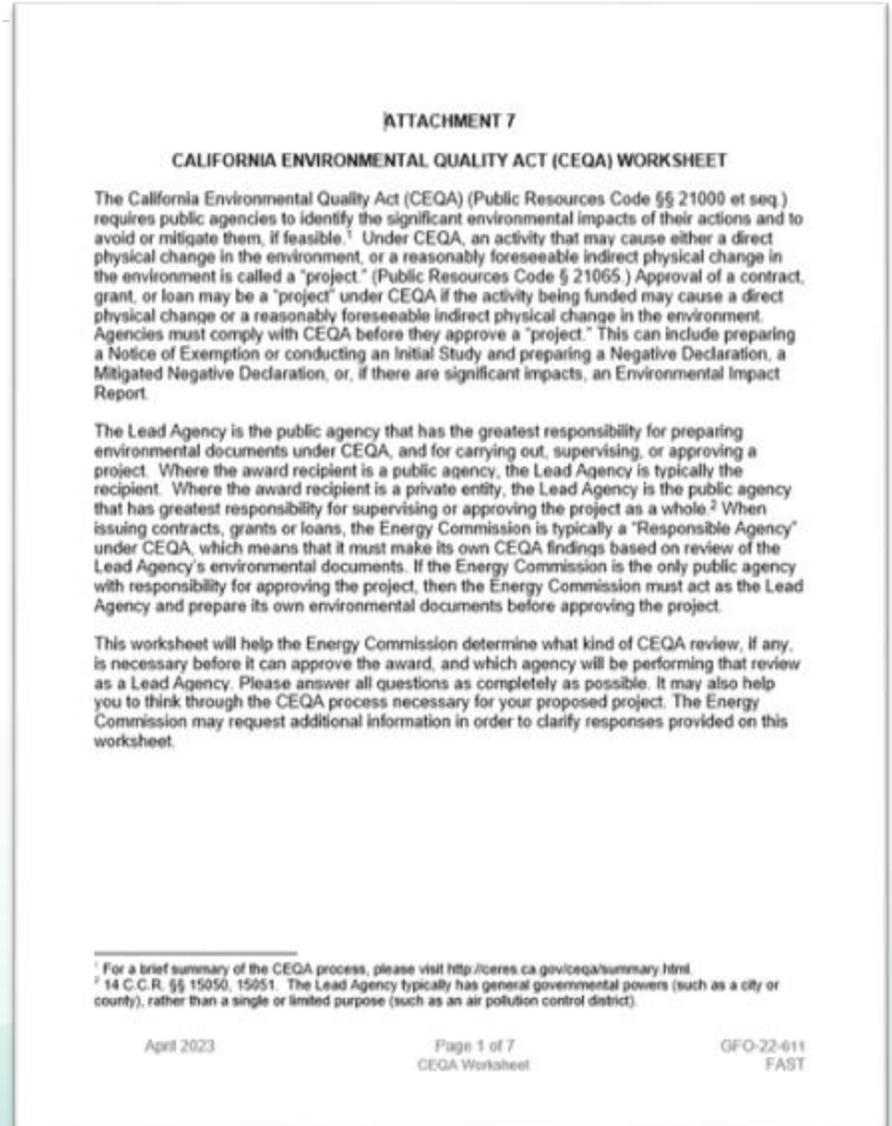
- Applicants must include certain Commitment Letters.
 - From entities or individuals that are committing match funding.
 - From key project partners that will make contributions to the project.
- Support letters are optional.
- Limit of two pages per letter.





CEQA Worksheet (Attachment 7)

- Applicants must submit a completed Attachment 7.
- The CEC requires this information to assist with our CEQA determinations.
- Reservation of right to cancel proposed award if the CEC determines that the CEQA review associated with a proposed project would not likely be completed prior to the encumbrance or liquidation deadline.





Local Health Impacts Information Form (Attachment 8)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 8.
- The CEC requires this information for a Localized Health Impacts report.

Attachment 8
Local Health Impacts Information

Air Quality Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Chapter 8.1, Section 2343(c)(6)(A)) require the Energy Commission to analyze the aggregate locations of the funded projects, analyze the impacts in communities with the most significant exposure to air contaminants or localized air contaminants, or both, including, but not limited to, communities of minority populations or low-income populations, and identify agency outreach to community groups and other affected stakeholders.

This information must be provided for all AB 118 funding categories, including fueling stations, fuel production, feedstock production or procurement, and vehicle or technology component production.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete the following information for all sites where work for the proposed project that will require a permit will be done. Attach additional pages if necessary. If the project includes multiple sites, you may submit this information in a table format using the bolded font below as column headers.

PROJECT NAME

APPLICANT'S NAME AND ORGANIZATION

PROJECT SITE(S) DESCRIPTION

Provide the precise street address(es) of the site(s) and a description of existing infrastructure or facilities (if any), surrounding structures, reference to any regional plans or zoning requirements for each location, and its proximity to residences, day care facilities, elder care facilities, medical facilities, and schools.

(E.g., Site 1: 123 Main Street, Grand Terrace, CA, 92313, Vacant lot in a commercially-zoned area. Commercial buildings surround the lot. No residences, daycare facilities, elder care facilities, medical facilities or schools within ¼ mile, Site 2: 321 Beach Street, San Francisco, CA, Existing gasoline/diesel fueling station. Residential area within 200 on South and East ends of project site.)

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Provide demographic data at the city or Zip code level for either the project location or the location of the potential health impacts, including:

- o Total population
- o Median education level
- o Unemployment rate
- o Percentage of minorities (by ethnicity)

- o Percentage of population falling under the poverty level
- o Percentage of population under 5 years and over 65 years of age

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Past Performance Reference Form (Attachment 9)

- Applicants must complete Attachment 9 to provide references for:
 - Agreements with the CEC received by the Applicant in the last 10 years.
 - The 5 most recent agreements with other public agencies received by the Applicant within the past 10 years.
- References must include a contact person name and phone number or email address. These persons may be contacted by CEC staff.
- Applicants should fill out a separate Past Performance Reference Form for each agreement reference.

Attachment 09
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PAST PERFORMANCE REFERENCE FORM

Provide references for CEC agreements (e.g., contracts, grants, or loans) received by the Applicant in the last 10 years and the 5 most recent agreements with other public agencies within the last 10 years to verify Applicant's past performance. Each reference must include a contact person name and phone number (and email address). If contacted by CEC staff, references should be able to speak to Applicant's ability to successfully complete projects in a timely manner.

If the team's experience and qualifications includes a specific project(s) under current or prior agreements with public funding (e.g., contract, grant, or loan), the Applicant must also submit a Past Performance Reference Form(s) for the project(s), even if the team member is not the primary Applicant.

Applicants should fill out a separate Past Performance Reference Form for each reference.

Name of Organization	
Address	
Contact Name	
Contact Title	
Contact Phone Number and Email Address	
Title of Project	
Agreement Number or Other Unique Identifier	
(For projects that did not complete (or timely complete) project objectives) Describe the challenges faced, what led to those challenges and indicate whether those challenges were within the Applicant's control.	
Describe any severe audit findings and how they were ultimately addressed and resolved.	
Describe the final outcome of the project.	

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Application Evaluation

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How Will My Application Be Evaluated?

Stage One: Application Screening

- Administrative Screening Criteria (Pass/Fail)
- Technical Screening Criteria (Pass/Fail)

Stage Two: Application Evaluation



Administrative Screening Criteria

Criteria	Pass/Fail
1. The application is received by CEC's Contracts, Grants, and Loans Office by the due date and time specified in the "Key Activities Schedule" in Section I of this solicitation.	Pass or Fail
2. The applicant provides the required authorizations and certifications.	Pass or Fail
3. The applicant has not included a statement that is contrary to the required authorizations and certifications.	Pass or Fail



Technical Screening Criteria

Criteria	Pass/Fail
1. The applicant is an eligible applicant.	Pass or Fail
2. The project is an eligible project.	Pass or Fail
3. The applicant meets the minimum match share requirement.	Pass or Fail
4. The applicant passes the past performance criterion.	Pass or Fail
5. The application is complete.	Pass or Fail



Past Performance Screening

1. An applicant may be disqualified due to **severe performance issues** characterized by significant negative outcomes under one or more prior or active CEC agreement(s) within the last 10 years.
2. Any applicant that does not have prior agreements within the last 10 years would pass this screening criteria.



Application Technical Evaluation and Scoring

- The Evaluation Committee applies the scoring scale to the evaluation criteria.
- Applications must obtain a minimum passing score of **70%**.
- Review Section IV of the solicitation manual and ensure the application provides a clear and complete response to all scoring criteria.



Application Evaluation and Scoring

Scoring Criteria	Possible Points
1. Market Viability	30
2. Project Location	25
3. Project Implementation	25
4. Benefits to Disadvantaged/Low-Income Communities	25
5. Project Readiness	20
6. Team Qualifications and Experience	10
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Scoring Criteria	Possible Points
7. Project Budget	10
8. Environmental and Economic Benefits	15
9. Innovation and Sustainability	20
10. Operation and Reliability Plan	15
Total Possible Points	195
Minimum Points to Pass (70%)	137



Special Note on Terms and Conditions

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Terms and Conditions

- Attachment 10 includes the Clean Transportation Program Terms and Conditions
- Appendix 1 reflects the terms and conditions that have been updated through our ECAMS process
- More information is on the [ECAMS Resources webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/ecams-resources) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/ecams-resources>.



Application Submittal

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Submission Requirements (Electronic)

The method of delivery is the CEC's Grant Solicitation System (GSS), available at: <https://gss.energy.ca.gov>.

- First time users must register as a new user.
- Electronic files must be in Microsoft Word and Excel formats, unless originally provided in the solicitation in another format.
- Until further notice, any requirement in CEC solicitations to provide a signature is waived. In the GSS, checking the "I Agree" box and clicking the "I Agree & Submit" button provides the required authorizations and certifications.
 - Notice on CEC's waiver of the signature requirement appears here: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/solicitations>



Submission

Submit applications early!

The GSS will stop accepting application documents promptly at the deadline of 11:59 p.m. on June 23, 2023.

Applications in the process of being submitted prior to the deadline will **NOT** be accepted after the deadline.



Submission Resources

- [How to Apply via the Grant Solicitation System: https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/1654](https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/1654).
- This presentation explains how to:
 - Create an account
 - Create a new application
 - Select the correct solicitation
 - Upload application files
 - Edit application
 - Review and submit
- Tips and Frequently Asked Questions

The screenshot shows the login page for the Grants Solicitation System. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the CA.GOV logo, the California Energy Commission logo, and links for Home, About Us, Analysis & Stats, Efficiency, Funding, Power Plants, Renewables, Research, and Transportation. The main heading is "Grants Solicitation System". Below this is a "Log In" form with fields for "Email" (containing "Your Email Address") and "Password" (containing "Your Password"). There is a "Sign In" button and a link for "Forgot your password?". Below the form, there is a link for "Don't have an account?" and a "Register as a New User" button.



Key Dates

Activity	Action Date
Solicitation Release	April 5, 2023
Pre-Application Workshop	April 26, 2023
Deadline for Written Questions by 5:00 p.m.	May 5, 2023
Anticipated Distribution of Question/Answers	Week of May 15, 2023
Deadline to Submit Applications by 11:59 p.m.	June 23, 2023
Anticipated Notice of Proposed Awards Posting	Week of August 14, 2023
Anticipated Energy Commission Business Meeting	Fourth Quarter, 2023



Question and Answers

Three ways to ask questions:

Please state your name and affiliation. Keep questions under 3 minutes to allow time for others.

1. Use the raise hand function in Zoom

Zoom Phone Controls:

- *6 – Toggle mute/unmute
- *9 – Raise hand

2. Type questions in the Zoom Q&A Box

3. Submit written questions

Send written questions to Phil.Dyer@energy.ca.gov

Deadline: May 5, 2023, 5:00 p.m. PST

Note that an official CEC response will be provided in writing and posted on the GFO webpage in May.



Written Questions

Please send all questions related to GFO-22-611 to:

Phil Dyer

Commission Agreement Officer
715 P Street, MS-1
Sacramento, CA 95814

Phil.Dyer@energy.ca.gov

(Please add subject line: GFO-22-611)

Deadline to submit questions: Friday, May 5, 2023, 5:00 p.m. PST

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Next Steps

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Updates to solicitation documents will be posted on the [GFO Webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2023-04/gfo-22-611-fast-fast-and-available-charging-all-californians):
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2023-04/gfo-22-611-fast-fast-and-available-charging-all-californians>



Thank You!

Applications are due June 23, 2023, by 11:59 p.m.