**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Solicitation # GFO-23-312**

**DE-FOA-0002736**

**Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes**

**July 29, 2025**

On March 28, 2024, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund Round 1 of the Community Energy Reliability and Resilience Investment (CERRI) Program. Up to $51,000,000 in CERRI Program funding was available to fund applications in Group 1 (Large Entities), and up to $13,000,000 in CERRI Program funding was available to fund applications in Group 2 (Small Entities).

The CERRI Program is funded through federal funding opportunity DE-FOA-0002736 (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes).

The CEC received nine proposals by the due date, October 11, 2024. The proposals were screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Eight proposals passed the stage one application screening. Four proposals were recommended for awards and received Letters of Intent from CEC to provide funding pending federal approval of the project.

The attached NOPA identifies two additional applicants selected and recommended for funding by CEC staff that have since been approved by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Grid Deployment Office for a federal award and includes the recommended CEC funding amounts and scores. The total amount recommended to date for the three approved projects is $24,030,418. This NOPA will be updated as additional projects receive federal approval.

Funding of proposed projects from this solicitation is contingent upon approval 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 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; and 2) negotiate with successful applicants to modify the project scope, and schedule, or level of funding.

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