**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Food Production Investment Program 2025**

 **GFO-24-311**

**October 20, 2025**

On June 6, 2025, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund the adoption of advanced energy and decarbonization technologies and equipment for food processing and related support facilities for the purpose of improving electrical grid reliability, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and benefiting priority populations. Up to $10,492,161 in Food Production Investment Program funding is available to fund applications in Groups 1 and 2:

* Group 1: Industrial Heat Pumps
* Group 2: Other Eligible Technologies

The CEC received fourteen proposals by the due date, September 12, 2025. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Twelve 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 $10,492,161, since no applications were received under Group 1, all available funds have been made available to Group 2, consistent with the solicitation provisions allowing the CEC to shift funds between groups.

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-24-311 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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