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## Questions and Answers

### **GFO-25-306**

### **Solar PV Located In Non-traditional Terrain (SPLINT)**

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## Disclaimer

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The following answers are based on California Energy Commission (CEC) staff's interpretation of the questions received during the pre-application workshop and those submitted in writing prior to the deadline of May 5, 2026. It is the Applicant's responsibility to review the Solicitation Manual and to determine whether their proposed project is eligible for funding by reviewing the Eligibility Requirements within the solicitation. The CEC cannot give definitive advice as to whether a particular project is eligible for funding, because not all proposal details are known.

## Group 1: Optimization of Non-Traditional PV Solar

1. **Question:** Can this solicitation fund the equipment and infrastructure for a behind-the-meter solar and storage pilot project at a non-traditional terrain site serving an existing business? Or are the funds explicitly for research and development (R&D) purposes, not equipment and infrastructure for a pilot project that would be used for testing and field measurements? Does “pilot-testing” in Group 1 include funding actual new demonstration projects?

**Answer:** The goal of Group 1 is to improve the cost and environmental, reliability, health and equity impacts (among others, see Section I.C. of the solicitation manual for additional sample impacts) of utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) generation and energy storage in non-traditional locations. As stated in Section I.C., “Projects may involve research analyses, field measurements, and pilot-testing to develop publicly accessible tools that measure potential energy and non-energy impacts and co-benefits.” A new demonstration project may fall under “pilot-testing,” but applicants must ensure that other requirements for the solicitation are met. Section II.B. of the Solicitation manual defines the required “applied research and development stage” eligibility for technologies. CEC cannot make any pre-determinations as to the eligibility of a proposal without a complete submitted application.

2. **Question:** Is the goal of Group 1 to identify specific locations or to demonstrate a method for identifying locations? Does the project need to actually do an installation or demonstrate the potential for doing installations in previously unavailable areas?

**Answer:** See response to Q1.

3. **Question:** The applicant has a project to install at a government site. Is that enough? Or does the applicant need to install the solar and battery energy storage systems (BESS) at an even “less traditional” site?

**Answer:** Sections I.A. and I.C. of the solicitation manual describe “non-traditional PV” sample locations but also include locations that have “multi-use applications” and those where “deployments where land use and environmental impacts are minimized.” Each applicant is responsible for ensuring that their proposal meets the requirements of the solicitation and providing justification for how their proposal meets the goals and requirements of the solicitation. CEC cannot make any pre-determinations as to the eligibility of a proposal without a complete submitted application.

4. **Question:** For a proposal to do solar over crops / agrivoltaics, would plant studies be an acceptable use for a part of the money? The idea is to show that plants are not harmed or grow better, which directly affects the economics for wide adoption. Can the environmental impact be a dominant issue for the scope?

**Answer:** The goal of Group 1 is to improve the cost and environmental, reliability, health and equity impacts of utility-scale solar PV generation and energy storage in non-traditional locations aiming to minimize negative impacts and maximize benefits for California ratepayers. As stated in Section I.C. of the solicitation manual, “Potential impacts and benefits may include those related to cost, land use, water use, air quality, environment, grid

resilience, agriculture, health, equity, and wildlife and ecosystem interactions, compared to traditional ground-mounted solar PV.” The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their proposal meets the requirements of the solicitation and providing justification for how their proposal meets the goals and requirements of the solicitation. CEC cannot make any pre-determinations as to the eligibility of a proposal without a complete submitted application.

5. **Question:** Would Group 1 fund proposals for a new demonstration agrivoltaics project in California? Currently there are very few demonstration projects on crop-based agrivoltaics in California--namely only 2 (UC Davis and Pitzer College/Cal Poly Pomona, and the latter is a very small installation) so there are extremely limited opportunities for "field testing" a mitigation technology at "an existing solar PV generation and storage facility" that is crop-based agrivoltaics.

**Answer:** See response to Q1.

6. **Question:** For a “Group 1: Optimization of Non-Traditional PV Solar” project that includes data collection at a pilot testing site – either newly constructed as part of the proposed project or pre-existing – does the pilot site need to incorporate both a solar system and an energy storage system, or is a standalone solar system (without energy storage) ok?

**Answer:** Proposals must identify innovations to support utility-scale solar PV generation and energy storage in non-traditional locations. As stated in Section I.C. of the solicitation manual, “Projects may involve research analyses, field measurements, and pilot-testing to develop publicly accessible tools that measure potential energy and non-energy impacts and co-benefits.” A new demonstration project may fall under “pilot-testing,” but applicants must ensure that other requirements for the solicitation are met, including the proposed project’s applicability to utility-scale energy storage in non-traditional locations.

## Group 2: Data Collection and Processing for Site Assessment and Permitting

7. **Question:** Can a Group 2 project include development and validation of models that estimate non-energy co-benefits (e.g., evaporation reduction, ecological screening criteria) as integrated outputs of an automated site assessment tool, or does the CEC consider non-energy benefit estimation to fall exclusively under Group 1?

**Answer:** Group 2 projects should target solutions related to pre-installation design, siting, and zoning for utility-scale solar PV and storage. The solicitation manual provides sample metrics in Section I.C. that may be included for each group. Each applicant is responsible for ensuring that their submitted application represents their best and final proposal to meet the solicitation requirements for the group that they are submitting under.

8. **Question:** For Group 2, can field data collection serve primarily as validation data for a software tool's predictive models (e.g., comparing modeled evaporation reduction to measured values at an existing PV site), or must field data collection be the project's primary activity?

**Answer:** Section I.C. of the solicitation manual details that, “Each project must gather available field data, explain the data sources and their availability, outline methods to ensure transparency, and develop guidelines and screening criteria.” The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their proposal meets the requirements of the solicitation and providing justification for how their proposal meets the objectives and requirements of the solicitation. CEC cannot make any pre-determinations as to the eligibility of a proposal without a complete submitted application.

9. **Question:** For Group 2, is it required to secure a specific site at the time of proposal submission, or can sites be identified during the project?

**Answer:** If the proposal involves pilot testing activities, the applicant must include a site commitment letter signed by an authorized representative of the proposed test site.

10. **Question:** Can you confirm that Group 2 projects are limited to site assessment and permitting workflow development and do not require actual permitting, construction, or deployment?

**Answer:** The solicitation manual does not detail any requirements for permitting, construction, or deployment. As stated in Section I.C. of the solicitation manual, “Each project must gather available field data, explain the data sources and their availability, outline methods to ensure transparency, and develop guidelines and screening criteria.” The applicant is responsible for ensuring their proposal meets the requirements of the solicitation regarding type of project selected and for acquiring any permits that may be needed. CEC cannot make any pre-determinations as to the eligibility of a proposal without a complete submitted application.

## Group 3: Solar PV Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Optimization

11. **Question:** In Group 3, can operational data come from a utility partner or site under existing agreements without direct contractual engagement with an O&M provider?

**Answer:** The solicitation manual does not detail any requirements for the types of contractual engagements. As stated in section I.C. of the solicitation manual, the project narrative attachment must, (1) describe how the open-source mapping and analysis tool will be publicly accessible, for how long, and how relevant interested parties will be educated, including training, user guides, and documentation; (2) describe access to the volume, type, and quality of real-world data necessary to complete the project; and; (3) describe data sources, availability of data, methods to provide transparency, and frequency with which data should be updated.” The applicant is responsible for ensuring their proposal meets the requirements of the solicitation regarding data collected. CEC cannot make any pre-determinations as to the eligibility of a proposal without a complete submitted application.

12. **Question:** Must the PV + battery system for Group 3 be fully installed and operational at the time of proposal submission, or can storage be planned or partially deployed?

**Answer:** The solicitation manual does not detail any requirements for permitting, construction, or deployment. As stated in Section I.C. of the solicitation manual, “Each project must gather available field data, explain the data sources and their availability, outline methods to ensure transparency, and develop guidelines and screening criteria.” The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their proposal meets the requirements of the solicitation and providing justification for how their proposal meets the goals and requirements of the solicitation and can be completed successfully within the proposed agreement term. CEC cannot make any pre-determinations as to the eligibility of a proposal without a complete submitted application.

## General

13. **Question:** What’s the minimum size megawatt (MW) and megawatt-hour (MWh) for these projects? For Group 3, is the minimum size requirement (>5 MW PV with 4-hour storage) mandatory?

**Answer:** The purpose of this solicitation is to accelerate advancements in renewable generation technologies and demonstrate cost reductions and increased energy output for utility-scale solar installations (>5 megawatt alternative current (MWAC)) paired with battery energy storage systems (~20 megawatt-hour (MWh)). Applicants may propose smaller scale pilot installations for testing, measurements, and data collection, but project outputs must be applicable to larger utility-scale solar installations.

14. **Question:** The applicant is contemplating two technologies, where one is ready for field testing, the other needs some development to finalize and could then also be field tested as part of this project. Is the technology that still needs some development excluded from this funding opportunity or would it fall under applied R&D?

**Answer:** Typically, lab testing activities may be applicable under the applied research and development stage, provided that field testing activities are also included in the scope of the project. Section II.B. of the solicitation manual defines the required “applied research and development stage” eligibility for technologies, and the applicant is responsible for ensuring that their proposal meets the requirements of the solicitation and providing justification for how their proposal meets the goals and requirements of the solicitation. CEC cannot make any pre-determinations as to the eligibility of a proposal without a complete submitted application.

15. **Question:** What is the minimum expected Technology Readiness Level (TRL) for the proposed solution going into this project, and what is the minimum expected TRL upon completion of the project?

**Answer:** There are no specific Technology Readiness Level (TRL) requirements set in this solicitation, but applicants are encouraged to submit proposals within TRL 5 – 7 that are expected to mature to TRL 7 – 9 upon completion of the project. Proposals may identify a TRL outside this range and still be considered for award.

16. **Question:** Would you include "Aggregated Distributed Energy Generation" (ADER) to meet the 5 MW threshold? In other words, would an application that has an aggregated capacity >5 MW qualify? Can the total size across multiple sites be aggregated to meet the >5 MW requirement?

**Answer:** The purpose of this solicitation is to accelerate advancements in renewable generation technologies and demonstrate cost reductions and increased energy output for utility-scale solar installations (>5 megawatt alternative current (MWAC)) paired with battery energy storage systems (~20 megawatt-hour (MWh)). Applicants may propose smaller scale pilot installations or aggregated distributed energy systems for testing, measurements, and data collection, but project outputs must be applicable to larger utility-scale solar installations. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their proposal aligns with this purpose. CEC cannot make any pre-determinations as to the eligibility of a proposal without a complete submitted application.

17. **Question:** We understand that only sites within specified IOU service territories are eligible. Does the site require current service from the IOU?

If yes, we have a site with a planned and funded facility where the IOU will set up electric service. The timing runs concurrently with the SPLINT grant. It is our understanding this would meet the spirit of the grant, but we would like clarification on whether it falls within the grant's requirements.

**Answer:** This solicitation is open to all public and private entities with the exception of local publicly owned electric utilities. Section IV.E. of the solicitation manual requires that if the project involves technology pilot demonstration activities, then all demonstration sites be located in a California electric IOU service territory; however, there are no interconnection requirements stated.

18. **Question:** Are solar projects on landfills considered "non-traditional PV" under this GFO?

**Answer:** Sections I.A. and I.C. of the solicitation manual describe "non-traditional PV" sample locations but also include locations that have "multi-use applications" and those where "deployments where land use and environmental impacts are minimized." CEC cannot make any pre-determinations as to the eligibility of a proposal without a complete submitted application. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their proposal meets the requirements of the solicitation and providing justification for how their proposal meets the goals and requirements of the solicitation.

## Administrative

19. **Question:** What are the protocols to reaching out to CEC about the application?

**Answer:** Please send all questions related to GFO-25-306 to:  
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Commission Agreement Officer  
715 P St., MS-1

Sacramento, CA 95814  
[Natalia.calderon@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Natalia.calderon@energy.ca.gov)

20. **Question:** Will names/companies of participants of the pre-application workshop be available? Will attendance on today's call be shared to support teaming?

**Answer:** The attendance list for the pre-application workshop will not be publicly posted but can be requested by contacting the Commission Agreement Officer listed in the solicitation manual and in the response to Q19. Applicants are encouraged to seek partner opportunities with other interested entities via CEC's Empower Innovation site at <https://www.empowerinnovation.net/en/custom/funding/view/52230>.

21. **Question:** Will the slide deck and recording of the pre-application workshop be shared?

**Answer:** Yes, the workshop recording and materials have been posted to the solicitation webpage: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2026-03/gfo-25-306-solar-pv-located-non-traditional-terrain-splint>.

22. **Question:** If a solution has multiple distinct parts/features, where individually they align best with different groups of the solicitation but the solution as a whole aligns best with 1 specific group, would it be best for the reviewers to see one holistic solution in one application or to break it into multiple applications that are more group specific?

**Answer:** The CEC is not responsible for picking specific options in an applicant's proposal to award funding. Each applicant is responsible for ensuring that their submitted application represents their best and final proposal to meet the solicitation requirements for the group that they are submitting under. The Application Screening Criteria in Section IV.E. include a criterion requiring that the "application addresses only one of the eligible project groups" and that "If the applicant has submitted more than one application for the same project group, each application is for a distinct project."

23. **Question:** What are the total funds allocated to this solicitation? Is there an obligation to split funding equally across groups/specific topic areas?

**Answer:** The total amount under this solicitation is \$6 million. See Section I.D for the breakdown across the groups. The CEC reserves the right to increase or decrease the available funding and the minimum/maximum grant award amounts and to reallocate funding between any of the groups.

24. **Question:** How can community colleges be involved in a proposal since they are not typically strong on research?

**Answer:** Applicants are encouraged to seek partner opportunities with other interested entities at CEC's Empower Innovation site <https://www.empowerinnovation.net/en/custom/funding/view/52230>. The applicant should clearly describe the role of each project partner in the proposal. See Section III.C. of the

solicitation manual for discussion of Project Team Form requirements and Section IV.F. for the scoring criterion for Team Qualifications, Capabilities, and Resources.

25. **Question:** Is open source a requirement (fully or partially) for each group or weighted differently? And how does this effect requirements or desires for commercializable technology?

**Answer:** All groups have an open-source requirement and, as detailed in Section I.C., must “describe how the open-source mapping and analysis tool will be publicly accessible, for how long, and how relevant interested parties will be educated, including training, user guides, and documentation.” All proposals received in this solicitation, regardless of group, will be evaluated according to the scoring criteria listed in Section IV.F. of the solicitation manual.

26. **Question:** Is there a list of past awardees?

**Answer:** Information on prior awards can be found on each solicitation’s individual webpage, available at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/solicitations>.

27. **Question:** Although publicly owned utilities are not eligible (II.A.1) to be the Prime Recipient, can we still partner with local publicly owned utilities for match funding or sites, etc.?

**Answer:** In accordance with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Decision 12-05-037, funds administered by the CEC may not be used for any purposes associated with local publicly owned electric utility activities. A local publicly owned electric utility is an entity as defined in California Public Utilities Code section 224.3. Specific questions regarding which entities meet that definition should be directed to prospective applicants’ legal representatives. Local publicly owned electric utilities can be project partners and/or provide match funds, but they may not receive CEC funds, be a Prime Recipient, nor be a host site. This aligns with the intent of EPIC, which is funded by Investor Owned Utility (IOU) ratepayers and overseen by the CPUC for investments targeted at IOU customer benefits per CPUC Proceeding R.11-10-003 that created the EPIC Program.

28. **Question:** Are project sites required to be within IOU service territories, or can non-IOU locations also be considered eligible? Are Community Choice Aggregators eligible as partners? Is partnership with an IOU possible under this grant?

**Answer:** This solicitation is open to all public and private entities with the exception of local publicly owned electric utilities. There is no language in the solicitation manual posing any restrictions to Community Choice Aggregators, which are public agencies and are fully eligible to apply as Prime Recipients or participate as project partners. Similarly, IOUs can be Prime Recipients or project partners, and they can provide match funds. Section IV.E. of the solicitation manual requires that if the project involves technology pilot demonstration activities, then all demonstration sites be located in a California electric IOU service territory. In accordance with CPUC Decision 12-05-037, funds administered by the CEC may not be used for any purposes associated with local publicly owned electric utility activities; for more information on local publicly owned electric utilities, see the response to Q27.

29. **Question:** Do we need to submit a Letter of Commitment (LOC) for our own in-kind contributions so they are seen in the Application screening LOC review step?

**Answer:** As described in Section III.C. of the solicitation manual, applicants must submit a match funding commitment letter from each entity that is committing to providing match funding, including the prime applicant, regardless of whether the match funding is “cash” or “in-kind” (see Section I.K. for additional details on Match Funding requirements).

30. **Question:** Why is CEC limiting this grant to PG&E and other private utilities. Why won't CEC allow this grant to be done with public utilities like Silicon Valley Power? Can the demonstration sites be in California, outside of IOU territories?

**Answer:** See response to Q27. Additionally, Section IV.E. of the solicitation manual requires that if the project involves technology pilot demonstration activities, then all demonstration sites be located in a California electric IOU service territory.

31. **Question:** For funds spent in California, what if a team member is currently not in California but would relocate if the grant is awarded?

**Answer:** As described in Section I.L., funds “spent in California” means that funds are paid to individuals that pay California state income taxes on wages received for work performed under the agreement. If wages are received by a project team member before relocating, those would not be considered “spent in California.”

32. **Question:** Is there anything beyond the GFO you would like to share about potential economics or behavioral social sciences related to SPLINT efforts?

**Answer:** CEC has no additional information to share outside of what is listed in the solicitation documents.

33. **Question:** Is progress allowed to happen between the application date and proposed start date?

**Answer:** All work and expenditure of funds (CEC-reimbursed and/or match share) must occur within the Agreement term specified in the signed Grant Agreement documents once the agreement has been approved at a CEC business meeting, signed by both parties, and executed. The anticipated Agreement start date for awarded projects is late 2026-early 2027.

34. **Question:** If an application is submitted under one project group but the Evaluation Committee determines the project is better suited to a different group, will the CEC evaluate the application under the alternative group, or will the application only be evaluated under the group selected by the applicant?

**Answer:** The CEC will evaluate each application according to the requirements of the group under which it was submitted by the applicant. The CEC is not responsible for reassigning

applications to the most appropriate group to award funding. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their submitted application represents their best and final proposal to meet the solicitation requirements for the group that they are submitting under.

35. **Question:** Does the requirement for tools to be "publicly accessible" mean the tool must be released as open-source code, or can accessibility be provided through a free-to-use web interface or application programming interface (API) with proprietary underlying code?

**Answer:** As a condition to receive funding under this solicitation, applicants must agree to fully comply with the California Taxpayer Access to Publicly Funded Research Act as outlined in Attachment 13: Exhibit C EPIC Standard Grant Terms and Conditions, section 24. Proposals may identify an easy-to-access web interface as a potential approach to public accessibility. All proposals received in this solicitation, regardless of group, will be evaluated according to the scoring criteria listed in Section IV.F. of the solicitation manual. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their proposal meets the requirements of the solicitation and providing justification for how their proposal meets the goals and requirements of the solicitation.

36. **Question:** Will potential impacts of projects be evaluated strictly by the quantified impact? (the winning application would be the higher quantified impact?)

**Answer:** Applications that pass ALL Stage One Screening Criteria and are not rejected as described in Section IV.C. will be evaluated based on the Scoring Criteria and the Scoring Scale in Section IV.F.

37. **Question:** Where can we find the terms and conditions mentioned in Section II.A.2?

**Answer:** On the CEC Funding Resources Webpage (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources>), this Solicitation's Terms and Conditions are found in the "Research and Development Funding Information" accordion (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources#accordion-3135>).

38. **Question:** What advertisements can be made to potential sources of match funding? For example, can we promise they will receive recognition/publicity as a supporter of the grant in certain ways?

**Answer:** Match partners on EPIC projects are listed on the project's page on the Energize Innovation website at <https://www.energizeinnovation.fund/>. The CEC does not provide specific legal advice regarding any applicant's obligations to potential sources of match funding. Applicants should discuss this with their legal counsel.

39. **Question:** Can a grant recipient also be a subrecipient on another grant? How about for similar work?

**Answer:** Grant recipients may be subrecipients on other grants provided that the scope of work is not duplicative across different agreements. CEC reserves the right to refuse to pass

or award a proposal if it determines that it is duplicative of other previously funded or ongoing work.

40. **Question:** How are cash match vs in-kind contributions weighted differently?

**Answer:** As described in Section I.K. of the solicitation manual, "match funds" include cash or in-kind (non-cash) contributions provided by the applicant, subrecipients, or other parties that are available to them at the time of proposal submittal and will be used during the agreement term in performance of the proposed project. Cash match can include funding awards earned or received from other agencies for the proposed technologies or study (but not for identical work). Match funds do not include CEC awards, EPIC funds received from other sources, or future/contingent awards. Type of match funds are evaluated using the Scoring Scale for Section 5. Budget and Cost-Effectiveness of the Scoring Criteria described in Section IV.F.

41. **Question:** What do you mean we have we have to share a technology transfer? How does tech transfer work if a public organization is the main recipient vs if a private business is the main recipient?

**Answer:** As described in Attachment 04 Scope of Work, the goal of the Technology/Knowledge Transfer Activities task is to ensure the scientific and techno-economic analysis and tools developed under this agreement are used in the energy policy and/or planning decisions at the state and/or local levels, academic community, and/or commercial sector. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their proposal meets the requirements of the solicitation, and information provided will be evaluated using the Scoring Scale for the Scoring Criteria described in Section IV.F.

42. **Question:** Does a proposed project need to have an End Date of March 31, 2030 (as listed in Section E: Key Activities Schedule), or can we propose a project with an earlier End Date? Are projects required to have a schedule that last for 3 years? Will preference points be lost if a project schedule is only 1-2 years?

**Answer:** The agreement end date of March 31, 2030, is determined by the encumbrance deadline for the funds under this solicitation. Applicants may propose a shorter duration if appropriate. The proposed project timeline must support completion of all required tasks. The scoring criteria listed in Section IV.F. of the solicitation manual identify that the proposal will be evaluated for its feasibility to complete the proposed scope of work within the proposed scheduled timeframe.

43. **Question:** Would it be possible to have a quick call with CEC staff to discuss how the applicant's work might best align with the grant?

**Answer:** CEC cannot meet with any potential applicants during an ongoing competitive solicitation to ensure a fair, open, and transparent solicitation process. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their proposal meets the requirements of the solicitation. CEC cannot make any pre-determinations as to the eligibility of a proposal without a complete submitted application.

44. **Question:** The applicant is somewhat confused about the scope. On page 7 of the GFO-25-306 application manual, two examples of suitable projects are listed:

- Evaluation of a data processing tool for siting
- Field testing of a solution

And on page 14, it states that projects need to fall in

- Applied R&D
- Technology Demonstration and deployment
- Market facilitation

The applicant is contemplating two technologies, where one is ready for field testing, the other needs some development to finalize and could then also be field tested as part of this project. Is the technology that still needs some development excluded from this funding opportunity or would it fall under applied R&D?

**Answer:** Typically, lab testing activities may be applicable under the applied research and development stage, provided that field testing activities are also included in the scope of the project. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their proposal meets the requirements of the solicitation and providing justification for how their proposal meets the goals and requirements of the solicitation. CEC cannot make any pre-determinations as to the eligibility of a proposal without a complete submitted application.

45. **Question:** Given the lack of existing and operational non-traditionally sited solar PV projects, can suitable smaller scale projects be aggregated to achieve a 5+MW?

**Answer:** Applicants may propose for testing, measurements, and data collection smaller-scale pilot installations or aggregating smaller-scale projects to meet the 5 MW utility-scale requirement. However, project outputs must be applicable to larger utility-scale solar installations, and the applicant remains responsible for ensuring that their proposal meets the requirements of the solicitation. CEC cannot make any pre-determinations as to the eligibility of a proposal without a complete submitted application.

46. **Question:** Can the proposed project use CEC funds from this grant on validating existing sites where there has been previous or existing work funded by other CEC EPIC grants? What if those contracts have already been completed?

**Answer:** Applicants may propose sites from previous or existing work funded by other CEC grants. However, the proposed scope of work may not duplicate any previously funded or ongoing CEC grant-funded projects. CEC reserves the right to refuse to pass or award a proposal if it determines that it is duplicative of other previously funded or ongoing work.

47. **Question:** Would projects involving partnerships with CCAs (Community Choice Aggregators) be eligible? Can we review sites in CCA territories that rely on IOU transmission lines?

**Answer:** See response to Q28.

48. **Question:** The applicant has just been awarded funding from a foundation for a project with a related scope. Is the applicant able to leverage funds from this foundation to meet CEC's matching funds requirement with a letter of support from the foundation?

**Answer:** See responses to Q40 and Q29. The applicant should ensure that the leveraged and proposed projects are complementary and not duplicative.