



GFO-26-601 Charger Service Skills Accelerator Pre-Application Workshop

Fuels and Transportation Division
August 19, 2026



Workshop Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Solicitation Overview
- Application Components
- Project Evaluation
- Submitting Application
- Questions & Answers
- Next Steps



Housekeeping

- Workshop is recorded on Zoom
- [GFO-26-601 Charger Service Skills Accelerator Webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2026-08/gfo-26-601-charger-service-skills-accelerator)
 - <https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2026-08/gfo-26-601-charger-service-skills-accelerator>
- Virtual Participation via Zoom or telephone during the Q&A period
- Written Questions to Commission Agreement Officer:
 - Laura Williams, email: laura.williams@energy.ca.gov
 - Subject: GFO-26-601
 - Q&A Deadline: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. PT



Commitment to Diversity: Diversity Survey

- The CEC continues to encourage disadvantaged and underrepresented businesses and communities to engage in and benefit from our programs
 - Engage with disadvantaged and underrepresented groups
 - Notify potential new applicants about funding opportunities
 - Assist applicants in understanding how to apply for funding
 - Survey participants to measure progress in diversity outreach efforts



One-Minute Survey

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/4ETtgiPAS5>

- Please use the link or scan the QR code to access the survey
- Survey will close at the end of the day
- Information used for public reports on anonymous overall attendance of diverse groups

Solicitation Overview



GFO-26-601 **Charger Service Skills Accelerator**





Purpose of Solicitation

- Competitive grant solicitation
- **Goal:** Increase the qualified workforce needed to service electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment
- Funding will support training that leads to:
 - portable, industry-recognized credentials
 - may be used to expand existing training programs to include EV charging equipment service





Solicitation Timeline - Key Activities and Dates

Solicitation
Release
August 6, 2026

Pre-Application
Workshop
August 19, 2026

Applications
Due
October 30, 2026

Notice of
Proposed
Awards
January 2027

CEC Business
Meeting
April 2027

Project Start



Available Funding and Minimum/Maximum Award

- A total of \$6 million is available under this solicitation
- The minimum grant award per project is \$500,000
- The maximum grant award per project is \$2 million
- Applicants are required to provide at least 25% match funding of total project costs

Total Project Cost	CEC Award (75%)	Match Funding (25%)
\$700,000	\$525,000	\$175,000
\$2,500,000	\$1,875,000	\$625,000



Applicant Eligibility

➤ Eligible Applicants

- California public entities, private entities
- Community-based organizations, non-profit organizations, non-governmental organizations
- California Community Colleges, State Universities, the University of California
- Labor management partnerships, local workforce development boards,
- California Native American Tribes, and Tribal Organizations

➤ Ineligible applicants

- K-12 Local Educational Agencies
- Investor-owned utilities





Maximum Number of Applications

- One application per applicant
- Applicants or major subrecipients may not be listed as a *major* subrecipient on another application
 - [Budget Category Guidance](https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/ecams-resources/budget-category-guidance)
(<https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/ecams-resources/budget-category-guidance>)
- Groups of entities as a consortium

Budget Category Guidance

The Energy Commission is pleased to offer additional flexibility and reduced administrative burden related to the invoice review and budget amendment processes. With these improvements, Recipients are reminded that all items included on a budget or an invoice must be necessary to accomplish the Scope of Work and meet other Agreement Requirements, and invoices must represent Actual Costs. In addition, a CAM may request additional information that he or she feels is necessary to support an invoice or budget reallocation.

Expand All

Direct Labor	+
Fringe Benefit	+
Travel	+
Equipment	+
Materials & Miscellaneous	+
Subrecipients & Vendors	+
Indirect Costs & Profit	+
Match Fund Considerations	+
Consultants	+



Applicant Requirements

- Accept the Terms and Conditions
 - [CEC Funding Resources](https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources)
(<https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources>)
 - [ECAMS Resources](https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/ecams-resources)
(<https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/ecams-resources>)
- Register and be in good standing with the [California Secretary of State](https://www.sos.ca.gov/)
(<https://www.sos.ca.gov/>)

Fuels and Transportation Funding Information ✕

- Funding Opportunities for Fuels and Transportation
- Clean Transportation Program
- School Bus Program
- Grant Recipient and Contractor Past Performance Evaluation
- Standard Terms and Conditions
 - Clean Transportation Program Block Grant Administrator Terms and Conditions
 - **Clean Transportation Program Standard Terms and Conditions**
 - Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Standard Terms and Conditions
 - California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Standard Terms and Conditions
- Special Terms
 - Insolvency
 - Block Grant Condition

AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTS

- Kick-Off Mtg Presentation Slides ECAMS Process
- Monthly Call Form
- Quarterly Progress Report Template
- Quarterly Progress Report Review Checklist (MS Forms - For CAMs to Complete)
- ✕
- Quarterly Progress Report Review Checklist (MS Word - For Viewing Only)
- **Streamlining Grant Terms and Conditions**
- Changes to Grants: Level of Approval and Notification Chart
- Match Fund Spending Plan
- CEC Agreement At-Risk Status Policy



Project Requirements

Overview

- Focus on EV Charger Service
 - Charger installation, commissioning, verification or testing, maintenance, repair, technical support, and decommissioning
- All projects **must**:
 - Provide training
 - Include project partnerships (Worker Voice Representative, Employer, Educational Provider)
 - Provide a clear career path from training to quality jobs
- Projects **may**:
 - Provide supportive services
 - Expand an existing training program





Project Costs: Training and Training Program Expansion

➤ Eligible Costs:

- Professional (instructor) development
- Classroom or lab equipment
- Curriculum development
- Geographical expansion
- Program accreditation

➤ Ineligible Costs:

- Training related to vehicles or hydrogen refueling infrastructure
- Chargers for purposes other than training
- Capital improvements
- Technology research or deployment



Project Costs: Supportive Services

- Supportive services must not exceed 15% of CEC funds, or 5% of CEC funds for projects expanding a training program
- **Eligible Costs:**
 - Career services
 - Direct services
 - Employer job placement incentives (after trainees have completed at least three months of employment)
- **Match Share Eligible Costs:**
 - Foundational skills, soft skills, wrap around services

Application Components



GFO-26-601 Charger Service Skills Accelerator





Application Content

Item	Action Needed by Applicant
Project Narrative	Complete Attachment 1
Scope of Work Template	Complete Attachment 2
<i>*Scope of Work Instructions</i>	<i>None</i>
Schedule of Products and Due Dates	Complete Attachment 4
Proposal Budget	Complete Attachment 5
Resumes	Complete Attachment 6
Contact List	Complete Attachment 7
Letters of Commitment	Complete Attachment 8
<i>*Letters of Support (optional)</i>	<i>Complete Attachment 9 (optional)</i>
CEQA Worksheet	Complete Attachment 10
Past Performance Reference Form(s)	Complete Attachment 11
Applicant Declaration	Complete Attachment 12



Project Narrative - REQUIRED

Attachment 1

- Detailed description of the proposed project **directly** addressing evaluation criteria
- Limited to 15 pages
- 11-point font, single-spaced and a blank line between paragraphs
- Page numbers
- Table of Contents (does not count towards the 15-page limit)
- Recommended section headings

Table of Contents	
Introduction - Project Overview and Context.....	1
Strategy, goals objectives	1
Project Partners	2
Workforce Impact	3
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Scope of Work - REQUIRED

Attachment 2

- Activities proposed in the Project Narrative must conform to the tasks described in the Scope of Work
- Scope of Work Instructions (Attachment 3)
- **Do not update** Task 1 – Administration
- Technical Tasks
 - At least one product deliverable per task
 - Review all pre-defined tasks

Attachment 2 Exhibit A SCOPE OF WORK

The information, requirements, and deliverables set forth in this Scope of Work template are provided for preliminary reference only and are subject to revision. CEC reserves the right to modify the Scope of Work at any time during the negotiation and development of a grant agreement.

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		Project Partnerships
3		Career Pathways
4		Training Program Expansion
5		Supportive Services
6	X	Provide Training
<#>		<Insert Task Name>

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, subrecipients, or partners. Add additional lines as needed. Alternatively, you may delete this table if there are no key names.>

Task #	Key Personnel	Key Subrecipient(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
AB	Assembly Bill
Accreditation	Formal, independent evaluation and verification that a program or institution meets established quality standards and is competent to carry out specific conformity assessment tasks. Accredited



Schedule of Products and Due Dates - REQUIRED

Attachment 4

Attachment 04 Exhibit A-1 Schedule of Products and Due Dates			
Task Number	Task Name	Product(s)	Due Date
1.1	Attend Kick-off Meeting		
		Updated Schedule of Products and Due Dates	<Insert Date>
		Updated List of Match Funds (Private, Utility, Federal)	<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 and List of Expected Participants (CEC)	<Insert Date>
		Schedule for written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
		Written determination (CEC)	<Insert Date>
	<Add as many CPRs as required>	<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
		Quarterly Training Reports	10th calendar day of each January, April, July, and October during the approved term of this Agreement
1.6	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 fund commitment (if applicable)	Within 10 days of identifying new match funds
		Written notification that match funds were reduced (if applicable)	Within 10 days of identifying reduced funds
1.7	Identify and Obtain Required Permits		
		Letter documenting the permits or stating that no permits are required	<Insert Date>
		A copy of each final approved permit (if applicable)	Within 10 days of receiving each permit
		Updated list of permits as they change during the term of the Agreement (if applicable)	Within 10 days of change in list of permits
		Updated schedule for acquiring permits as changes occur during the term of the Agreement (if applicable)	Within 10 days of change in schedule for obtaining permits
1.8	Obtain and Execute Subawards		
		Letter describing the subawards needed, or stating that no subawards are required	<Insert Date>
		Draft subaward (if requested)	Within 10 calendar days of request
		Final subaward (if requested)	Within 10 calendar days of request
1.9	Final Project Reporting		
		Final Report - Outline (if requested by the CAM)	<Insert Date>
		Final Report - Draft	<Insert Date>
		Final Report (no less than 60 calendar days before the end term of the agreement)	<Insert Date>
		Project Fact Sheet	<Insert Date>
		(6) six High Quality Digital Photographs	<Insert Date>
2	PROJECT PARTNERSHIPS		

- Identify due dates for deliverables (products) in the scope of work
- Provide realistic dates of when deliverables can be completed
- Important: all work completed by June 30, 2030



Proposal Budget - REQUIRED

Attachment 5

- Identify how CEC and match funds will be spent to complete the project
- Required for Applicant and all Major Subrecipient(s) $\geq$ \$100,000
- Budget Category Guidance
(<https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-resources/ecams-resources/budget-category-guidance>)
- Budget workbook “Instructions” tab
- Review all cost category tabs

Template Version 2/17/2023

PROPOSAL BUDGET			
Category Budget			
Grant Funding Number	GFO-26-001		
Name of Organization	ABC company		
Select Recipient or Subrecipient			
Select your organization'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 & Contact List - REQUIRED

Attachment 6 & Attachment 7

➤ Resumes

- Applicants must include resumes for **key personnel identified** in the application
- Maximum of 2 pages each

➤ Contact List

- Complete the blue text in the right-hand “Recipient” column
- The CEC will complete the CEC points of contact during agreement development

ATTACHMENT 07 - Contact List GFO-26-001 – Charger Service Skills Accelerator	
Please complete the information in the “Recipient” column.	
California Energy Commission	Recipient
Commission Agreement Manager: <i>(Progress Reports and Non-Confidential Products may be emailed to the CAM or uploaded into ECAMS with Invoice.)</i> (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 e-mail:
<i>(intentionally left blank)</i>	Administrator: Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX-XXXX e-mail:
Invoices: Please submit electronic invoices in ECAMS: https://ecams.energy.ca.gov/s/login/	Accounting Officer: Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX-XXXX e-mail:
Legal Notices: Phil Dyer Grants Manager California Energy Commission 715 P Street, MS-1 Sacramento, CA 95814 e-mail: phil.dyer@energy.ca.gov	Recipient Legal Notices: Name Company Name Street Address City, State ZIP Phone: (XXX) XXX-XXXX e-mail:



Letters of Commitment - REQUIRED

Attachment 8

- Project Partners: Worker Voice Representative, Employer, Education Provider
 - Key Project Partners must demonstrate their ability to fulfill identified roles
- Match Share Contributors
 - Identify amount of match committed
 - Funding source(s)
 - Contact information
- Entities planning to participate as a consortium
- Limited to **two** pages (per letter)





Letters of Support - Optional

Attachment 9

- Purpose: substantiate the demand or benefits of the project
- Third-party letters of support can be provided by (but are not limited to):
 - air districts
 - state or federal agencies
 - local safety officials
 - potential project users
- **Two**-page limit (per letter)





CEQA Worksheet - REQUIRED

Attachment 10

ATTACHMENT 10 - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Worksheet GFO-26-XXX – Charger Service Skills Accelerator

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.) requires public agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and to avoid or mitigate them, if feasible.¹ Under CEQA, an activity that may cause either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment is called a "project." (Public Resources Code § 21065.) Approval of a contract, grant, or loan may be a "project" under CEQA if the activity being funded may cause a direct physical change or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Agencies must comply with CEQA before they approve a "project." This can include preparing a Notice of Exemption or conducting an Initial Study and preparing a Negative Declaration, a Mitigated Negative Declaration, or, if there are significant impacts, an Environmental Impact Report.

The Lead Agency is the public agency that has the greatest responsibility for preparing environmental documents under CEQA, and for carrying out, supervising, or approving a project. Where the award recipient is a public agency, the Lead Agency is typically the recipient. Where the award recipient is a private entity, the Lead Agency is the public agency that has greatest responsibility for supervising or approving the project as a whole.² When issuing contracts, grants or loans, the Energy Commission is typically a "Responsible Agency" under CEQA, which means that it must make its own CEQA findings based on review of the Lead Agency's environmental documents. If the Energy Commission is the only public agency with responsibility for approving the project, then the Energy Commission must act as the Lead Agency and prepare its own environmental documents before approving the project.

This worksheet will help the Energy Commission determine what kind of CEQA review, if any, is necessary before it can approve the award, and which agency will be performing that review as a Lead Agency. Please answer all questions as completely as possible. It may also help you to think through the CEQA process necessary for your proposed project. The Energy Commission may request additional information in order to clarify responses provided on this worksheet.

¹ For a [brief summary and overview of CEQA](https://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/docs/20210809-CEQA_101.pdf), please visit https://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/docs/20210809-CEQA_101.pdf.

² 14 C.C.R. §§ 15050, 15051. The Lead Agency typically has general governmental powers (such as a city or county), rather than a single or limited purpose (such as an air pollution control district).

- **Required for CEC CEQA determinations**
- **Failure to complete the worksheet may lead to disqualification of the application**



Past Performance Reference Form - REQUIRED

Attachment 11

- Provide **separate** references forms for
 - CEC agreements - last 10 years
 - Other public agencies - 5 most recent in the last 10 years
- Include a contact person name and phone number or email address
- Applicants with no previous agreements, please explain in the Project Narrative

ATTACHMENT 11 - Past Performance Reference Form GFO-26-001 – Charger Service Skills Accelerator

Provide references for California Energy Commission (CEC) agreements (e.g., contracts, grants, or loans) received by the Applicant in the last 10 years, including ongoing agreements, 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 (or 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.

In response to Section III. D. 2. a., Team Experience and Qualifications, 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.

Field	Response
Name of Organization	
Address	
Contact Name	
Contact Title	
Contact Phone Number (or Email)	
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.	



Applicant Declaration - REQUIRED

Attachment 12

- **Must** be completed
- Signed by authorized representative of the Applicant's organization

ATTACHMENT 12 - Applicant Declaration GFO-26-XXX – Charger Service Skills Accelerator

As of the date of the application deadline for Energy Commission solicitation GFO-26-001, the entity submitting this application (Applicant):

- Is not delinquent on any federal, state, or local tax payments; and
- Has not had its California business registration status suspended by the California Franchise Tax Board within the last 7 years; and
- Has not filed for bankruptcy in the last 10 years; and
- Is not currently planning to file for bankruptcy; and
- Is registered to do business in California, which typically means with the California Secretary of State, and such registration is in good standing; and
- Is not currently being sued by any entity (public or private) or individual, and is not aware of any information that reasonably indicates it may be sued by any entity or individual during the proposed agreement term, that in either case might reasonably be expected to materially impact the applicant's ability to perform the proposed project; and
- Is in compliance with the terms of all settlement agreements, if any, entered into with the Energy Commission or another government agency or entity; and
- Is in compliance with all judgments, if any, issued against the Applicant in any lawsuit or other matter to which the Energy Commission or another government agency is a party; and
- Is complying with any demand letter made on the Applicant by the Energy Commission or another government agency; and
- Is not in active litigation with the Energy Commission regarding the Applicant's actions under a current or past contract, grant, or loan with the Energy Commission.

For the Applicant, and having authority to do so, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct:

(Date)

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

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)
- Applicants must pass ALL screening criteria

➤ **Stage Two: Application Evaluation**

- Five Screening Criteria categories
- Minimum 70% passing score





Stage 1 - Administrative Screening Criteria

Criteria	Pass/Fail
1. The application is received by the due date and time specified in the “Key Activities Schedule” in Section I of this solicitation.	Pass or Fail
2. The Applicant has not included a statement that is contrary to the required authorizations and certifications when submitting in ECAMS.	Pass or Fail



Stage 1 - 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 includes a Letter of Commitment from each required Project Partner (Worker Voice Representative, Employer, Education Provider), as applicable.	Pass or Fail

*An applicant may be disqualified due to severe performance issues characterized by significant negative outcomes under one or more prior or active CEC agreements within the last 10 years. An applicant without an active or prior CEC agreement passes this screening criteria.



Stage 2 – Technical Evaluation Overview

- Total Possible Points: 100
- Minimum passing score: 70% or 70 points

Scoring Criteria	Possible Points
1. Team Experience and Qualifications	30
2. Project Implementation	15
3. Training Program	20
4. Project Budget and Cost Effectiveness	20
5. Community and Economic Benefits	15



Team Experience and Qualifications (30 points)

- Relevant qualifications, experience, and skill sets
- Project Partners
 - Worker Voice Representative, Employer, Educational Provider
- Collaborative job placement experience
- Administrative and technical performance
 - Attainment of project goals, deliverables, milestones
 - Quality and timely products and invoices
 - Communication and issue resolution with funding entities
 - Stakeholder and subrecipient coordination



Project Implementation (15 points)

- Scope of Work: objectives, relevant tasks, products
- Barrier identification and risk mitigation
- Project Schedule
- Career pathway and job placement strategy
- Supportive services (if any): services overview, reasonable costs
- Training program expansion (if any): curriculum alignment, labor market demand, sustainability



Training Program (20 points)

- Academic quality standards
- Relevant curriculum focused on EV charger service skills, including safety
- ADA accessibility and adaptability to different learning styles
- Performance evaluation and tracking of employment outcomes
- Portable, recognized credentials



Project Budget and Cost Effectiveness (20 points)

- Need for funding
- Reasonable project costs
- Costs identified by project task
- Supportive services maximum
 - 15% (or 5%) of CEC Funds
- Minimize admin and overhead

Task	CEC Funds	Match Share	Total
Task 1 – Administration			
Task 2 – Project Partnerships			
Task 3 – Career Pathways			
Task 4 – Training Program Expansion			
Task 5 – Supportive Services			
Task 6 – Provide Training			
Task # – <Insert Task>			



Community and Economic Benefits (15 points)

- Benefits to trainees who face physical, economic, or social barriers
- Local community impact and engagement
- Alignment with
 - California Jobs First Strategic Sectors (<https://jobsfirst.ca.gov/blueprint/>)
 - Regional Plans (<https://jobsfirst.ca.gov/regions/>)

Application Submittal



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ECAMS GFO Submission and Registration

- Applications will be submitted through the [Energy Commission Agreement Management System \(ECAMS\)](https://ecams.energy.ca.gov/) (<https://ecams.energy.ca.gov/>)
- ECAMS [User Registration Instructions](https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/7893) (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/7893>)
- One account manager per organization
 - Account manager can add users

A screenshot of the ECAMS login page. The page has a blue header with the "CA.GOV" logo and a "Contact Us" link. Below the header is the California Energy Commission logo. The main heading is "Energy Commission Agreement Management System". There are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". Below these fields is a blue "Log in" button. At the bottom of the login section are two links: "Forgot your password?" and "New User Sign Up?". The footer contains links for "Back to Top", "Conditions Of Use", "Privacy Policy", and "Contact Us", followed by the copyright notice "Copyright © 2026 State of California".



ECAMS GFO Submission Resources

- For instructions on how to apply, see [Applying for a Solicitation](https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/7956) (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/7956>)
- Send questions about ECAMS to: ECAMS.SalesforceSupport@energy.ca.gov

General Funding Information



GRANT SOLICITATION SYSTEM (GSS) INFORMATION

- Grant Solicitation System (GSS) Login
- How to Apply - PDF

ENERGY COMMISSION AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ECAMS)

- Energy Commission Agreement Management System (ECAMS) Login
- User Registration - PDF
- Applying for a Solicitation
- Submitting an Invoice
- Requesting an Amendment
- ECAMS FAQs



GFO Submission Requirements

- Follow formatting requirements and page limits provided in the solicitation manual
- Proposal Budget Options
 - 1) Enter Applicant budget directly into ECAMS **AND** upload Excel Attachment 5 for both Applicant and Major Subrecipient(s)
 - 2) Upload Excel Attachment 5 for both Applicant and Major Subrecipient(s)
- Upload all attachments marked “required”
- Applicant authorizations and certifications

A screenshot of the "Direct Labor - Hourly" form in the ECAMS system. The form has a title "Direct Labor - Hourly" at the top. Below the title, there are three input fields: "Job Classification", "Highest Estimated Labor Rate (\$ per hour)", and "# of Hours". Below these fields, there are two input fields: "* CEC Share Value" and "* Match Share Value". The "* Match Share Value" field is highlighted with a red rectangular border. Below the input fields, there are two checkboxes: "Include Indirect Cost" and "Include Profit". At the bottom of the form, there is a checkbox labeled "Add more Direct Labor". In the bottom right corner, there are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Save".



GFO Submission Deadline

Submit applications early!

ECAMS will stop accepting application documents promptly at the deadline of 11:59 p.m. on October 30, 2026.

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



Key Dates

Activity	Action Date
Solicitation Release	August 6, 2026
Pre-Application Workshop	August 19, 2026
Deadline for Written Questions by 5:00 p.m.	September 1, 2026
Anticipated Distribution of Question/Answers	Week of October 5, 2026
Application Submission Support until 5:00 p.m	Ongoing until October 30, 2026
Deadline to Submit Applications by 11:59 p.m.	October 30, 2026
Anticipated Notice of Proposed Awards Posting	January 2027
Anticipated CEC Business Meeting	April 2027



Questions and Answers

- Ask questions, please state your name and affiliation:
 - Use the raise hand function in Zoom
 - Zoom Phone Controls:
 - ⚡ *9 – Raise hand
 - ⚡ *6 – Toggle mute/unmute
 - Type questions in the Zoom Q&A Box

- A written document of Question and Answers will be posted on the GFO webpage



Written Questions

Please send all questions related to GFO-26-601 to:

Laura Williams

Commission Agreement Officer

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(Please add subject line: GFO-26-601)

Deadline to submit questions: Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 5:00 p.m. PT



Next Steps

Activity	Action Date
Deadline for Written Questions by 5:00 p.m.	September 1, 2026
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Updates to solicitation documents will be posted on the [GFO-26-601 webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2026-08/gfo-26-601-charger-service-skills-accelerator):
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Applications are due
Friday, October 30, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. PT

Thank you!

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