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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)

Demonstrate Business Case for Advanced Microgrids in Support of California's Energy and GHG Policies

GFO-17-302

Group 1

January 19, 2018

This NOPA is for Group 1 and the NOPA for Groups 2 and 3 will be released in February 2018. The total funding amount recommended in this NOPA is \$22,000,000.

On August 4, 2017, the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) released a competitive solicitation to fund technology demonstration and deployment projects that will deploy field examples of advanced microgrids. These projects would additionally produce business cases for scalable and repeatable standardized commercial-scale microgrid configurations with measurable benefits for end users of the selected market segments. These microgrid projects must also support California's energy policies, reduce greenhouse gases and attract non-EPIC funding opportunities for future microgrids.

Up to \$44,700,000 in Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) funding is available to fund applications in:

- Group 1: Demonstration of Standardized High-DER Penetration, Renewable-Based, Resilient and Commercially Viable Microgrids Located at California Military Bases, Ports, and Native American Tribes within IOU Service Territories (\$22,000,000 available funding).
- Group 2: Demonstration of Standardized High-DER Penetration, Renewable-Based, Resilient and Functional Microgrids located at California Disadvantaged Communities within IOU Service Territories (\$11,700,000 available funding).
- Group 3: Demonstration of Standardized High-DER Penetration, Renewable-Based, Resilient and Commercially Viable Microgrids in IOU Territories that are not Proposed Either Under Group 1 or Group 2 Projects and Where Microgrids Provide Clear and Definable Added Value to the Selected End User of IOU Customers (\$11,000,000 available funding).

The Energy Commission received 16 proposals for Group 1 by the due date of November 9, 2017. Four proposals in Group 1 were submitted with the option requesting funding for more than \$5,000,000. One submitted proposal did not pass the Stage One Application Screening, and fifteen proposals passed the Stage One Applications Screening. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated and scored using the criteria in the solicitation.

The attached table titled "Notice of Proposed Awards" identifies the applicants selected and recommended for funding in Group 1 by the Energy Commission staff along with the recommended funding amount and score. The total amount recommended for Group 1 is \$22,000,000.

Funding of proposed projects resulting from this solicitation is contingent upon the approval of these projects at a publicly noticed Energy Commission Business Meeting and execution of a grant agreement. If the Energy Commission is unable to timely negotiate and execute a funding agreement with an Applicant, the Energy Commission, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel or otherwise modify the pending award, or award the funds to another applicant.

In addition, the Energy Commission reserves the right to: 1) add to, remove, or shift funding among the groups to make additional awards and 2) negotiate with successful applicants to modify the project scope, schedule, and/or level of funding.

This notice is being mailed to all parties who submitted an application to this solicitation and is also posted on the Energy Commission's website at: www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/.

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