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## **Comments on the Grants program**

We are looking forward to the publication of the grant application. Exergy is a California based technology company, working to commercialize a new process for the recovery of lithium and other critical minerals from geothermal brine. Based on the scope advertised, and the number focus areas, our main concern is that you noted there is only three awards under this multiple scope grant. Are you expecting the teams that focus on research and development to also include other aspects to their proposal such as community outreach? Is there going to be requirements to conduct research in a specific area of the State? How much technical detail or program readiness are expected if only one award will be made for the research and development?

We would appreciate clarification on these topics to be considered in drafting the final scope of the grant.