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Comments on the Large-Scale Centralized Hydrogen Solicitation Concept (H2ONSITE)

Mynt Systems thanks the Energy Commission for providing this opportunity to give feedback on the Draft Solicitation Concept for Distributed Clean Hydrogen Production with Onsite End Use (H2ONSITE) grant funding opportunity.

Mynt Systems is a development, engineering, & construction B Corp based in Santa Cruz that specializes in commercial clean energy and energy efficiency deployment. Mynt is in partnership with General Motors (GM) to accelerate GM's transportation decarbonization initiative in California, which includes both electrification for electric vehicles and green hydrogen for fuel cell vehicles. Currently, Mynt and GM are collaborating with construction materials supplier Graniterock to decarbonize its mining and quarry operations throughout Central California through renewable resource development, electrification, and green hydrogen production using onsite waste water; as such, we strongly support this and other similar clean hydrogen state funding opportunities.

One area of concern Mynt and our partners share about the draft H2ONSITE solicitation is the low number (one to two) of possible awards that can be granted through this opportunity as currently proposed. The costs associated with preparing an application for a major grant such as this combined with the low likelihood of success given the maximum of two awards will no doubt act as a deterrent for potential applicants. California is the national leader in both clean hydrogen deployment and number of registered businesses, and we believe our state's clean energy and air pollution goals would be best served by increasing the number of possible awards available through the H2ONSITE solicitation. Options for accomplishing this could be to allow for lower minimum award sizes, or front-loading program funds to increase the total award pool size. Allowing for more awardees will provide the state with a more accurate representation of interested parties and help better guide future clean hydrogen funding opportunities.

Mynt Systems would like to again thank the Energy Commission for accepting public comment on this important grant solicitation.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of Mynt Systems