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CEC EPIC solicitations for clean energy funding don't get enough private sector participation.

Alteryx is a California Small Business. It is near impossible to find projects that meet the \$2.5M match funds requirement. We have to work with very large private sector companies like IBM or Microsoft to find projects this size, these large private sector companies don't need public funds to do technology demonstration projects.

I did projects with CEC under PIER program. There were plenty of opportunities for \$500k projects but these have disappeared in the current EPIC structure. Can you bring back technology demonstration funding with \$100k - \$500k match funds? This would allow many more private sector and small business projects to fill the pipeline and enter the market.

The current minimum multi-million \$\$ structure of CEC funds doesn't allow small business to participate. Small business are the ones who need CEC funds to take new technology to market and go through market transformation steps toward commercialization.