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The Clean Coalition appreciates the opportunity to provide our feedback to the CEC's "CERI Draft Solicitation 22-ERDD-01".

The Clean Coalition is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to accelerate the transition to renewable energy and a modern grid. The Clean Coalition supports the CEC's continued leadership and efforts with investing in the deployment of projects across California that increase community energy resilience and reliability, support California's climate and energy policies, improve energy justice and equity, and create good-paying jobs, and achieve the following objectives:

1. **Energy resilience and reliability:** Reduce the frequency, duration, and magnitude of power outages for communities across California and strengthen communities' ability to function during power outages.
2. **Community Benefits:** Ensure that the benefits of clean, safe, affordable, and reliable energy are shared by all, particularly communities with critical energy resilience needs.
3. **Advancement of Energy and Climate Goals:** Support California's energy modernization and climate goals.
4. **Workforce Development and Labor:** Create high-quality jobs with strong labor standards and protections that attract and train a skilled workforce for lasting careers in the clean energy industry.

The below questions pertain to the eligibility requirements and funding restrictions which the Clean Coalition previously submitted to the CEC in 2022 for its responses to the DOE's grant funding opportunity DE-FOA-0002736:

1. **Eligibility**

○ Applicant/subawardees:

1. Would a Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) qualify as an eligible Lead Applicant/Prime?
2. Are the following organizational types eligible as a subawardee to the Prime and eligible to receive grant funds: nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations (who also may be a nonprofit), local government entities (cities, counties), judicial court branches of the State, academia institutions, national laboratories, and ISO?

○ Projects:

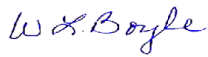
1. As we know, front-of-the meter (FOM) solar+storage and microgrid projects continue to experience challenges with being able to move forward to interconnection and operation. Hence, does the CEC envision the CERI Program funding opportunities to be focused on behind-the-meter (BTM) projects and/or front-of-the-meter (FOM) projects?
2. Would a Community Microgrid approach be an eligible project?
3. Will the CEC's CERI Program consider affordable housing developments and transitional housing that allow temporary housing for the homeless while

seeking a more permanent housing facility as eligible project site locations since these housing solutions serve disadvantaged/underserved/low-income communities?

2. **Funding restriction:** Will the CEC's CERI Program entail grant funding restrictions such as minimum grant funding percentage allocations, i.e.: Technology Knowledge Transfer, Administration, Project Management, Equipment, etc.?

Thank you for considering our input on this critical grant opportunity supporting California's ambitious clean energy goals, including 52,000 MW of energy storage by 2045. We look forward to receiving the CEC's responses.

Sincerely,



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