# **Association of Bay Area Governments**

## **Executive Board**

July 18, 2024 Agenda Item 6.d.

Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)

## Subject:

Authorization to negotiate and enter into a contract with The Energy Coalition in an amount not to exceed \$339,806 to provide Decarbonization Showcase Management services for BayREN's Targeted Decarbonization Services Program through December 31, 2025

## **Background:**

Since 2013, the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) has implemented a portfolio of energy efficiency programs across the region. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) serves as the program administrator and lead agency for a 10-member unincorporated association of local government entities. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in Decision (D.) 12-11-015, first authorized funding for BayREN. On July 3, 2023, the CPUC issued D.23-06-055 which among other things, approved BayREN's strategic business plan for eight years (2024-2031) and four-year program portfolio for 2024-2027, with an accompanying budget of approximately \$157 million.

BayREN's approved business plan authorizes two new public programs (Targeted Decarbonization Services and Integrated Energy Services) to assist local governments and special districts with energy and decarbonization improvements to their buildings and build the market for decarbonization equipment. The Targeted Decarbonization Services Program includes a Decarbonization Showcase service that will demonstrate the feasibility of decarbonization in municipal buildings. ABAG, on behalf of BayREN, has contracts with member agencies and with third-party consultants to assist in the implementation of the programs.

To support the new public programs, including the Decarbonization Showcase, ABAG created a bench for consultant assistance approved by the ABAG Executive Board on April 18, 2024. The Energy Coalition ranked first out of four overall among firms awarded placement on the Decarbonization Showcase Management service category of the bench. ABAG staff determined that the Energy Coalition should be awarded a direct selection award and went through the direct selection process. This contract will reflect the actual budget amount listed in the Summary Sheet.

Under the terms of the bench, ABAG/MTC has the option to extend the contract through 2027.

#### Issues:

None

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#### **Recommended Action:**

The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into contract with The Energy Coalition in an amount not to exceed \$339,806 to provide Decarbonization Showcase Management services for BayREN's Targeted Decarbonization Services Program through December 31, 2025.

### **Attachments:**

A. Summary Approval – The Energy Coalition

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## **Reviewed:**

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