

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



Date: November 8, 2018

To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Executive Director

Subject: **Authorization to Enter into a Sole Source Contract with the University of California, Los Angeles in the amount not to exceed \$375,000**

Executive Summary

This memorandum requests Executive Board approval to enter into a sole source contract with the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) for development of an Energy Atlas for the nine-county Bay Area. The Energy Atlas will greatly assist with the outreach and implementation of Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) programs.

UCLA is a non-profit accredited university eligible for access to disaggregated utility data at the account-level for research purposes, as set forth in California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Decision 14-05-016. For the past five years, UCLA has obtained data for Southern California Investor Owned Utilities under a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) from the CPUC. With this data, UCLA invented the Energy Atlas¹ for Southern California, the only such tool in California.

Over the past five years, UCLA has developed solutions to problems of utility data quality and to the challenges of geocoding accounts to parcels and parcel characteristics. BayREN will benefit from an Energy Atlas in terms of both cost and quality, and of having a consistent approach to utility data analysis that will allow for statewide comparisons. There are no known entities that have access to this utility data, worked in concert with the CPUC to obtain this data, or developed a tool similar to the Energy Atlas. For these reasons, staff requests sole source authorization for compelling business reasons to procure services from UCLA to provide building and utility data services as described in the attached staff memorandum.

¹ <http://www.energyatlas.ucla.edu/>

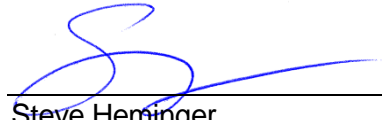
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Recommended Action

The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or his designee, to enter into a sole source agreement with the University of California, Los Angeles for the development of an Energy Atlas for the nine-county Bay Area in the amount not to exceed \$375,000 through December 2019.



Steve Heminger

Attachments

Sole Source Justification
Summary Approval