

# **ABAG Publicly Owned Energy Resources (ABAG POWER)**

## **Executive Committee**

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**April 15, 2021**

**Agenda Item 6.a.**

### **Natural Gas Program**

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**Subject:** Strategic Program Design Initiatives

**Background:** On September 3, 2020, staff released a Request for Qualifications for Strategic Energy Program Design for ABAG POWER (RFQ) as part of an initiative to diversify the program's offerings and/or fuel suppliers. GPT, Inc.'s (GPT) response to the RFQ was found to demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the natural gas market, related environmental offerings, and experience conducting thorough market-potential analysis. Thereafter, at its December 8, 2021 meeting, the ABAG POWER Executive Committee authorized entering a strategic energy program design consulting services agreement with GPT.

**Discussion Items:** GPT's scope of work includes:

- Conducting interviews and stakeholder meetings to develop a comprehensive understanding of existing business relationships and processes
- Identifying, designing, and prioritizing proposed modifications to the natural gas program
- Anticipating necessary regulatory and technical requirements related to the proposed program modifications

These efforts will be conducted under three task orders, currently identified as:

Task Order 1: Program Design

Task Order 2: Optimization of Business and Procurement Processes

Task Order 3: Natural Gas Scheduling and Balancing Operations

The ABAG POWER Executive Committee is requested to receive a presentation from GPT, Inc. describing current and anticipated efforts.

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**Recommended Action:** None.

**Attachment(s):** ABAG POWER Strategic Energy Program Design Initiatives Presentation

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