

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

November 18, 2021

Agenda Item 6.f.

Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)

Subject:

Authorization to enter into a contract amendment with Frontier Energy, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,164,000 for implementation services for the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) through December 31, 2023.

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.

On May 31, 2018, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued Decision 18-05-041¹ which among other things, authorized funding for BayREN through 2025, allowed for modifications to the existing portfolio, and increased the portfolio's total and annualized budget. PG&E – as directed by the CPUC – is the fiscal agent for BayREN. The CPUC has also allowed PG&E and BayREN to negotiate contract terms independent of the CPUC. ABAG and PG&E have a contract for funding through December 2022 or FY 2022-23. The overall BayREN budget is developed each calendar year and the contracts have historically been amended on an annual basis or as needed.

On April 19, 2019, ABAG issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consulting services for BayREN's Codes and Standards Program, and the contract was awarded to Frontier Energy at the July 18, 2019 Executive Board meeting for work from September 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021. The CPUC issued a Decision 21-05-031 on May 20, 2021, which requires BayREN and other Program Administrators to file new Business Plans in 2022 for work starting January 1, 2024.

This contract amendment would extend Frontier Energy's contract to support BayREN's Codes and Standards Program through December 31, 2023, which will conclude work under the current Business Plan. The contract amendment would also provide budget for calendar years 2022 and 2023, as well as \$9,000 additional for 2021 to cover a larger number of trainings than originally anticipated.

¹ <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M215/K706/215706139.PDF>

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Issues:

None.

Recommended Action:

The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation commission, or her designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network, to enter into a contract amendment with Frontier Energy, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,164,000, for a total contracted amount of \$2,512,000 and to extend the contract to provide services for BayREN Codes and Standards implementation through December 31, 2023.

Attachments:

Summary Approval Frontier Energy, Inc.

Reviewed:



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