

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

November 18, 2021

Agenda Item 6.g.

Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)

Subject:

Authorization to enter into a contract amendment with CLEAResult Consulting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$675,000 for services for the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) through December 31, 2021.

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.

CLEAResult Consulting, Inc. is the implementer of BayREN's Single Family (Home+) Program which includes contractor and homeowner outreach, processing and payment of incentives, regional marketing, assistance with regulatory reporting, and filings relating to the Single-Family Program.

The Home+ program has continued to see an increase in project uptake this year. The current project pipeline anticipates issuing \$4.2 million in energy efficiency rebates associated with calendar year 2021, an increase from an initial estimate of \$3.8 million. This amendment provides increased funding for rebates issued to homeowners, and for the associated quality inspection and assurance provided by Home Energy advisors. Because of this uptake, the program is also expected to exceed its annual energy savings goals.

Issues:

None.

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

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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 CLEAResult Consulting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$675,000, for a total contracted amount of \$23,907,279, to provide services for BayREN implementation through December 31, 2021.

Attachments:

Summary Approval CLEAResult Consulting, Inc.

Reviewed:



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