

**Association of Bay Area Governments**  
**ABAG Administrative Committee**

**May 8, 2026**

**Agenda Item 7b – 26-0451**

**Pre-Qualified Panel of Consultants Bench – ABAG Energy Programs Grant Application and Funding Support Services – Cycle 1 (Accenture Infrastructure & Capital Projects, LLC; Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet; A.M. Crawford, Inc.; Build Momentum; California Consulting, Inc.; Community Sustainability Partners, Inc.; Drago Vantage, LLC; Electris Consulting, LLC; Energy Resources Integration, LLC; Evan Brooks Associates, Inc.; GTC 360° Advisors; Guidehouse Inc.; ICF Incorporated, LLC; and TRC Companies)**

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**Subject:**

Request for approval of a pre-qualified bench of consultants to provide as-needed grant application and funding support services for ABAG Energy Programs through December 31, 2027, with an option to extend for up to an additional two years through December 31, 2029.

**Background:**

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) administers various energy programs through ABAG Publicly Owned Energy Resources (POWER) and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN).

ABAG POWER is a separate joint powers authority created to act as an energy service provider for municipal facilities, which currently purchases natural gas on agencies' behalf and arranges for its delivery to members, including 52 cities, counties, and special districts. BayREN is a 10-member unincorporated association of local government entities that has been implementing a portfolio of energy efficiency programs funded by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) across the region since 2013. To expand its impact and respond to growing needs related to building decarbonization, health, and resilience, BayREN is seeking to diversify its funding sources beyond CPUC ratepayer funding.

Significant new state, federal, and philanthropic funding opportunities have emerged in recent years, particularly through climate and infrastructure initiatives. Accessing these opportunities requires specialized expertise in grant identification, technical writing, and budget preparation – capacity that exceeds ABAG’s current staffing resources, which are dedicated to ongoing program implementation.

On February 4, 2026, ABAG, on behalf of ABAG POWER and BayREN, issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the 2026 ABAG Energy Programs Grant Application and Funding Support Services – Cycle 1 Consultant Bench (“Bench”), inviting firms to submit Statements of Qualifications (“SOQ”). The Bench would establish a pre-qualified list of consultants to support ABAG Energy Programs with identifying and applying for grants related to energy sources, building energy and decarbonization, including impacts on health and resilience. Email notification of the opportunity was sent to over 6,454 individuals and firms. Staff hosted a virtual Proposer’s Conference on February 11, 2026, which was attended by 19 individuals. Written responses to questions received during and immediately after the conference were posted on February 17, 2026. The RFQ was downloaded 111 times, and ABAG received qualified submittals from 14 firms by the deadline on March 11, 2026. All firms meet the minimum qualifications.

An evaluation panel composed of ABAG staff reviewed the applicants based upon the following evaluation criteria, with relative weights indicated in percentages: 1) Experience and Qualifications of the Firm (35%); 2) Work Plan and Approach (20%); 3) Expertise of the Firm and Personnel (20%); 4) Reasonableness of Rates (15%); and Presentation (10%). The table below shows the final scores for each firm in each category. The evaluation panel recommends that proposals scoring over 70 be selected for the bench, and those scores are indicated in bold. This results in fourteen qualified firms for the bench.

*Table 1: Final Scores for Each Firm*

<b>Firm</b>	<b>Score</b>
Accenture Infrastructure & Capital Projects, LLC	<b>87</b>
Aceterra: Action for a Healthy Planet	<b>81</b>
A.M. Crawford, Inc.	<b>79</b>
Build Momentum	<b>77</b>
California Consulting, Inc.	<b>82</b>
Community Sustainability Partners, Inc.	<b>83</b>
Drago Vantage, LLC	<b>79</b>
Electris Consulting, LLC	<b>80</b>
Energy Resources Integration, LLC	<b>79</b>
Evan Brooks Associates, Inc.	<b>89</b>
GTC 360° Advisors	<b>77</b>
Guidehouse Inc.	<b>83</b>
ICF Incorporated, LLC	<b>92</b>
TRC Companies	<b>87</b>

***Bold text indicates that the evaluation panel recommends the firm for placement on the Bench.***

Approved firms will be eligible for work throughout the approved term of the bench, which is from the date of Administrative Committee approval through December 31, 2027, with an option to extend for an additional two years. Selection for entry into a contract with one of the pre-qualified consultants will be undertaken in compliance with ABAG’s policies and may take place by direct selection or via a mini-procurement from the bench. Additional firms may be added to the Bench in response to a re-issuance of the RFQ in future cycles.

Contract periods of performance and amounts will be determined on a per-contract basis. Staff will return to the Executive Board for authorization of any contracts that exceed the Executive Director’s signature authority. Cooperative use language included in the RFQ allows other public entities to utilize firms on the Bench for their own projects and programs.

**Issues:**

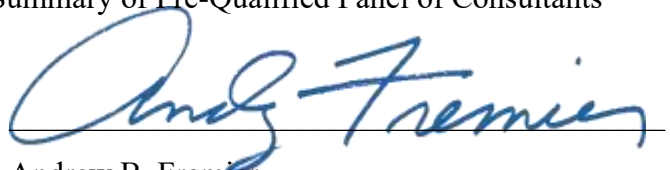
None identified.

**Recommendations:**

The ABAG Administrative Committee, acting for the Executive Board, is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments, to approve the pre-qualified consultant panel to provide grant application and funding support services for ABAG Energy Programs on an as-needed basis, for a period through December 31, 2027, with an option to extend for up to an additional two years through December 31, 2029.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: List of Pre-Qualified Consultants for the 2026 ABAG Energy Programs Grant Application and Funding Support Services Bench
- Attachment B: Small Business Enterprise Status
- Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Pre-Qualified Panel of Consultants Bench



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**Pre-Qualified Panel of Consultants for the 2026 ABAG Energy Programs Grant Application and Funding Support Services Bench**

	<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>Placed on Bench</b>
Prime Contractor	Accenture Infrastructure & Capital Projects, LLC	1
Prime Contractor	Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet	1
Prime Contractor	A.M. Crawford, Inc.	1
Prime Contractor	Build Momentum	1
Prime Contractor	California Consulting, Inc	1
Prime Contractor	Community Sustainability Partners, Inc.	1
Prime Contractor	Drago Vantage, LLC	1
Prime Contractor	Electris Consulting LLC	1
Prime Contractor	Energy Resources Integration, LLC	1
Prime Contractor	Evan Brooks Associates, Inc.	1
Prime Contractor	GTC 360° Advisors	1
Prime Contractor	Guidehouse Inc	1
Prime Contractor	ICF Incorporated, L.L.C.	1
Prime Contractor	TRC Companies	1

Small Business Enterprise Status

	Firm Name	SBE**, Yes / No	If SBE Yes, List #
Prime Contractor	Accenture Infrastructure & Capital Projects, LLC	No	N/A
Subcontractor	IMPACTS USA, Inc	Yes	2045417 - DGS
Prime Contractor	Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet	No	N/A
Prime Contractor	A.M. Crawford, Inc.	Yes	FP0002678 (City of SF)
Prime Contractor	Build Momentum	No	N/A
Prime Contractor	California Consulting, Inc	No	N/A
Subcontractor	JMDiaz, Inc	No	N/A
Prime Contractor	Community Sustainability Partners, Inc.	No	N/A
Prime Contractor	Drago Vantage, LLC	Yes	2030805 - DGS
Prime Contractor	Electris Consulting LLC	Yes	2049484 - DGS
Prime Contractor	Energy Resources Integration, LLC	Yes	2023506 - DGS
Prime Contractor	Evan Brooks Associates, Inc.	Yes	1745536 - DGS
Prime Contractor	GTC 360° Advisors	No	N/A
Prime Contractor	Guidehouse Inc	No	N/A
Prime Contractor	ICF Incorporated, L.L.C.	No	N/A
Prime Contractor	TRC Companies	No	N/A

Footnote:

\*\*Denotes certification by the State of California

**Request for Committee Approval**

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**Summary of Proposed Consultant Bench**

Work Item No.: To be determined on a per-contract basis

Consultant: See Attachment A to the Administrative Committee Summary Sheet dated May 8, 2026

Work Project Title: 2026 ABAG Energy Programs Grant Application and Funding Support Services Bench – Cycle 1

Purpose of Project: Provide as-needed grant application and funding support services to support ABAG Energy Programs

Brief Scope of Work: Provide as-needed grant application and funding support services to support ABAG Energy Programs on various projects

Project Cost Not to Exceed: To be determined on a per-contract basis

Funding Source: To be determined on a per-contract basis

Fiscal Impact: No immediate fiscal impact until contracts are awarded. Funds for future fiscal years are subject to agency budgetary approval.

Motion by Committee: That the consultants listed in Attachment A to the Administrative Committee Summary Sheet dated May 8, 2026 be pre-qualified to enter into contracts with ABAG to provide as-needed grant application and funding support services through December 31, 2027, with an option to extend for an additional two years to December 31, 2029, as described above and in the Administrative Committee Summary Sheet dated May 8, 2026, subject to applicable contract approval procedures and necessary budget approvals.

ABAG Administrative  
Committee:

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Belia Ramos, President

Approved: May 8, 2026