

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

September 18, 2025

Agenda Item 6.e.

Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)

Subject:

Authorization to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with kW Engineering, Inc. to extend their existing contract for BayREN's Energy Roadmapping service through December 31, 2027 and add up to \$416,499, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$604,652, on behalf of the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)

Background:

The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) implements a portfolio of energy efficiency programs across the region. ABAG serves as the program administrator and lead agency for this 10-member unincorporated association of local government entities. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in Decision 12-11-015, first authorized funding for BayREN. Most recently, on July 3, 2023 the CPUC issued D.23-06-055 approving BayREN's strategic business plan for eight years (2024-2031) and four-year program portfolio for 2024-2027, with an accompanying budget of approximately \$157 million.

On April 18, 2024, the ABAG Executive Board approved a pre-qualified panel of consultants to provide services for the BayREN Codes & Standards program and two new Public Programs (Integrated Energy Services and Targeted Decarbonization Services). This included six consultant firms that were approved to provide services for Category 6: Engineering and Technical Assistance for Public Building Energy Projects.

The Integrated Energy Services program includes an Energy Roadmapping service to help local governments and special districts develop clear and actionable roadmaps for improving their public buildings to meet their overall energy goals. A mini-RFP to select a consultant from the pre-qualified bench to provide engineering and technical assistance for BayREN's Energy Roadmapping service was posted on July 24, 2024. On September 18, 2024, the ABAG Executive Director approved awarding the contract to kW Engineering to provide engineering and technical assistance for the Energy Roadmapping service. kW Engineering's current contract ends on December 31, 2025.

This contract amendment would extend the contract by two years, to December 31, 2027, and would add additional funds to the contract for kW Engineering to continue to provide engineering and technical assistance for BayREN's Energy Roadmapping service, as well as expanding the service to provide additional implementation support starting next year.

Issues:

None.

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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 contract amendment with kW Engineering, Inc. for BayREN's Energy Roadmapping service in order to extend the contract by two years to December 31, 2027 and to add \$416,499, for a total contracted amount not to exceed \$604,652.

Attachments:

Summary Approval

Reviewed:



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