

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

September 18, 2025

Agenda Item 6.g.

Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)

Subject:

Authorization to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with The Energy Coalition to extend their existing contract for BayREN's Decarbonization Showcase service through December 31, 2027 and add up to \$245,977, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$585,783, 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 a 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 four consultant firms that were approved to provide services for Category 5: Decarbonization Showcase Management.

The Targeted Decarbonization Services program includes a Decarbonization Showcase service that will demonstrate the feasibility of decarbonization in municipal buildings. The Energy Coalition ranked first out of four overall among firms awarded placement on the Decarbonization Showcase Management service category of the bench. ABAG staff determined that The Energy Coalition was the best qualified and recommended direct selection for this contract. On July 18, 2024, the ABAG Executive Board authorized negotiation of a contract with The Energy Coalition, which 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 The Energy Coalition to continue to provide management services for BayREN's Decarbonization Showcase service.

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 The Energy Coalition for BayREN's Decarbonization Showcase service in order to extend the contract by two years to December 31, 2027 and to add \$245,977, for a total contracted amount not to exceed \$585,783.

Attachments:

- A. Summary Approval

Reviewed:



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