

## Association of Bay Area Governments Publicly Owned Energy Resources

### ABAG POWER

#### Executive Committee

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June 15, 2023

Agenda Item 3.b.

Fifth Amendment to Agreement with GPT Secure LLC (\$83,375)

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#### Subject:

Authorization to negotiate and execute an amendment to the professional services agreement with GPT Secure, LLC, to increase the compensation by \$83,375, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$496,975 to provide natural gas scheduling services through June 30, 2024.

#### Background:

ABAG POWER currently purchases natural gas from various suppliers within the United States and Canada. In order to transport gas from the point of receipt (California, Canada, and Oregon) to the point of consumption, these services are required:

- Interacting with web-based electronic bulletin board and reporting systems used by pipeline operators
- Managing daily nominations and monthly balancing operations which requires a high degree of detail
- Proactively identifying and resolving supplier/transporter volume discrepancies, and
- Researching and evaluating transportation and storage strategies

Following the abrupt termination of a prior consultant, GPT Secure LLC (GPT) was selected to perform these services (as well as to provide strategic support, following a competitive procurement) and has been doing so since April 2021. GPT's fees are included in the operating budget for an amount of not to exceed \$496,975 (\$8,900 per month, or \$106,800 per year). The current contract term expires June 30, 2023.

Throughout the past two years, GPT has delivered exceptional service providing scheduling duties. In addition to acting as a consistent, reliable service provider, GPT has also helped in the development of the Strategic Implementation Roadmap, development of carbon emissions quantification projects, and other initiatives. GPT's knowledge of ABAG POWER's processes and operations often contributes to achieving other objectives in a cost-effective manner. For these reasons, staff recommend extending the scheduling services agreement with GPT for one

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additional year, until June 30, 2024, at a continued price of \$8,900 per month, or \$106,800 per year. A summary of GPT's task order history is provided on the following page.<sup>1</sup>

<b>Task Order No. / Name</b>	<b>Conclusion Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1.0 Program Design – Phase 1	05/2021	\$26,575
2.0 Business Optimization	08/2021	\$25,025
3.0 Natural Gas Scheduling and Balancing Operations	<b>06/2024*</b>	<b>\$347,100*</b>
4.0 Program Design – Phase II & III	12/2021	\$98,275
	Outstanding Total:	\$496,975

*\*Contingent upon Executive Committee approval*

**Issues:**

None.

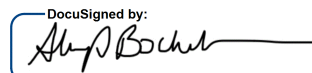
**Recommended Action:**

The ABAG POWER Executive Committee is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to negotiate and execute an amendment to the professional services agreement with GPT Secure, LLC, to increase the compensation by \$83,375, for a total contracted amount of \$496,975, to provide natural gas scheduling services for ABAG POWER through June 30, 2024.

**Attachments:**

- Sole Source Authorization – GPT Secure LLC
- Summary Approval – GPT Secure LLC

**Reviewed:**

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<sup>1</sup> GPT and ABAG POWER have a separate contract for the quantification and management of carbon emissions. The contract is in an amount not to exceed \$216,645 for services through June 30, 2024.