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# Facilities Committee Meeting Agenda

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**Date:** March 1, 2023  
**Subject:** NCPA Facilities Committee Meeting  
**Location:** NCPA, 651 Commerce Drive, Roseville, California 95678 // Conference Call  
**Time:** 9:00 am

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ALAMEDA MUNICIPAL PWR 2000 Grand St., Alameda, CA	BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT 2150 Webster Street, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, CA	CITY OF BIGGS 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs, CA
CITY OF GRIDLEY 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA	CITY OF HEALDSBURG 401 Grove Street, Healdsburg, CA	CITY OF LODI 1331 S. Ham Lane, Lodi, CA
CITY OF LOMPOC 100 Civic Ctr. Plaza, Lompoc, CA	CITY OF PALO ALTO 250 Hamilton Avenue, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Palo Alto, CA	PLUMAS-SIERRA REC 3524 Mulholland Way, Sacramento CA
PORT OF OAKLAND 530 Water Street, Oakland, CA	CITY OF REDDING 3611 Avtech Pkwy., Redding, CA	CITY OF ROSEVILLE 2090 Hilltop Circle, Roseville, CA
CITY OF SHASTA LAKE 4332 Vallecito St., Shasta Lake, CA	SILICON VALLEY POWER 881 Martin Ave., Santa Clara, CA	TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT 333 E. Canal Drive, Turlock, CA
CITY OF UKIAH 300 Seminary Ave., Ukiah, CA		

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## REVIEW SAFETY PROCEDURES

### 1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Any member of the public who desires to address the Committee on any item considered by the Committee at this meeting before or during the Committee's consideration of that item shall so advise the Chair and shall thereupon be given an opportunity to do so. Any member of the public who desires to address the Committee on any item within the jurisdiction of the Committee and not listed on the Agenda may do so at this time.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

#### **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

2. **Approval of Minutes** – Approve minutes from the February 1, 2023 Facilities Committee meeting, and the February 8, 2023 Special Facilities Committee meeting.
3. **All NCPA Facilities, Members, SCPPA – Reliability Optimization, Inc. First Amendment MTCSA** – Staff is seeking a recommendation for Commission approval of a First Amendment to the Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Reliability Optimization, Inc. for predictive maintenance testing services, accepting assignment to RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC, with no changes to the contract term or not-to-exceed amount, for continued use at all facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA, and SCPPA Members. All purchase orders will be issued following NCPA procurement policies and procedures. (*Commission Category: Consent; Sponsor: CTs*)
4. **All NCPA Facilities, Members, SCPPA – HRST, Inc. MTGSA** – Staff is seeking a recommendation for Commission approval of a five-year Multi-Task General Services Agreement with HRST, Inc. for HRSG related inspection services, with a not to exceed amount of \$1,500,000, for use at all facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA, and SCPPA Members. All purchase orders will be issued following NCPA procurement policies and procedures. (*Commission Category: Consent; Sponsor: CTs*)
5. **All NCPA Facilities, Members, SCPPA – Swaim Biological Incorporated MTPSA** – Staff is seeking a recommendation for Commission approval of a five-year Multi-Task Professional Services Agreement with Swaim Biological Incorporated for biological monitoring and support services, with a not to exceed amount of \$500,000, for use at all facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA, and SCPPA Members. All purchase orders will be issued following NCPA procurement policies and procedures. (*Category: Consent; Sponsor: CTs*)
6. **All NCPA Facilities, Members, SCPPA – Control Components, Inc. First Amendment to MTGSA-EMS** – Staff is seeking a recommendation for Commission approval of a First Amendment to the Multi-Task General Services Agreement and Agreement for Purchase of Equipment, Materials and Supplies with Control Components, Inc. for valve and vent maintenance services, accepting assignment to IMI Critical Engineering, LLC with no changes to the contract term or not-to-exceed amount, for continued use at all facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA, and SCPPA Members. All purchase orders will be issued following NCPA procurement policies and procedures. (*Commission Category: Consent; Sponsor: CTs*)

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- 7. Proposed FY2024 Annual Budget Review** – Staff will present and review the draft budget for FY2024, and will be asking for additional Member input for final recommendations for Commission approval in April. (*Sponsor: Administrative Services*)
- 8. New Business Opportunities** – Staff will provide an update regarding new business opportunities. (*Sponsor: Power Management*)
- 9. Meter Maintenance Program Development** – Staff will provide an update regarding the Meter Maintenance Program Development. (*Sponsor: Power Management*)
- 10. NCPA Generation Services Plant Updates** – Plant Staff will provide the Committee with an informational update on current plant activities and conditions. (*Sponsor: Generation Services*)
- 11. Planning and Operations Update** – Staff will provide an update on issues related to planning and operations. (*Sponsor: Power Management*)
- 12. Next Meeting** – The next regular Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2023.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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**Date:** February 3, 2023  
**To:** NCPA Facilities Committee  
**From:** Carrie Pollo  
**Subject:** February 1, 2023 Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

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- 1. Call meeting to order & Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Alan Harbottle (Alameda) at 9:07 am. Attending via teleconference/on-line presentation were Midson Hay (Alameda), Dennis Schmidt (Biggs), CJ Berry (Lompoc), Shiva Swaminathan (Palo Alto), Khaly Nguyen (Port of Oakland), Nick Rossow (Redding), and Cindy Sauers (Ukiah). Those attending in person are listed on the attached Attendee Sign-in Sheet. Peter Lorenz (non-voting Representative with TID) also attended via teleconference and online presentation. Committee Representatives from BART, Gridley, Healdsburg, Plumas-Sierra, Shasta Lake, and TID were absent. A quorum of the Committee was established.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No public comment.

## **OPEN SESSION**

## **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

- 2. Approval of Minutes form the January 4, 2023 Facilities Committee meeting.**

Motion: A motion was made by CJ Berry and seconded by Khaly recommending approval of the January 4, 2023 Facilities Committee meeting minutes. A vote was taken by roll call: YES = Alameda, Biggs, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Port of Oakland, Redding, Roseville, and Santa Clara. ABSTAIN = Ukiah. The motion passed.

- 3. Nexant Cost Allocation Model Billing Determinants for FY 2024** – Staff presented background and was seeking a recommendation for Commission approval of the billing determinants that will be used in the FY 2024 Nexant Cost Allocation Model.

In preparation for FY 2024, the Nexant model uses the previous year's calendar year data for 2022 as determinants for use as allocators for Members' budget costs. Determinants include resource data such as nameplate and maximum operating capacity values, Day Ahead, Hour Ahead and real time energy and ancillary service schedules used internally within NCPA and those sent to the CAISO in addition to intertie schedules, inter-SC trades, load meter data, contract deals, etc.

Contract deal counts and hourly counts used as bill determinants have declined each of the past three years, potentially skewing costs. Staff proposed to modify the current 1/3 allocation split between contract deals and Pool Resources based on the ratio of contracted energy and pool resource energy to total energy by calendar year. The new proposed allocation split is Load: .333; Contracts: .241; Pool Resources: .426.

The final allocated results for FY 2024 indicated the biggest increases to Biggs, BART, and TID, by approximately 14.89%, 4.89%, and 2.80% respectively, with the updated CY 2022 determinants. Members with the biggest decreases include Plumas-Sierra and Lompoc at 15.28% and 11.25% respectively. Staff reviewed the underlying operational data, and provided an analysis regarding the cost drivers that resulted in the relative percentage changes in the allocations to Members.

After discussion between Committee Members and staff regarding the significant cost increase to Biggs due to a couple of contract deals, it was decided that staff would go back and remove these contracts. Staff will bring the updated final model results with these contracts removed to the Special Facilities Committee meeting on February 8, 2023 for final review. Staff will seek a recommendation for Commission approval at that time.

- 4. NCPA Casualty Insurance Renewals** – Staff presented background information and was seeking a recommendation for Commission approval to renew the Agency’s excess liability, worker’s compensation, and automobile insurance programs for March 2023 to March 2024.

Alliant Insurance Services has aggressively marketed the primary liability program to ensure best-in-class pricing, terms, and conditions. Staff is happy to report that AEGIS has agreed to keep the Wild Fire Surcharge flat for the 2023 renewal at \$500,000. Ironshore, who provides \$15M of the \$75M total liability coverage, has decided to discontinue writing policies for this book of business. Alliant is currently marketing that portion of the Excess Tower but is anticipating a 40% increase in premium driven by only a few firms underwriting liability policies. While Alliant estimates an increase of 10-15% for the remaining lines of the program (resulting in a new premium of approximately \$1.8 million), staff recommends establishing a not-to-exceed of \$2,210,000 to provide sufficient headroom for the General Manager to bind coverage.

Since LEC has no transmission lines and is not located in one of the CPUC’s wildfire threat zones, Liability insurance is much easier and more cost-effective on a separate policy. While Alliant estimates an increase of 15% to the program (resulting in a new premium of approximately \$190,000), the LEC PPC recommends establishing a not-to-exceed of \$210,000 to provide sufficient headroom for the General Manager to bind coverage.

**Motion:** A motion was made by CJ Berry and seconded by Jiayo Chiang recommending Commission approval authorizing the General Manager or his designee to negotiate and bind the Casualty Insurance program for the term starting March 1, 2023, and ending March 1, 2024, at a not-to-exceed premium of \$2,210,000 for the Northern California Power Agency and Lodi Energy Center. A vote was taken by roll call: YES = Alameda, Biggs, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Port of Oakland, Redding, Roseville, Santa Clara, and Ukiah. The motion passed.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- 5. New Business Opportunities** – Staff provided an update regarding new business opportunities.

### **NCPA Project Development (PPA)**

- **Zero Waste Energy Development (ZWED)**
  - SB-1383: Compliance Goal

- 1.6 MW LF Gas: Existing Facility
- Participants: Santa Clara and Palo Alto
- Products: Energy, RPS, and RA
- Term: 10 Year Term
- Operations: Seller to act as Scheduling Coordinator
- Price: To Be Discussed
- Negotiation Status: Active

### **Scheduling Coordinator Services**

#### ▪ **City of Lodi Strategic Reserve**

- Lodi is working with CDWR to install additional capacity in support of the State Strategic Reserve Program with a 48+ MW natural gas facility
- Operator: Enchanted Rock
- Interconnection: City of Lodi
- NCPA Role: Act as Scheduling Coordinator for the facility
- Use: To be dispatched under limited circumstances
  - CAISO system emergency (EEA1, EEA2, EEA3)
  - In response to local transmission emergency
- Timing: Goal for Summer 2023 operations
- Status: Now engaging in initial discussions

### **Geysers Geothermal – Next Steps**

#### ▪ **Purchase Agreements**

- RPS Agreement and RA Agreement
  - Effective Date: December 23, 2022
- Geysers Geothermal Third Phase Agreement
  - Effective Date: December 22, 2022

#### ▪ **Next Steps**

- Project Participation Percentage Transfer Deadline
  - Deadline: April 30, 2023
- Key Steps Required:
  - Provide written notice of intent to accept transfer to NCPA
  - Execute the Geysers Geothermal Third Phase Agreement by the Transfer Completion Deadline

### **NCPA Renewables RFP**

#### ▪ **Luna Valley PV Only**

- Product: Energy plus PPC1 Bundled RECs, No RA
- Location: Luna Valley in Fresno County
- Interconnection: PG&E Tranquility 230 kV substation
- Project Status: Site control, executed LGIA
- COD Target: June 2025
- Price: To Be Discussed
- Option for consideration: Index plus consideration
- Next Steps: Seeking Member interest

### **6. NCPA Generation Services Plant Updates – Plant Staff provided the Committee with an update on current plant activities and conditions.**

**CTs** – CT1 had 0 starts of 0 forecasted. FYTD total is 84 starts. CT2 had 0 starts of 3 forecasted. FYTD total is 21 starts.

- **Forced Outages**
  - CT2 on 1/9/23 at 1418 thru 1/9/23 at 2400; Staff discovered a section of the bus duct cover blew off exposing the connections on the transformer low side 13.8kV. After assessing the cover—the plate lifted due to high winds—staff found the self-tapping screws were still attached to the cover plate. The transformer connections were cleaned, bus duct inspected, electrically tested, and installed new hardware on the cover, then restored during the outage.
- **Planned Outages**
  - CT1 Lodi – 2/1/23 thru 2/28/23
  - CT1 Alameda – U1/U2- 3/1/23 thru 3/31/23
  - CT2 STIG – 4/1/23 thru 4/30/23

CT1 Lodi run hours is 0 (0%) of 200 allowed based on a calendar year. CT1 Alameda Diesel Unit 1 has used 6.68 hours of 20, and Unit 2, 6.99 hours of 20, based on a rolling year. Staff reviewed the CAISO Commitment Runs for December 2022.

**Geo** – There was one safety incident to report for the month of January. An employee slipped on ice resulting in a knee injury. Severe weather with 90 mph winds caused structural damage to parts of the Geo facilities. The average net generation level for January was 72 MW. Total average net generation was 53.5 GWh. The FY 2023 net generation goal is 734 GWh. FY 2023 actual net generation was 425.9 GWh YTD at 1.3% over the forecasted net generation of 420.5 GWh YTD. Steam Field repairs included the Well J-5 steam leak repair. The Unit 4 Overhaul is progressing. The general scope of work for the Unit 4 overhaul includes:

- **Unit #4 Overhaul**
  - Reassembled Turbine Generator in January
  - Working to bring Plant 1 back online
- **PG&E Transmission Line Outage – January 26, 2023**
  - Conducted repairs to Plant 1 Stretford

**Hydro** – Collierville (CV) Power House was at 100% availability and New Spicer Meadows (NMS) Power House was at 90% availability during the month of January. January precipitation was 13.9 inches based on the 5 – Station Index. The snow pack is at 209% of average for this date.

### **Hydrology**

- **New Spicer Meadows Reservoir Storage**
  - 840 acre feet increase (1%) month-over-month
  - 80,300 acre feet to 81,140 acre feet
    - 65,140 acre feet at this time last year
    - Forecasts indicate substantial probability of filling/spilling Spicer
  - Optimizing stored water
    - Increased Spicer draft to ~400 cfs beginning 1/18
    - Anticipate elevated drafts through February
    - Monitor snowpack, runoff, and market

### **Current Events**

- **Projects**
  - Utica gate motor installation planned for February
    - Flight required
  - Base-mapping underway for Clarks Creek along CV PH
  - Spicer campground water tank evaluation complete
    - Developing engineer's estimate for coating
- **Regulatory**
  - Preparing the USGS water year report

## 7. Planning and Operations Update

### - Resource Integrations In Progress

- City of Lodi Strategic Reserve – June 2023
- Dagget Solar / Storage – Q3 2023
- Sandborne Storage – Q3 2023
- Scarlet Solar / Storage – Q3 2023
- Proxima Solar / Storage – Q1 2024
- Deer Creek – On Hold

- **Market Conditions** – Natural gas prices reached record sustained prices in December 2022, and January 2023. Prices have come down since then, and have leveled off to a much more reasonable price.

- **Meter Maintenance Program Development** – In the past, NCPA has administered a Meter Maintenance Program on behalf of select Members. The program is now expired. CAISO Certified Meters must be certified and repaired in short order. NCPA staff has been experiencing a growing number of challenges without the Meter Maintenance Program in place. Staff proposed developing a new Meter Maintenance Program. Staff received bids from two vendors – Trimark Associates with a final bid of \$247,000 annually, and Ulteig with a final bid of \$148,000 annually. Staff is currently working on a General Services Agreement with Ulteig for the meter maintenance, and development of a separate Meter Maintenance Program Agreement. This item will be brought back for final review and a recommendation for Commission approval at a future meeting.

## 8. NCPA Geothermal Facility – Geo Battery Energy Storage System – Geothermal lead a discussion regarding a possible Battery Energy Storage System at Geo.

NCPA's geothermal facilities are not exporting at full line capacity due to declining steam pressures in the geothermal steam reservoir. NCPA is assessing a battery energy storage system that could utilize available capacity on the NCPA GEO 230kV transmission lines. The development of a proposed battery energy storage system at NCPA GEO Plant 2 will be broken into three phases. The Geo Plant 2 contains Units 3 and 4. Plant 2's original total capacity was 110 MW. NCPA retired Unit 3 in 2010, due to resource changes. Unit 4 now exports 40 MW. NCPA has approximately 70 MW of available capacity on the Fulton transmission line.

### **Proposed Operational Benefits of GEO BESS**

- Allows for massive scheduling flexibility of GEO Plant 2
  - RA, Peaking, etc.
- Effectively becomes "Turbine Bypass"
  - No wasted steam (MW)
  - Negative pricing events
  - Minor transmission line work, switching, etc.
- Once charged, can be held full
  - RA
  - Baseload
  - Minor plant work

### **Geo Plant 2 BESS Assumptions**

- 70 MW/280 MWh Size (4 Hour Batteries)
  - Largest size based on available remaining existing transmission capacity.
- Tesla Megapack
  - The Tesla Megapack was used for preliminary conceptual design. Detailed engineering/public works procurement process will determine manufacturer of ESS containers used.
- Inflation Reduction Act Eligible

The Power Engineers Study of Phase 1.1 and the Acelerex Market Analysis of Phase 1.2 have been completed. The results are listed below for the Phase 1.2 results.

Discounted Cash Flow Summary  
Acelerex RA Value Average \$3.82 per kW-month

	70 MW
DCF Summary (at COD)	25-year
Levered, before-tax IRR	9.8%
Levered, before-tax NPV	\$18,717,719
Unlevered, before-tax IRR	7.8%
Unlevered, before-tax NPV	\$13,829,001

**Geo BESS 70 MW Cost Estimate – July 2022**

- Engineering - \$1,250,000
- Major Equipment - \$135,523,545
- Structures - \$427,400
- Foundations/Cable Vaults - \$6,883,580
- Trench Work/Conduit - \$1,219,359
- Cable - \$3,302,719
- Grounding - \$163,455
- Miscellaneous - \$2,005,990
- Civil Work - \$1,092,961
- Survey/Locates - \$85,000
- Permitting - \$75,000
- Construction Management - \$380,000
- Testing - \$300,000

**BESS Project Total 70 MW – \$152,709,009**

Several documents regarding the BESS Project have been uploaded to NCPA Connect for Members to review. Several questions were discussed and answered during the meeting. Staff will schedule a Special Facilities Committee meeting next month for further discussion on this item.

- 9. Schedule next meeting date –** A Special Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, February 8, 2023 to review the FY 2024 annual budget. The next regular Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm by the Committee Chair.

**Northern California Power Agency  
February 1, 2023 Facilities Committee Meeting  
Attendance List**

NCPA Facilities Committee Members, Alternates & Staff are requested to sign, but signature by members of the public is voluntary.

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February 1, 2023 Facilities Committee Meeting  
Attendance List**

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>
ALAMEDA	
BART	
BIGGS	
GRIDLEY	
HEALDSBURG	
LODI	<i>Mayo Clancy</i>
LOMPOC	
PALO ALTO	
PLUMAS-SIERRA REC	
PORT OF OAKLAND	
REDDING	
ROSEVILLE	<i>BRIAN SCHINSTOCK</i>
SANTA CLARA	<i>Basil Wang</i>
SHASTA LAKE	
TID	
UKIAH	



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**Date:** February 14, 2023  
**To:** NCPA Facilities Committee  
**From:** Carrie Pollo  
**Subject:** February 8, 2023 Special Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

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- 1. Call meeting to order & Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Alan Harbottle (Alameda) at 9:41 am. Attending via teleconference and/or on-line presentation were Dennis Schmidt (Biggs), Terry Crowley (Healdsburg), Jiayo Chiang (Lodi), CJ Berry (Lompoc), Shiva Swaminathan (Palo Alto), Bill Her and Paulo Apolinario (Santa Clara), and Cindy Sauers (Ukiah). Peter Lorenz (non-voting Representative with TID) also attended via teleconference and online presentation. Those attending in person are listed on the attached Attendee Sign-in Sheet. Committee Representatives from BART, Gridley, Port of Oakland, Shasta Lake and TID, were absent. A quorum of the Committee was established.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No public comment.

## **OPEN SESSION**

## **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

- 2. Nexant Cost Allocation Model Billing Determinants for FY 2024** – Staff presented background information for final review of the Nexant cost determinants for FY 2024 Budget, and was seeking a recommendation for Commission approval of the billing determinants that will be used in the FY 2024 Nexant Cost Allocation Model.

Due to a significant cost increase to Biggs, staff reviewed and applied an adjustment to the Nexant Model associated with contract deals considered outside of the standard during normal, and more favorable hydrologic conditions. The review indicates two deals transacted for Biggs that would not occur under normal operating conditions. Justification for the adjustment is: As a Market Purchase Participant, Biggs is not typically allocated 100% of procured contract deals during more favorable hydrologic conditions. By removing these contracts from the Model, Biggs will receive a decrease to their cost rather than a significant increase. Staff discussed the updated proposed modifications to the Nexant Cost Allocation Model. Dennis Schmidt from the City of Biggs gave a big thank you to Committee Members and staff for this adjustment, and said it is very much appreciated.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dennis Schmidt and seconded by Brian Schinstock recommending Commission approval of the proposed Nexant Cost Allocation Model. The proposed modifications to the Nexant Cost Allocation Model are:

- Apply HA Schedule Counts, aggregated at the daily level, for Eligible Intermittent Resources (EIR) not scheduled in the Day Ahead CAISO market
- Calculate SFWPA Schedule counts based on single Operating Entity for each of the four resources rather than the modeled 16 different ESP accounts used by NCPA scheduling system to allocate amounts to participants
- Add BART's generating resources to a new "Pool and BART Resources" cost allocation category for the allocation of Power Management Pool Costs for more equitable sharing of Nexant costs
- In response to declining contract volumes, deal counts and contract hours, modify the existing Pool allocation based on 1/3 split for Loads, Contracts and Pool Resources. New allocation basis is .33333 for Loads, 0.24758 for Contracts and 0.41908 for Pool & BART Resources which is determined based on the relationship of energy from Pool & BART resources and contracted energy quantities
- Approval for removal of two contract deals from the Nexant Model. In response to the recommendation of Facilities Committee Members, staff removed two contract deals allocated 100% to Biggs that would have likely not been performed during a normal hydrologic cycle

A vote was taken by roll call: YES = Alameda, Biggs, Healdsburg, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Roseville, Santa Clara, and Ukiah. ABSTAIN = Redding The motion passed.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- 3. Overview of FY 2024 Annual Budget** – Staff provided an informational overview and summary of the agency FY 2024 proposed budget.

Commission direction was received in October 2022 for the FY 2024 budget. Staff preparation began in November and 2022. Member reviews are presented during February and March 2023 at the Facilities Committee meetings, LEC PPC meetings, Legislative and Regulatory meetings, Utility Director's meetings, and to the Commission in March 2023. Final review and Commission approval is scheduled for April 27, 2023.

Issues impacting the FY 2024 budget under labor include new union MOUs (IBEW and HEA) effective December 19, 2021, with general salary increases at 3.25%, two new IS tech analysts, and one HR full time employee changed to a part time intern, for a change of 1.46 FTE. The PERS Pension remains relatively flat from the prior year, OPEB contribution, which is reduced by \$766,000 to reflect UAL super funded status, and medical is increasing by 8.8%. Other issues include capital and maintenance of assets, with a target of an 8% increase for O&M and other costs targeted no higher than a 5% increase, the CPI index as of August 2022 trending above 8.2%, collection and use of reserves, risk mitigation, insurance, plant costs, and forward curves.

Transmission costs are based on the published rate which is estimated during the budget preparation. CAISO energy load costs are based on forecasted load x Dlap price based on the forward curve, with a forecasted rate increase of 40.4%. Fuel costs forecasted MMBtu x Citygate price are based on the forward curve as well.

- 4. Generation Services Budget Presentation** – Staff provided an informational presentation on the Generation Services Facilities initial proposed budget for FY 2024.

#### **Generation Services Administration Budget**

This review included Generation Services Administration FY 2024 proposed budget under operations and administration. The proposed budget under operations is increasing \$6,000 due to an increase in GS CMMS software cost. The proposed budget under administration is increasing

approximately \$1,500 for a total budget increase of approximately \$7,500 for miscellaneous administrative supplies. There was no labor included in this presentation as it's included in the plant budgets.

### **Geothermal Facilities**

- Steam Royalties are increasing due to a 43% market adjustment from \$1,750,000 to \$2,515,474
- The total routine O&M costs proposed is \$18,481,324, increasing by \$683,661
- The total proposed O&M budget is \$36,311,944, increasing by 2,079,461 at 6.1%
- Under Projects the proposed amount for Operations and Maintenance is \$6,086,770, Capital is \$2,165,225, and Maintenance Reserves is \$3,380,400 for a total amount of \$11,632,395 for an increase of \$4,231,895
- The total proposed FY 2024 budget for Geo is approximately \$47,944,339, with an overall increase of \$6,311,356, at 15.1% over FY 2023
- FY 2024 Cost to Members – (\$18,701,201)
- FY 2024 Net Benefit to Members (including REC's) - (\$30,978,331)

Staff reviewed the FY 2024 proposed O&M Projects, Capital Projects, and the Maintenance Reserve Projects pre-collection for Overhauls and Well Workovers.

### **Combustion Turbine No. 1**

Staff reviewed and discussed budget assumptions. Fuel administrative costs are up by 66%, and the maintenance reserves was increase by \$50,000 due to inflation.

- Total O&M cost is \$5,938,908 with an increase of \$1,137,337
- The total proposed FY 2024 CT1 budget is \$6,957,508, increasing by \$1,355,937
- Net cost to Members is \$2,350,340, for a decrease of \$142,853

Staff reviewed the FY 2024 O&M Projects proposed.

### **Combustion Turbine No. 2**

- Staff reviewed and discussed budget assumptions. The CT2 debt will be paid off in 2025. Air New Zealand no longer services the LM5000, which ended in 2021. Staff expects STIG will retire in 2026, or shortly thereafter. The STIG can be upgraded and repowered with an LM6000. LM6000 is capable of burning up to 45% H2 by volume.
- Total O&M cost is \$8,820,286 for a decrease of \$1,320,987
- The total proposed FY 2024 CT2 budget is \$9,185,225 decreasing by \$1,176,048
- The net cost to Members is \$5,193,523, with an increase of \$1,404,339, due to a decrease in revenues

Staff reviewed the FY 2024 O&M and Capital Projects proposed.

### **Hydroelectric Facilities**

- Routine O&M costs are increasing approximately 6.5% at \$289,348
- Labor is increasing approximately \$47,981
- Total routine O&M cost plus labor is increasing by \$337,469 for a total routine O&M proposed budget of \$10,540,449
- The total proposed projects budget is \$6,444,800 increasing by \$2,174,800

- The FY 2024 proposed total Hydro budget is \$57,648,167, increasing by \$2,134,124
- The debt obligation is the largest part of the Hydro budget which is \$34,645,995

The proposed FY 2024 Hydro budget revenue assumptions is \$52,261,502 which is an increase of \$29,065,772, including ISO energy sales, ancillary services sales, and interest income. The net cost to participants will be approximately \$5,026,665, which is a decrease of \$26,931,648.

Staff reviewed the FY 2024 proposed O&M Projects, General and Plant Project, and the Capital Development Reserve Projects pre-collection for McKays Reservoir and Dam Betterment Clean Out, FERC Relicensing, and the Beaver Creek Dredging.

Due to very high costs for future Hydro and Geo Capital Development and Maintenance Reserve Projects, Members have requested looking into financing options and other ways to mitigate and soften the Members costs.

**5. Power Management Budget Presentation** – Staff presented and reviewed Power Management’s purposed budget for FY 2024.

The Power Management budget includes Power Management Administration, Dispatch and Scheduling, Pooling and Portfolio Management, and Industry Restructuring. The proposed Power Management program costs are increasing by approximately \$569,127, from \$12,789,935 to \$13,359,062 or 4.4%. Increases to the FY 2024 proposed budget include, Schedule Coordination, Contract Administration, System Control and Data Acquisition, NERC/WECC Compliance, Pre-Scheduling, and Western Representation and Advocacy. Areas decreasing include Power Pool Operations and Settlement Standards, Pooling Agreement Coordination, Resource Planning, Optimization Risk Analysis and Industry Restructuring and Regulatory Affairs. There are no projects proposed for Power Management in FY 2024.

**6. Administrative Services Budget Presentation** – Staff provided an informational overview and presentation on Administrative Services proposed budget for FY 2024.

The FY 2024 proposed annual budget for Administrative Services and Executive Services is \$19,510,989, increasing by \$1,642,145. Increases include Outside Services/Legal Services for FERC cases, Liability Insurance and Property taxes, computer hardware and software, and communications. Areas with a decrease include travel and staff development, and projects. Allocation of administrative and general costs is 50% each based on direct labor, and program budget cost. Allocation of the occupancy costs to the business units is based on the square footage used in the main administrative building, effective usage of office equipment, and telecom units assigned. Allocation of project and programs is based on direct labor. There are no projects proposed for Administrative Services in FY 2024.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 pm by the Committee Chair.


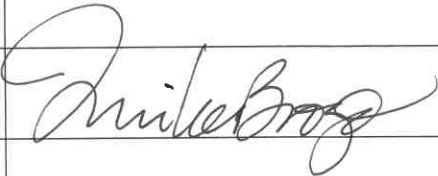


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February 8, 2023 Special Facilities Committee Meeting  
Attendance List**

NCPA Facilities Committee Members, Alternates & Staff are requested to sign, but signature by members of the public is voluntary.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Carrie Pollo	NCPA
Nick Rossow	City of Redding
Midson Hay	Alameda
Alan Harbo III	Alameda
Monty Hawkes	NCPA
Chelsea Wilhite	NCPA
Vicki Johnson	NCPA
Rylee Kelly	Roseville
Brian Schinstock	Roseville
Tony Zimmer	NCPA
Mike DeBortoli	NCPA
Eric Sim	NCPA
Mike Brozo	PSREC
Rafael Santana	NCPA
Jake Eymann	NCPA
U. PELLETIER	NCPA
Jeremy Lawson	NCPA
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ALAMEDA	Alan Harbottle 
BART	
BIGGS	
GRIDLEY	
HEALDSBURG	
LODI	
LOMPOC	
PALO ALTO	
PLUMAS-SIERRA REC	
PORT OF OAKLAND	
REDDING	Nick Bossou 
ROSEVILLE	Brian Schintge 
SANTA CLARA	
SHASTA LAKE	
TID	
UKIAH	



# Commission Staff Report – *DRAFT*

**COMMISSION MEETING DATE:** March 23, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Reliability Optimization, Inc. – First Amendment to Five Year Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement for Predicative Maintenance Testing Services; Applicable to the following: All Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) Facilities, NCPA Members, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members

**AGENDA CATEGORY:** Consent

<b>FROM:</b>	Michael DeBortoli	<b>METHOD OF SELECTION:</b>
	Assistant General Manager	N/A
<b>Division:</b>	Generation Services	<i>If other, please describe:</i>
<b>Department:</b>	Combustion Turbines	

<b>IMPACTED MEMBERS:</b>		
All Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Alameda Municipal Power	<input type="checkbox"/>	
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Biggs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Gridley	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Healdsburg	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Lodi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Lompoc	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Palo Alto	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Redding	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Roseville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Santa Clara	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Shasta Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Ukiah	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Plumas-Sierra REC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Port of Oakland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Truckee Donner PUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Resolution 23-XX authorizing the General Manager or his designee to enter into a First Amendment to the Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Reliability Optimization, Inc. for predictive maintenance testing services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, accepting assignment to RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC, for continued use at any facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA, and SCPPA Members.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Predictive maintenance testing services are required from time to time for the operation and maintenance of facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA, and SCPPA Members. NCPA entered into a five year Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Reliability Optimization, Inc. effective December 6, 2019, for use at all NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, and SCPPA Member facilities.

Effective December 1, 2022, Reliability Optimization, Inc. was acquired by RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC. NCPA now desires to enter into a First Amendment to the Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement accepting assignment to RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC. NCPA does not have other agreements in place for similar services at this time.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Upon execution, the total not to exceed amount of the agreement will remain the unchanged at not to exceed \$2,000,000. Purchase orders referencing the terms and conditions of the agreement will be issued following NCPA procurement policies and procedures.

## **SELECTION PROCESS:**

This enabling agreement does not commit NCPA to any expenditure of funds. At the time services are needed, NCPA will bid the specific scope of work consistent with NCPA procurement policies and procedures. NCPA seeks bids from qualified providers as required. Bids are awarded to the vendor providing the best overall value to NCPA. NCPA will issue purchase orders based on cost and availability of the services needed at the time the service is required.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

This activity would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the physical environment and is therefore not a "project" for purposes of Section 21065 of the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary.

## **COMMITTEE REVIEW:**

Pending Committee review and approval.

**AFTER FACILITIES APPROVAL:** On March 1, 2023 the Facilities Committee reviewed and endorsed the recommendation above for Commission approval.

AFTER LEC PPC APPROVAL: On March 6, 2023 the Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee reviewed and approved the recommendation above for Commission approval.

Respectfully submitted,

RANDY S. HOWARD  
General Manager

Attachments (3):

- Resolution 23-XX
- Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Reliability Optimization, Inc.
- First Amendment to Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Reliability Optimization, Inc. Accepting Assignment to RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC

## RESOLUTION 23-XX

### RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MULTI-TASK CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RELIABILITY OPTIMIZATION, INC. ACCEPTING ASSIGNMENT TO RTS RELIABILITY TESTING SERVICES, LLC

(reference Staff Report #XXX:23)

WHEREAS, Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) and Reliability Optimization, Inc. entered into a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement effective December 6, 2019, for Reliability Optimization, Inc. to provide predictive maintenance testing services, for use at any facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members; and

WHEREAS, effective December 1, 2022, Reliability Optimization, Inc. was acquired by RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC; and

WHEREAS, NCPA now desires to enter into a First Amendment to the Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement accepting assignment to RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC; and

WHEREAS, this activity would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the physical environment and is therefore not a "project" for purposes of Section 21065 of the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission of the Northern California Power Agency authorizes the General Manager or his designee to enter into a First Amendment to the Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Reliability Optimization, Inc., with any non-substantial changes as approved by the NCPA General Counsel, accepting assignment to RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC, for continued use at any facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, and SCPPA Members.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by the following vote on roll call:

	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Alameda	_____	_____	_____
San Francisco BART	_____	_____	_____
Biggs	_____	_____	_____
Gridley	_____	_____	_____
Healdsburg	_____	_____	_____
Lodi	_____	_____	_____
Lompoc	_____	_____	_____
Palo Alto	_____	_____	_____
Port of Oakland	_____	_____	_____
Redding	_____	_____	_____
Roseville	_____	_____	_____
Santa Clara	_____	_____	_____
Shasta Lake	_____	_____	_____
Truckee Donner	_____	_____	_____
Ukiah	_____	_____	_____
Plumas-Sierra	_____	_____	_____

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JERRY SERVENTI  
CHAIR

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST:  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY



## **MULTI-TASK CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY AND RELIABILITY OPTIMIZATION, INC.**

This Consulting Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between the Northern California Power Agency, a joint powers agency with its main office located at 651 Commerce Drive, Roseville, CA 95678-6420 ("Agency") and Reliability Optimization, Inc., a corporation with its office located at 325 Park Drive, Aptos, CA 95003 ("Consultant") (together sometimes referred to as the "Parties") as of December 6, 2019 ("Effective Date") in Roseville, California.

**Section 1. SERVICES.** Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Consultant shall provide to Agency the services described in the Scope of Services attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein ("Services"), at the time and place and in the manner specified therein.

- 1.1 Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and shall end when Consultant completes the Services, or no later than five (5) year from the date this Agreement was signed by Agency, whichever is shorter.
- 1.2 Standard of Performance.** Consultant shall perform the Services in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession in which Consultant is engaged and for which Consultant is providing the Services. Consultant represents that it is licensed, qualified and experienced to provide the Services set forth herein.
- 1.3 Assignment of Personnel.** Consultant shall assign only competent personnel to perform the Services. In the event that Agency, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of this Agreement, requests the reassignment of any such personnel, Consultant shall, immediately upon receiving written notice from Agency of such request, reassign such personnel.
- 1.4 Services Provided.** Services provided under this Agreement by Consultant may include Services directly to the Agency or, as requested by the Agency and consistent with the terms of this Agreement, to Agency members, Southern California Public Power Authority ("SCPPA") or SCPPA members.
- 1.5 Request for Services.** At such time that Agency determines to use Consultant's Services under this Agreement, Agency shall issue a Purchase Order. The Purchase Order shall identify the specific services to be performed ("Requested Services"), may include a not-to-exceed monetary cap on Requested Services and expenditures authorized by that Purchase Order, and a time by which the Requested Services shall be completed. Consultant shall have seven calendar days from the date of the Agency's issuance of the Purchase Order in which to respond in writing that Consultant chooses not to perform the Requested Services. If Consultant agrees to perform the Requested Services, begins to perform the Requested Services, or does not respond within the seven day

period specified, then Consultant will have agreed to perform the Requested Services on the terms set forth in the Purchase Order, this Agreement and its Exhibits.

**Section 2. COMPENSATION.** Agency hereby agrees to pay Consultant an amount **NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION** dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for the Services, which shall include all fees, costs, expenses and other reimbursables, as set forth in Consultant's fee schedule, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B. This dollar amount is not a guarantee that Agency will pay that full amount to the Consultant, but is merely a limit of potential Agency expenditures under this Agreement.

**2.1 Invoices.** Consultant shall submit invoices, not more often than once a month during the term of this Agreement, based on the cost for services performed and reimbursable costs incurred prior to the invoice date. Invoices shall contain the following information:

- The beginning and ending dates of the billing period;
- Services performed;
- The Purchase Order number authorizing the Services;
- At Agency's option, the total number of hours of work performed under the Agreement by Consultant and each employee, agent, and subcontractor of Consultant performing services hereunder; and
- At Agency's option, when the Consultant's Scope of Work identifies tasks, for each work item in each task, a copy of the applicable time entries showing the name of the person doing the work, the hours spent by each person, a brief description of the work, and each reimbursable expense, with supporting documentation, to Agency's reasonable satisfaction.

Invoices shall be sent to:

Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, California 95678  
Attn: Accounts Payable  
[AcctsPayable@ncpa.com](mailto:AcctsPayable@ncpa.com)

**2.2 Monthly Payment.** Agency shall make monthly payments, based on invoices received, for services satisfactorily performed, and for authorized reimbursable costs incurred. Agency shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of an invoice that complies with all of the requirements above to pay Consultant.

**2.3 Payment of Taxes.** Consultant is solely responsible for the payment of all federal, state and local taxes, including employment taxes, incurred under this Agreement.

**2.4 Authorization to Perform Services.** The Consultant is not authorized to perform any Services or incur any costs whatsoever under the terms of this Agreement until receipt of written authorization from the Contract Administrator.

**2.5 Timing for Submittal of Final Invoice.** Consultant shall have ninety (90) days after completion of its Services to submit its final invoice for the Requested Services. In the event Consultant fails to submit an invoice to Agency for any amounts due within the ninety (90) day period, Consultant is deemed to have waived its right to collect its final payment from Agency.

**Section 3. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.** Except as set forth herein, Consultant shall, at its sole cost and expense, provide all facilities and equipment that may be necessary to perform the Services.

**Section 4. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.** Before beginning any work under this Agreement, Consultant, at its own cost and expense, shall procure the types and amounts of insurance listed below and shall maintain the types and amounts of insurance listed below for the period covered by this Agreement.

**4.1 Workers' Compensation.** If Consultant employs any person, Consultant shall maintain Statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance for any and all persons employed directly or indirectly by Consultant with limits of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident.

**4.2 Commercial General and Automobile Liability Insurance.**

**4.2.1 Commercial General Insurance.** Consultant shall maintain commercial general liability insurance for the term of this Agreement, including products liability, covering any loss or liability, including the cost of defense of any action, for bodily injury, death, personal injury and broad form property damage which may arise out of the operations of Consultant. The policy shall provide a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate. Commercial general coverage shall be at least as broad as ISO Commercial General Liability form CG 0001 (current edition) on "an occurrence" basis covering comprehensive General Liability, with a self-insured retention or deductible of no more than \$100,000. No endorsement shall be attached limiting the coverage.

**4.2.2 Automobile Liability.** Consultant shall maintain automobile liability insurance form CA 0001 (current edition) for the term of this Agreement covering any loss or liability, including the cost of defense of any action, arising from the operation, maintenance or use of any vehicle (symbol 1), whether or not owned by the Consultant, on or off Agency premises. The policy shall provide a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per each accident, with a self-insured retention or deductible of no more than \$100,000. This insurance shall provide contractual liability covering all motor vehicles and

mobile equipment to the extent coverage may be excluded from general liability insurance.

**4.2.3 General Liability/Umbrella Insurance.** The coverage amounts set forth above may be met by a combination of underlying and umbrella policies as long as in combination the limits equal or exceed those stated.

**4.3 Professional Liability Insurance.** Not Applicable.

**4.4 All Policies Requirements.**

**4.4.1 Verification of coverage.** Prior to beginning any work under this Agreement, Consultant shall provide Agency with (1) a Certificate of Insurance that demonstrates compliance with all applicable insurance provisions contained herein and (2) policy endorsements to the policies referenced in Section 4.2, adding the Agency as an additional insured and declaring such insurance primary in regard to work performed pursuant to this Agreement.

**4.4.2 Notice of Reduction in or Cancellation of Coverage.** Consultant shall provide at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Agency of any reduction in scope or amount, cancellation, or modification adverse to Agency of the policies referenced in Section 4.

**4.4.3 Higher Limits.** If Consultant maintains higher limits than the minimums specified herein, the Agency shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the Consultant.

**4.4.4 Additional Certificates and Endorsements.** If Consultant provides services to Agency members, SCPPA, and/or SCPPA members pursuant to this Agreement, Consultant shall provide certificates of insurance and policy endorsements, as referenced in Section 4.4.1, naming the specific Agency member, SCPPA or SCPPA member.

**4.4.5 Waiver of Subrogation.** Consultant agrees to waive subrogation which any insurer of Consultant may acquire from Consultant by virtue of the payment of any loss. Consultant agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation. In addition, the Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of Agency for all work performed by Consultant, its employees, agents and subcontractors.

**4.5 Consultant's Obligation.** Consultant shall be solely responsible for ensuring that all equipment, vehicles and other items utilized in the performance of Services are operated, provided or otherwise utilized in a manner that ensures they are and remain covered by the policies referenced in Section 4 during this

Agreement. Consultant shall also ensure that all workers involved in the provision of Services are properly classified as employees, agents or independent contractors and are and remain covered by any and all workers' compensation insurance required by applicable law during this Agreement.

## **Section 5. INDEMNIFICATION AND CONSULTANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- 5.1 Effect of Insurance.** Agency's acceptance of insurance certificates and endorsements required under this Agreement does not relieve Consultant from liability under this indemnification and hold harmless clause. This indemnification and hold harmless clause shall apply to any damages or claims for damages whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to apply. By execution of this Agreement, Consultant acknowledges and agrees to the provisions of this Section and that it is a material element of consideration.
- 5.2 Scope.** Consultant shall indemnify, defend with counsel reasonably acceptable to the Agency, and hold harmless the Agency, and its officials, commissioners, officers, employees, agents and volunteers from and against all losses, liabilities, claims, demands, suits, actions, damages, expenses, penalties, fines, costs (including without limitation costs and fees of litigation), judgments and causes of action of every nature arising out of or in connection with any acts or omissions by Consultant, its officers, officials, agents, and employees, except as caused by the sole or gross negligence of Agency. Notwithstanding, should this Agreement be construed as a construction agreement under Civil Code section 2783, then the exception referenced above shall also be for the active negligence of Agency.

## **Section 6. STATUS OF CONSULTANT.**

- 6.1 Independent Contractor.** Consultant is an independent contractor and not an employee of Agency. Agency shall have the right to control Consultant only insofar as the results of Consultant's Services and assignment of personnel pursuant to Section 1; otherwise, Agency shall not have the right to control the means by which Consultant accomplishes Services rendered pursuant to this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other Agency, state, or federal policy, rule, regulation, law, or ordinance to the contrary, Consultant and any of its employees, agents, and subcontractors providing services under this Agreement shall not qualify for or become entitled to, and hereby agree to waive any and all claims to, any compensation, benefit, or any incident of employment by Agency, including but not limited to eligibility to enroll in the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) as an employee of Agency and entitlement to any contribution to be paid by Agency for employer contributions and/or employee contributions for PERS benefits.

Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Agency for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of Consultant or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the

payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of Agency. Consultant and Agency acknowledge and agree that compensation paid by Agency to Consultant under this Agreement is based upon Consultant's estimated costs of providing the Services, including salaries and benefits of employees, agents and subcontractors of Consultant.

Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Agency from any lawsuit, administrative action, or other claim for penalties, losses, costs, damages, expense and liability of every kind, nature and description that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to such claims, whether directly or indirectly, due to Consultant's failure to secure workers' compensation insurance for its employees, agents, or subcontractors.

Consultant agrees that it is responsible for the provision of group healthcare benefits to its fulltime employees under 26 U.S.C. § 4980H of the Affordable Care Act. To the extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Agency from any penalty issued to Agency under the Affordable Care Act resulting from the performance of the Services by any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Consultant.

- 6.2 Consultant Not Agent.** Except as Agency may specify in writing, Consultant shall have no authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of Agency in any capacity whatsoever as an agent. Consultant shall have no authority, express or implied, pursuant to this Agreement to bind Agency to any obligation whatsoever.
- 6.3 Assignment and Subcontracting.** This Agreement contemplates personal performance by Consultant and is based upon a determination of Consultant's unique professional competence, experience, and specialized professional knowledge. A substantial inducement to Agency for entering into this Agreement was and is the personal reputation and competence of Consultant. Consultant may not assign this Agreement or any interest therein without the prior written approval of the Agency. Consultant shall not subcontract any portion of the performance contemplated and provided for herein, other than to the subcontractors identified in Exhibit A, without prior written approval of the Agency. Where written approval is granted by the Agency, Consultant shall supervise all work subcontracted by Consultant in performing the services and shall be responsible for all work performed by a subcontractor as if Consultant itself had performed such work. The subcontracting of any work to subcontractors shall not relieve Consultant from any of its obligations under this Agreement with respect to the services and Consultant is obligated to ensure that any and all subcontractors performing any services shall be fully insured in all respects and to the same extent as set forth under Section 4, to Agency's satisfaction.

- 6.4 **Certification as to California Energy Commission.** If requested by the Agency, Consultant shall, at the same time it executes this Agreement, execute Exhibit C.

**Section 7. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.**

- 7.1 **Governing Law.** The laws of the State of California shall govern this Agreement.
- 7.2 **Compliance with Applicable Laws.** Consultant and its subcontractors and agents, if any, shall comply with all laws applicable to the performance of the work hereunder.
- 7.3 **Licenses and Permits.** Consultant represents and warrants to Agency that Consultant and its employees, agents, and subcontractors (if any) have and will maintain at their sole expense during the term of this Agreement all licenses, permits, qualifications, and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to practice their respective professions.

**Section 8. TERMINATION AND MODIFICATION.**

- 8.1 **Termination.** Agency may cancel this Agreement at any time and without cause upon ten (10) days prior written notice to Consultant.

In the event of termination, Consultant shall be entitled to compensation for Services satisfactorily completed as of the effective date of termination; Agency, however, may condition payment of such compensation upon Consultant delivering to Agency any or all records or documents, as referenced in Section 9.1 hereof.

- 8.2 **Amendments.** The Parties may amend this Agreement only by a writing signed by all the Parties.
- 8.3 **Survival.** All obligations arising prior to the termination of this Agreement and all provisions of this Agreement allocating liability between Agency and Consultant shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- 8.4 **Options upon Breach by Consultant.** If Consultant materially breaches any of the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to those set forth in Section 4, Agency's remedies shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- 8.4.1 Immediately terminate the Agreement;
  - 8.4.2 Retain the plans, specifications, drawings, reports, design documents, and any other work product prepared by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement;

- 8.4.3** Retain a different consultant to complete the Services not finished by Consultant; and/or
- 8.4.4** Charge Consultant the difference between the costs to complete the Services that is unfinished at the time of breach and the amount that Agency would have paid Consultant pursuant hereto if Consultant had completed the Services.

## **Section 9. KEEPING AND STATUS OF RECORDS.**

- 9.1 Records Created as Part of Consultant's Performance.** All reports, data, maps, models, charts, studies, surveys, photographs, memoranda, plans, studies, specifications, records, files, or any other documents or materials, in electronic or any other form, that Consultant prepares or obtains pursuant to this Agreement and that relate to the matters covered hereunder shall be the property of the Agency. Consultant hereby agrees to deliver those documents to the Agency upon termination of the Agreement. Agency and Consultant agree that, unless approved by Agency in writing, Consultant shall not release to any non-parties to this Agreement any data, plans, specifications, reports and other documents.
- 9.2 Consultant's Books and Records.** Consultant shall maintain any and all records or other documents evidencing or relating to charges for Services or expenditures and disbursements charged to the Agency under this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, from the date of final payment to the Consultant to this Agreement.
- 9.3 Inspection and Audit of Records.** Any records or documents that this Agreement requires Consultant to maintain shall be made available for inspection, audit, and/or copying at any time during regular business hours, upon oral or written request of the Agency. Under California Government Code Section 8546.7, if the amount of public funds expended under this Agreement exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the Agreement shall be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor, at the request of Agency or as part of any audit of the Agency, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under the Agreement.
- 9.4 Confidential Information and Disclosure.**
- 9.4.1 Confidential Information.** The term "Confidential Information", as used herein, shall mean any and all confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information, whether written, recorded, electronic, oral or otherwise, where the Confidential Information is made available in a tangible medium of expression and marked in a prominent location as confidential, proprietary and/or trade secret information. Confidential Information shall

not include information that: (a) was already known to the Receiving Party or is otherwise a matter of public knowledge, (b) was disclosed to Receiving Party by a third party without violating any confidentiality agreement, (c) was independently developed by Receiving Party without reverse engineering, as evidenced by written records thereof, or (d) was not marked as confidential Information in accordance with this section.

**9.4.2 Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information.** During the term of this Agreement, either party may disclose ("The Disclosing Party") confidential Information to the other party ("the Receiving Party"). The Receiving Party: (a) shall hold the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information in confidence; and (b) shall take all reasonable steps to prevent any unauthorized possession, use, copying, transfer or disclosure of such Confidential Information.

**9.4.3 Permitted Disclosure.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following disclosures of Confidential Information are allowed. Receiving Party shall endeavor to provide prior written notice to Disclosing Party of any permitted disclosure made pursuant to Section 9.4.3.2 or 9.4.3.3. Disclosing Party may seek a protective order, including without limitation, a temporary restraining order to prevent or contest such permitted disclosure; provided, however, that Disclosing Party shall seek such remedies at its sole expense. Neither party shall have any liability for such permitted disclosures:

**9.4.3.1** Disclosure to employees, agents, consultants, contractors, subcontractors or other representatives of Receiving Party that have a need to know in connection with this Agreement.

**9.4.3.2** Disclosure in response to a valid order of a court, government or regulatory agency or as may otherwise be required by law; and

**9.4.3.3** Disclosure by Agency in response to a request pursuant to the California Public Records Act.

**9.4.4 Handling of Confidential Information.** Upon conclusion or termination of the Agreement, Receiving Party shall return to Disclosing Party or destroy Confidential Information (including all copies thereof), if requested by Disclosing Party in writing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Receiving Party may retain copies of such Confidential Information, subject to the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement: (a) for archival purposes in its computer system; (b) in its legal department files; and (c) in files of Receiving Party's representatives where such copies are necessary to comply with applicable law. Party shall not disclose the Disclosing Party's Information to any person other than those of the Receiving Party's employees, agents, consultants, contractors and

subcontractors who have a need to know in connection with this Agreement.

**Section 10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

- 10.1 Attorneys' Fees.** If a party to this Agreement brings any action, including an action for declaratory relief, to enforce or interpret the provision of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees in addition to any other relief to which that party may be entitled. The court may set such fees in the same action or in a separate action brought for that purpose.
- 10.2 Venue.** In the event that either party brings any action against the other under this Agreement, the Parties agree that trial of such action shall be vested exclusively in the state courts of California in the County of Placer or in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.
- 10.3 Severability.** If a court of competent jurisdiction finds or rules that any provision of this Agreement is invalid, void, or unenforceable, the provisions of this Agreement not so adjudged shall remain in full force and effect. The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement shall not void or affect the validity of any other provision of this Agreement.
- 10.4 No Implied Waiver of Breach.** The waiver of any breach of a specific provision of this Agreement does not constitute a waiver of any other breach of that term or any other term of this Agreement.
- 10.5 Successors and Assigns.** The provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the Parties.
- 10.6 Conflict of Interest.** Consultant may serve other clients, but none whose activities within the corporate limits of Agency or whose business, regardless of location, would place Consultant in a "conflict of interest," as that term is defined in the Political Reform Act, codified at California Government Code Section 81000 *et seq.*

Consultant shall not employ any Agency official in the work performed pursuant to this Agreement. No officer or employee of Agency shall have any financial interest in this Agreement that would violate California Government Code Sections 1090 *et seq.*

- 10.7 Contract Administrator.** This Agreement shall be administered by Joel Ledesma, Assistant General Manager, or his/her designee, who shall act as the Agency's representative. All correspondence shall be directed to or through the representative.

**10.8 Notices.** Any written notice to Consultant shall be sent to:

Reliability Optimization, Inc.  
Attention: Kevin Nordenstrom, President  
325 Park Drive  
Aptos, CA 95003

Any written notice to Agency shall be sent to:

Randy S. Howard  
General Manager  
Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, CA 95678

With a copy to:

Jane E. Luckhardt  
General Counsel  
Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, CA 95678

**10.9 Professional Seal.** Where applicable in the determination of the Agency, the first page of a technical report, first page of design specifications, and each page of construction drawings shall be stamped/sealed and signed by the licensed professional responsible for the report/design preparation.

**10.10 Integration; Incorporation.** This Agreement, including all the exhibits attached hereto, represents the entire and integrated agreement between Agency and Consultant and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated by reference herein.

**10.11 Alternative Dispute Resolution.** If any dispute arises between the Parties that cannot be settled after engaging in good faith negotiations, Agency and Consultant agree to resolve the dispute in accordance with the following:

- 10.11.1** Each party shall designate a senior management or executive level representative to negotiate any dispute;
- 10.11.2** The representatives shall attempt, through good faith negotiations, to resolve the dispute by any means within their authority.
- 10.11.3** If the issue remains unresolved after fifteen (15) days of good faith negotiations, the Parties shall attempt to resolve the disagreement by negotiation between legal counsel. If the above process fails,

the Parties shall resolve any remaining disputes through mediation to expedite the resolution of the dispute.

**10.11.4** The mediation process shall provide for the selection within fifteen (15) days by both Parties of a disinterested third person as mediator, shall be commenced within thirty (30) days and shall be concluded within fifteen (15) days from the commencement of the mediation.

**10.11.5** The Parties shall equally bear the costs of any third party in any alternative dispute resolution process.

**10.11.6** The alternative dispute resolution process is a material condition to this Agreement and must be exhausted as an administrative prior to either Party initiating legal action. This alternative dispute resolution process is not intended to nor shall be construed to change the time periods for filing a claim or action specified by Government Code §§ 900 *et seq.*

**10.12 Controlling Provisions.** In the case of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the Exhibits hereto, a Purchase Order, or Consultant's Proposal (if any), the Agreement shall control. In the case of any conflict between the Exhibits hereto and a Purchase Order or the Consultant's Proposal, the Exhibits shall control. In the case of any conflict between the terms of a Purchase Order and the Consultant's Proposal, the Purchase Order shall control.

**10.13 Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one agreement.

**10.14 Construction of Agreement.** Each party hereto has had an equivalent opportunity to participate in the drafting of the Agreement and/or to consult with legal counsel. Therefore, the usual construction of an agreement against the drafting party shall not apply hereto.

**10.15 No Third Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement is made solely for the benefit of the parties hereto, with no intent to benefit any non-signator third parties. However, should Consultant provide Services to an Agency member, SCCPA and/or a SCPPA member (collectively for the purposes of this section only "Member") pursuant to section 1.4, the parties recognize that such Member may be a third party beneficiary solely as to the Purchase Order and Requested Services relating to such Member.

The Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date signed by the Agency.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY

Date 12/6/19



**RANDY S. HOWARD,**  
General Manager

RELIABILITY OPTIMIZATION, INC.

Date 12 OCT 19



**KEVIN NORDENSTROM,**  
President

Attest:



Assistant Secretary of the Commission

Approved as to Form:



Jane E. Luckhardt, General Counsel

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Reliability Optimization, Inc. ("Consultant") shall provide predictive maintenance testing services as requested by the Northern California Power Agency ("Agency") at any facilities owned or operated by Agency, its Members, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) or SCPPA Members.

Services to include, but not be limited to the following:

- Vibration Testing
- On-Line/Off-Line Motor Analysis
- Infrared Thermographic Imaging
- Airborne Ultrasonic Testing
- Corona Survey
- Lubrication Oil Analysis
- Transformer Oil Analysis
- SF6 Gas Analysis
- Generator & Generator Step Up Transformer Partial Discharge Analysis
- PdM Testing Reporting

List of Subcontractors to include the following:

- Industrial Tests, Inc.
- SDMyers, LLC
- Sean Nordenstrom

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND HOURLY FEES**

Compensation for all tasks, including hourly fees and expenses, shall not exceed Amount as set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement. The hourly rates and or compensation break down and an estimated amount of expenses is as follows:

Pricing for CT facilities:

- Lodi Energy Center – \$84,498 annually, billed at \$7,041.50 monthly
- CT1 Lodi – \$12,023 annually, billed at \$6,011.50 semi-annually
- CT1 Alameda – \$17,100 annually, billed at \$8,550.00 semi-annually
- STIG – \$20,962 annually, billed at \$10,481.00 semi-annually

If additional work is needed outside of the standard scope of predictive maintenance, the pricing will be agreed upon at the time a Purchase Order is issued.

Pricing for services to be performed at NCPA Member or SCPPA locations will be quoted at the time services are requested.

NOTE: As a public agency, NCPA shall not reimburse Consultant for travel, food and related costs in excess of those permitted by the Internal Revenue Service.

**EXHIBIT C**  
**CERTIFICATION**

**Affidavit of Compliance for Contractors**

I, KEVIN NORDENSTROM, PRESIDENT  
(Name of person signing affidavit)(Title)

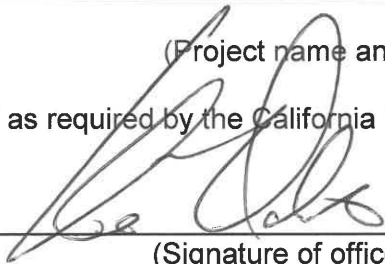
do hereby certify that background investigations to ascertain the accuracy of the identity and employment history of all employees of

RELIABILITY OPTIMIZATION, INC.  
(Company name)

for contract work at:

LODI ENERGY CENTER, 12745 N. THORNTON ROAD, LODI, CA 95242  
(Project name and location)

have been conducted as required by the California Energy Commission Decision for the above-named project.

  
(Signature of officer or agent)

Dated this 18 day of OCTOBER, 20 19.

THIS AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE SHALL BE APPENDED TO THE PROJECT SECURITY PLAN AND SHALL BE RETAINED AT ALL TIMES AT THE PROJECT SITE FOR REVIEW BY THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION COMPLIANCE PROJECT MANAGER.



**FIRST AMENDMENT TO MULTI-TASK CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY AND RELIABILITY OPTIMIZATION, INC.  
ACCEPTING ASSIGNMENT TO RTS RELIABILITY TESTING SERVICES, LLC**

This First Amendment ("Amendment") to the Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement is entered into by and between the Northern California Power Agency ("Agency") and RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC ("Consultant") (collectively referred to as "the Parties") as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Agency and Reliability Optimization, Inc. entered into a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement dated effective December 6, 2019, (the "Agreement") for Consultant to provide predictive maintenance testing services for the Agency, Agency Members, the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) or SCPPA Members; and

WHEREAS, effective December 1, 2022, Reliability Optimization, Inc. was acquired by RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC and the Parties now desire to assign the Agreement to RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend Section 10.7 entitled "Contract Administrator" of the Agreement to reflect the change of the administrator's name; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend Section 10.8 entitled "Notices" of the Agreement to reflect the change of the Consultant's name; and

WHEREAS, the Agency now desires to amend Exhibit A entitled "Scope of Services" of the Agreement to reflect the change of the Consultant's name; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend Exhibit C entitled "Affidavit of Compliance for Contractors" of the Agreement to reflect the change of the Consultant's name; and

WHEREAS, the Parties and Reliability Optimization, Inc. agree to the assignment of the Agreement to RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed to modify the Agreement as set forth above; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 8.2 all changes to the Agreement must be in writing and signed by all the Parties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **As of the Amendment Effective Date**, the preamble to the Agreement is replaced in its entirety as follows:

"This Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between the Northern California Power Agency, a joint powers agency with its main office located at 651 Commerce Drive, Roseville, CA 95678-6420 ("Agency") and RTS Reliability Testing

Services, LLC, an Arkansas limited liability company, with its office located at 1049 Triad Court, Marietta, GA 30062 ("Consultant") (together sometimes referred to as the "Parties") as of December 6, 2019 ("Effective Date") in Roseville, California."

2. Section 10.7 Contract Administrator is replaced in its entirety as follows:

**10.7 Contract Administrator.** This Agreement shall be administered by the Assistant General Manager, Generation Services, or his/her designee, who shall act as the Agency's representative. All correspondence shall be directed to or through the representative.

3. Section 10.8 Notices is replaced in its entirety as follows:

**10.8 Notices.** Any written notice to Contractor shall be sent to:

RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC  
Attn: Kevin Nordenstrom  
1049 Triad Court  
Marietta, GA 30062

With a copy to: mholbrook@atslab.com

Any written notice to Agency shall be sent to:

Randy S. Howard  
General Manager  
Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, CA 95678

With a copy to:

Jane Luckhardt  
General Counsel  
Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, CA 95678

4. **Exhibit A – SCOPE OF SERVICES** is amended and restated to read in full as set forth in the attached Exhibit A.
5. **Exhibit C – CERTIFICATION – Affidavit of Compliance for Contractors** is amended to include RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC and shall be executed as set forth in the attached Exhibit C.
6. Agency hereby approves the name change of the Agreement from Reliability Optimization, Inc. to RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC, Consultant.
7. This Amendment in no way alters the terms and conditions of the Agreement except as specifically set forth herein.

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

RTS RELIABILITY TESTING SERVICES, LLC

\_\_\_\_\_  
**RANDY S. HOWARD, General Manager**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**CHARLES R. SCOTT, President**

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

RELAIBILITY OPTIMIZATION, INC. consents to the foregoing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**KEVIN NORDENSTROM,**  
**President**

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Secretary of the Commission

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jane E. Luckhardt, General Counsel

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

RTS Reliability Testing Services, LLC ("Consultant") shall provide predictive maintenance testing services as requested by the Northern California Power Agency ("Agency") at any facilities owned or operated by Agency, NCPA Members, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) or SCPPA Members.

Services to include, but not be limited to the following:

- Vibration Testing
- On-Line/Off-Line Motor Analysis
- Infrared Thermographic Imaging
- Airborne Ultrasonic Testing
- Corona Survey
- Lubrication Oil Analysis
- Transformer Oil Analysis
- SF6 Gas Analysis
- Generator & Generator Step Up Transformer Partial Discharge Analysis
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List of Subcontractors to include the following:

- Industrial Tests, Inc.
- SDMyers, LLC
- Sean Nordenstrom

**EXHIBIT C**

**CERTIFICATION**

**Affidavit of Compliance for Contractors**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of person signing affidavit)(Title)

do hereby certify that background investigations to ascertain the accuracy of the identity and employment history of all employees of

RTS RELIABILITY TESTING SERVICES, LLC  
(Company name)

for contract work at:

LODI ENERGY CENTER, 12745 N. THORNTON ROAD, LODI, CA 95242

(Project name and location)

have been conducted as required by the California Energy Commission Decision for the above-named project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of officer or agent)

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

THIS AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE SHALL BE APPENDED TO THE PROJECT SECURITY PLAN AND SHALL BE RETAINED AT ALL TIMES AT THE PROJECT SITE FOR REVIEW BY THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION COMPLIANCE PROJECT MANAGER.



# Commission Staff Report – *DRAFT*

**COMMISSION MEETING DATE:** March 23, 2023

**SUBJECT:** HRST, Inc. – Five Year Multi-Task General Services Agreement for HRSG Related Inspection Services; Applicable to the following: All Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) Facilities, NCPA Members, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members

**AGENDA CATEGORY:** Consent

<b>FROM:</b>	Michael DeBortoli	<b>METHOD OF SELECTION:</b>
	Assistant General Manager	N/A
<b>Division:</b>	Generation Services	<i>If other, please describe:</i>
<b>Department:</b>	Combustion Turbines	

<b>IMPACTED MEMBERS:</b>		
All Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Alameda Municipal Power	<input type="checkbox"/>	
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Biggs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Gridley	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Healdsburg	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Lodi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Lompoc	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Palo Alto	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Redding	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Roseville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Santa Clara	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Shasta Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Ukiah	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Plumas-Sierra REC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Port of Oakland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Truckee Donner PUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Resolution 23-XX authorizing the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task General Services Agreement with HRST, Inc. for HRSG related inspection services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$1,000,000 over five years, for use at any facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA and SCPPA Members.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Various HRSG related inspection services are required from time to time for the operation and maintenance of facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA and SCPPA Members. NCPA has utilized this vendor in the past, and has a good working relationship with this vendor. NCPA desires to enter into this agreement so established terms and conditions are in place should this vendor be the successful bidder on future purchases. NCPA has agreements in place for similar services with Groome Industrial, Nooter Eriksen (pending) and Tetra Engineering.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Upon execution, the total cost of the agreement is not to exceed \$1,000,000 over five years. Purchase orders referencing the terms and conditions of the agreement will be issued following NCPA procurement policies and procedures.

## **SELECTION PROCESS:**

This enabling agreement does not commit NCPA to any expenditure of funds. At the time services are needed, NCPA will bid the specific scope of work consistent with NCPA procurement policies and procedures. NCPA seeks bids from qualified providers as required. Bids are awarded to the vendor providing the best overall value to NCPA. NCPA will issue purchase orders based on cost and availability of the services needed at the time the service is required.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

This activity would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the physical environment and is therefore not a "project" for purposes of Section 21065 of the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary.

## **COMMITTEE REVIEW:**

Pending Committee review and approval.

**AFTER FACILITIES APPROVAL:** On March 1, 2023 the Facilities Committee reviewed and endorsed the recommendation above for Commission approval.

**AFTER LEC PPC APPROVAL:** On March 6, 2023 the Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee reviewed and approved the recommendation above for Commission approval.

Respectfully submitted,

RANDY S. HOWARD  
General Manager

Attachments (2):

- Resolution 23-XX
- Multi-Task General Services Agreement with HRST, Inc.

## RESOLUTION 23-XX

### RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY APPROVING A MULTI-TASK GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HRST, INC.

(reference Staff Report XXX:23)

WHEREAS, HRSG related inspection services are required from time to time for the operation and maintenance of facilities owned and/or operated by the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), NCPA Members, by the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members; and

WHEREAS, HRST, Inc. is a provider of these services; and

WHEREAS, the NCPA Commission has reviewed the Multi-Task General Services Agreement with HRST, Inc. to provide such services as needed at any facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA, and SCPPA Members; and

WHEREAS, this activity would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the physical environment and is therefore not a "project" for purposes of Section 21065 the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission of the Northern California Power Agency authorizes the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task General Services Agreement, with any non-substantial changes as approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$1,000,000 over five years, for use at any facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA, and SCPPA Members.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by the following vote on roll call:

	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Alameda	_____	_____	_____
San Francisco BART	_____	_____	_____
Biggs	_____	_____	_____
Gridley	_____	_____	_____
Healdsburg	_____	_____	_____
Lodi	_____	_____	_____
Lompoc	_____	_____	_____
Palo Alto	_____	_____	_____
Port of Oakland	_____	_____	_____
Redding	_____	_____	_____
Roseville	_____	_____	_____
Santa Clara	_____	_____	_____
Shasta Lake	_____	_____	_____
Truckee Donner	_____	_____	_____
Ukiah	_____	_____	_____
Plumas-Sierra	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_  
JERRY SERVENTI  
CHAIR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CARY A. PADGETT  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY



**MULTI-TASK  
GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY AND  
HRST, INC.**

This Multi-Task General Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between the Northern California Power Agency, a joint powers agency with its main office located at 651 Commerce Drive, Roseville, CA 95678-6420 ("Agency") and HRST, Inc., a corporation with its office located at 6557 City West Parkway, Eden Prairie, MN 55344 ("Contractor") (together sometimes referred to as the "Parties") as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 ("Effective Date") in Roseville, California.

**Section 1. SCOPE OF WORK.** Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Contractor is willing to provide to Agency the range of services and/or goods described in the Scope of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein ("Work").

- 1.1 Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and shall end when Contractor completes the Work, or no later than five (5) years from the date this Agreement was signed by Agency, whichever is shorter.
- 1.2 Standard of Performance.** Contractor shall perform the Work in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession in which Contractor is engaged and for which Contractor is providing the Work. Contractor represents that it is licensed, qualified and experienced to provide the Work set forth herein.
- 1.3 Assignment of Personnel.** Contractor shall assign only competent personnel to perform the Work. In the event that Agency, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of this Agreement, requests the reassignment of any such personnel, Contractor shall, immediately upon receiving written notice from Agency of such request, reassign such personnel.
- 1.4 Work Provided.** Work provided under this Agreement by Contractor may include Work directly to the Agency or, as requested by the Agency and consistent with the terms of this Agreement, to Agency members, Southern California Public Power Authority ("SCPPA") or SCPPA members.
- 1.5 Request for Work to be Performed.** At such time that Agency determines to have Contractor perform Work under this Agreement, Agency shall issue a Purchase Order to 'orders@hrstinc.com'. The Purchase Order shall identify the specific Work to be performed ("Requested Work"), may include a not-to-exceed cap on monetary cap on Requested Work and all related expenditures authorized by that Purchase Order, and shall include a time by which the Requested Work shall be completed. Contractor shall have seven calendar days from the date of the Agency's issuance of the Purchase Order in which to respond in writing that Contractor chooses not to perform the Requested Work. If Contractor agrees to perform the Requested Work, begins to perform the Requested Work, or does not respond within the seven-day period specified, then Contractor will have

agreed to perform the Requested Work on the terms set forth in the Purchase Order, this Agreement and its Exhibits.

**Section 2. COMPENSATION.** Agency hereby agrees to pay Contractor an amount **NOT TO EXCEED** ONE MILLION dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the Work, which shall include all fees, costs, expenses and other reimbursables, as set forth in Contractor's fee schedule, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B. This dollar amount is not a guarantee that Agency will pay that full amount to the Contractor, but is merely a limit of potential Agency expenditures under this Agreement.

**2.1 T&M Invoices.** Contractor shall submit T&M invoices, not more often than once a month during the term of this Agreement, based on the cost for services performed and reimbursable costs incurred prior to the invoice date. Invoices shall contain the following information:

- The beginning and ending dates of the billing period;
- Work performed;
- The Purchase Order number authorizing the Requested Work;
- At Agency's option, for each work item in each task, a copy of the applicable time entries or time sheets shall be submitted showing the name of the person doing the work, the hours spent by each person, a brief description of the work, and each reimbursable expense, with supporting documentation, to Agency's reasonable satisfaction;
- At Agency's option, the total number of hours of work performed under the Agreement by Contractor and each employee, agent, and subcontractor of Contractor performing work hereunder.

Invoices shall be sent to:

Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, California 95678  
Attn: Accounts Payable  
[AcctsPayable@ncpa.com](mailto:AcctsPayable@ncpa.com)

**2.2 Fixed Price Invoices.** Contractor shall submit all Fixed Price invoices pursuant to the payment schedule outlined on the pertinent Purchase Order or, if lacking therein, Contractor's proposal.

**2.3 Monthly Payment.** Agency shall make monthly payments, based on invoices received, for Work satisfactorily performed, and for authorized reimbursable costs incurred. Agency shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of an invoice that complies with all of the requirements above to pay Contractor.

**2.3 Payment of Taxes.** Contractor is solely responsible for the payment of all federal, state and local taxes, including employment taxes, incurred under this Agreement.

**2.4 Authorization to Perform Work.** The Contractor is not authorized to perform any Work or incur any costs whatsoever under the terms of this Agreement until receipt of a Purchase Order from the Contract Administrator.

**2.5 Timing for Submittal of Final Invoice.** Contractor shall have ninety (90) days after completion of the Requested Work to submit its final invoice for the Requested Work. In the event Contractor fails to submit an invoice to Agency for any amounts due within the ninety (90) day period, Contractor is deemed to have waived its right to collect its final payment for the Requested Work from Agency.

**Section 3. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.** Except as set forth herein, Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, provide all facilities and equipment that may be necessary to perform the Work.

**Section 4. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.** Before beginning any Work under this Agreement, Contractor, at its own cost and expense, shall procure the types and amounts of insurance listed below and shall maintain the types and amounts of insurance listed below for the period covered by this Agreement.

**4.1 Workers' Compensation.** If Contractor employs any person, Contractor shall maintain Statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance for any and all persons employed directly or indirectly by Contractor with limits of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident.

**4.2 Commercial General and Automobile Liability Insurance.**

**4.2.1 Commercial General Insurance.** Contractor shall maintain commercial general liability insurance for the term of this Agreement, including products liability, covering any loss or liability, including the cost of defense of any action, for bodily injury, death, personal injury and broad form property damage which may arise out of the operations of Contractor. The policy shall provide a minimum limit of \$2,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate. Commercial general coverage shall be at least as broad as ISO Commercial General Liability form CG 0001 (current edition) on "an occurrence" basis covering comprehensive General Liability, with a self-insured retention or deductible of no more than \$100,000. No endorsement shall be attached limiting the coverage.

**4.2.2 Automobile Liability.** Contractor shall maintain automobile liability insurance form CA 0001 (current edition) for the term of this Agreement covering any loss or liability, including the cost of defense of any action, arising from the operation, maintenance or use of any vehicle (symbol 1), whether or not owned by the Contractor, on or off Agency premises. The policy shall provide a minimum limit of \$2,000,000 per each accident, with a self-insured retention or deductible of no more than \$100,000. This insurance shall provide contractual liability covering all motor vehicles and mobile equipment to the extent coverage may be excluded from general liability insurance.

**4.2.3 General Liability/Umbrella Insurance.** The coverage amounts set forth above may be met by a combination of underlying and umbrella policies as long as in combination the limits equal or exceed those stated.

**4.3 Professional Liability Insurance.** Contractor shall maintain professional liability insurance appropriate to Contractor's profession performing work in connection with this Agreement in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) aggregate covering the Contractor's errors and omissions. Any deductible or self-insured retention shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) per claim. Such insurance shall be on a "claims-made" basis, subject to the following conditions: (1) the retroactive date of the policy shall be on or before the Effective Date of this Agreement; (2) the policy shall be maintained for at least five (5) years after completion of the Services and, if requested by Agency, evidence of coverage shall be provided during this period; and (3) if, within five (5) years of completion of the Services, coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement, Consultant shall purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of the Services and, if requested by Agency, provide evidence of coverage during this period.

**4.4 Pollution Insurance.** Not Applicable.

**4.5 All Policies Requirements.**

**4.5.1 Verification of coverage.** Prior to beginning any work under this Agreement, Contractor shall provide Agency with (1) a Certificate of Insurance that demonstrates compliance with all applicable insurance provisions contained herein and (2) policy endorsements to the policies referenced in Section 4.2 and in Section 4.4, if applicable, adding the Agency as an additional insured and declaring such insurance primary in regard to work performed pursuant to this Agreement.

**4.5.2 Notice of Reduction in or Cancellation of Coverage.** Contractor shall provide at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Agency of any reduction in scope or amount, cancellation, or modification adverse to Agency of the policies referenced in Section 4.

**4.5.3 Higher Limits.** If Contractor maintains higher limits than the minimums specified herein, the Agency shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the Contractor.

**4.5.4 Additional Certificates and Endorsements.** If Contractor performs Work for Agency members, SCPPA and/or SCPPA members pursuant to this Agreement, Contractor shall provide the certificates of insurance and policy endorsements, as referenced in Section 4.5.1, naming the specific Agency member, SCPPA and/or SCPPA member for which the Work is to be performed.

**4.5.5 Waiver of Subrogation.** Contractor agrees to waive subrogation which any insurer of Contractor may acquire from Contractor by virtue of the payment of any loss. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation. In addition, the Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of Agency for all work performed by Contractor, its employees, agents and subcontractors.

**4.6 Contractor's Obligation.** Contractor shall be solely responsible for ensuring that all equipment, vehicles and other items utilized in the performance of Work are operated, provided or otherwise utilized in a manner that ensures they are and remain covered by the policies referenced in Section 4 during this Agreement. Contractor shall also ensure that all workers involved in the provision of Work are properly classified as employees, agents or independent contractors and are and remain covered by any and all workers' compensation insurance required by applicable law during this Agreement.

## **Section 5. INDEMNIFICATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.**

**5.1 Effect of Insurance.** Agency's acceptance of insurance certificates and endorsements required under this Agreement does not relieve Contractor from liability under this indemnification and hold harmless clause. This indemnification and hold harmless clause shall apply to any damages or claims for damages whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to apply. By execution of this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the provisions of this section and that it is a material element of consideration.

**5.2 Scope.** Contractor shall indemnify, defend with counsel reasonably acceptable to the Agency, and hold harmless the Agency and its officials, commissioners, officers, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all claims to the extent that the claims arise out of, pertain to or relate to the negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of the Contractor in its performance of Work under this Agreement. Contractor shall bear all losses, costs, damages, expense and liability of every kind, nature and description to the extent that they arise out of, pertain to, or relate to such claims, whether directly or indirectly ("Liabilities"). Such obligations to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the Agency shall not apply to the extent that such Liabilities are caused by the negligence, active negligence, or willful misconduct of the Agency.

**5.3 Transfer of Title.** Not Applicable.

**5.4 Limitation of Liability.** Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, either party's total liability to the other party for breaches of this Agreement, other than any liability resulting from a willful or grossly negligent refusal by a party to perform its obligations hereunder, shall in no event exceed the greater of the amounts of insurance required by this Agreement.

## **Section 6. STATUS OF CONTRACTOR.**

- 6.1 Independent Contractor.** Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee of Agency. Agency shall have the right to control Contractor only insofar as the results of Contractor's Work and assignment of personnel pursuant to Section 1; otherwise, Agency shall not have the right to control the means by which Contractor accomplishes Work rendered pursuant to this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other Agency, state, or federal policy, rule, regulation, law, or ordinance to the contrary, Contractor and any of its employees, agents, and subcontractors providing services under this Agreement shall not qualify for or become entitled to, and hereby agree to waive any and all claims to, any compensation, benefit, or any incident of employment by Agency, including but not limited to eligibility to enroll in the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) as an employee of Agency and entitlement to any contribution to be paid by Agency for employer contributions and/or employee contributions for PERS benefits.

Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Agency for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of Contractor or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of Agency. Contractor and Agency acknowledge and agree that compensation paid by Agency to Contractor under this Agreement is based upon Contractor's estimated costs of providing the Work, including salaries and benefits of employees, agents and subcontractors of Contractor.

Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Agency from any lawsuit, administrative action, or other claim for penalties, losses, costs, damages, expense and liability of every kind, nature and description that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to such claims, whether directly or indirectly, due to Contractor's failure to secure workers' compensation insurance for its employees, agents, or subcontractors.

Contractor agrees that it is responsible for the provision of group healthcare benefits to its fulltime employees under 26 U.S.C. § 4980H of the Affordable Care Act. To the extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Agency from any penalty issued to Agency under the Affordable Care Act resulting from the performance of the Services by any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Contractor.

- 6.2 Contractor Not Agent.** Except as Agency may specify in writing, Contractor shall have no authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of Agency in any capacity whatsoever as an agent. Contractor shall have no authority, express or implied, pursuant to this Agreement to bind Agency to any obligation whatsoever.
- 6.3 Assignment and Subcontracting.** This Agreement contemplates personal performance by Contractor and is based upon a determination of Contractor's unique professional competence, experience, and specialized professional

knowledge. A substantial inducement to Agency for entering into this Agreement was and is the personal reputation and competence of Contractor. Contractor may not assign this Agreement or any interest therein without the prior written approval of the Agency. Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the performance contemplated and provided for herein, other than to the subcontractors identified in Exhibit A, without prior written approval of the Agency. Where written approval is granted by the Agency, Contractor shall supervise all work subcontracted by Contractor in performing the Work and shall be responsible for all work performed by a subcontractor as if Contractor itself had performed such work. The subcontracting of any work to subcontractors shall not relieve Contractor from any of its obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Work and Contractor is obligated to ensure that any and all subcontractors performing any Work shall be fully insured in all respects and to the same extent as set forth under Section 4, to Agency's satisfaction.

- 6.4 **Certification as to California Energy Commission.** If requested by the Agency, Contractor shall, at the same time it executes this Agreement, execute Exhibit C.
- 6.5 **Certification as to California Energy Commission Regarding Hazardous Materials Transport Vendors.** If requested by the Agency, Contractor shall, at the same time it executes this Agreement, execute Exhibit D.
- 6.6 **Maintenance Labor Agreement.** If the Work is subject to the terms of one or more Maintenance Labor Agreements, which are applicable only to certain types of construction, repair and/or maintenance projects, then Contractor shall execute Exhibit E and/or similar documentation as to compliance.

## **Section 7. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.**

- 7.1 **Governing Law.** The laws of the State of California shall govern this Agreement.
- 7.2 **Compliance with Applicable Laws.** Contractor and its subcontractors and agents, if any, shall comply with all laws applicable to the performance of the work hereunder.
- 7.3 **Licenses and Permits.** Contractor represents and warrants to Agency that Contractor and its employees, agents, and subcontractors (if any) have and will maintain at their sole expense during the term of this Agreement all licenses, permits, qualifications, and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to practice their respective professions.
- 7.4 **Monitoring by DIR.** The Work is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

- 7.5 Registration with DIR.** During the term of this Agreement, Contractor warrants that it is registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and qualified to perform Work consistent with Labor Code section 1725.5.
- 7.6 Prevailing Wage Rates.** In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771, not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality in which the Work is to be performed, and not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for holiday and overtime work as provided in the California Labor Code must be paid to all workers engaged in performing the Work. In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 and following, the Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing wage per diem rates for the locality in which the Work is to be performed; the Agency has obtained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general rate for holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the Work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to perform the project; and copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the Agency and will be made available on request. Throughout the performance of the Work, Contractor must comply with all applicable laws and regulations that apply to wages earned in performance of the Work. Contractor assumes all responsibility for such payments and shall defend, indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from any and all claims made by the State of California, the Department of Industrial Relations, any subcontractor, any worker or any other third party with regard thereto.

Additionally, in accordance with the California Administrative Code, Title 8, Group 3, Article 2, Section 16000, Publication of Prevailing Wage Rates by Awarding Bodies, copies of the applicable determination of the Director can be found on the web at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD/> and may be reviewed at any time.

Contractor shall provide a certified copy of its payroll, on forms to be determined by the Agency and consistent with the Labor Code, within ten (10) days of the Contractor's receipt of Agency's written request therefor. Contractor's failure to timely comply with this provision may subject the Contractor to penalties pursuant to state law.

Contractor shall comply with applicable law, including Labor Code Sections 1774 and 1775. In accordance with Section 1775, Contractor shall forfeit as a penalty to Agency \$200.00 for each calendar day or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing rates as determined by the Director of Industrial Relations for such work or craft in which such worker is employed for any Work done under the Agreement by Contractor or by any subcontractor under Contractor in violation of the provisions of the Labor Code and in particular, Labor Code Sections 1770 *et seq.* In addition to the penalty and pursuant to Section 1775, the difference between such prevailing wage rates and the amount paid to each worker for each calendar day or portion thereof for which each worker was paid less than the prevailing wage rate shall be paid to each worker by the Contractor.

## **Section 8. TERMINATION AND MODIFICATION.**

- 8.1 Termination.** Agency may cancel this Agreement at any time and without cause upon ten (10) days prior written notice to Contractor.

In the event of termination, Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for Work satisfactorily completed as of the effective date of termination; Agency, however, may condition payment of such compensation upon Contractor delivering to Agency any or all records or documents (as referenced in Section 9.1 hereof).

- 8.2 Amendments.** The Parties may amend this Agreement only by a writing signed by both of the Parties.

- 8.3 Survival.** All obligations arising prior to the termination of this Agreement and all provisions of this Agreement allocating liability between Agency and Contractor shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

- 8.4 Options upon Breach by Contractor.** If Contractor materially breaches any of the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to those set forth in Section 4, Agency's remedies shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 8.4.1** Immediately terminate the Agreement;
- 8.4.2** Retain the plans, specifications, drawings, reports, design documents, and any other work product prepared by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement;
- 8.4.3** Retain a different Contractor to complete the Work not finished by Contractor.
- 8.4.4** Charge Contractor the difference between the costs to complete the Work that is unfinished at the time of breach and the amount that Agency would have paid Contractor pursuant hereto if Contractor had completed the Work.

## **Section 9. KEEPING AND STATUS OF RECORDS.**

- 9.1 Records Created as Part of Contractor's Performance.** All reports, data, maps, models, charts, studies, surveys, photographs, memoranda, plans, studies, specifications, records, files, or any other documents or materials, in electronic or any other form, that Contractor prepares or obtains pursuant to this Agreement and that relate to the matters covered hereunder shall be the property of the Agency. Contractor hereby agrees to deliver those documents to the Agency upon termination of the Agreement. Agency and Contractor agree that, unless approved by Agency in writing, Contractor shall not release to any non-parties to this Agreement any data, plans, specifications, reports and other documents.

- 9.2 Contractor's Books and Records.** Contractor shall maintain any and all records or other documents evidencing or relating to charges for Work or expenditures and disbursements charged to the Agency under this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, from the date of final payment to the Contractor under this Agreement.
- 9.3 Inspection and Audit of Records.** Any records or documents that this Agreement requires Contractor to maintain shall be made available for inspection, audit, and/or copying at any time during regular business hours, upon oral or written request of the Agency. Under California Government Code Section 8546.7, if the amount of public funds expended under this Agreement exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the Agreement shall be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor, at the request of Agency or as part of any audit of the Agency, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under this Agreement.
- 9.4 Confidential Information and Disclosure.**
- 9.4.1 Confidential Information.** The term "Confidential Information", as used herein, shall mean any and all confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information, whether written, recorded, electronic, oral or otherwise, where the Confidential Information is made available in a tangible medium of expression and marked in a prominent location as confidential, proprietary and/or trade secret information. Confidential Information shall not include information that: (a) was already known to the Receiving Party or is otherwise a matter of public knowledge, (b) was disclosed to Receiving Party by a third party without violating any confidentiality agreement, (c) was independently developed by Receiving Party without reverse engineering, as evidenced by written records thereof, or (d) was not marked as Confidential Information in accordance with this section.
- 9.4.2 Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information.** During the term of this Agreement, either party may disclose (the "Disclosing Party") Confidential Information to the other party (the "Receiving Party"). The Receiving Party: (a) shall hold the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information in confidence; and (b) shall take all reasonable steps to prevent any unauthorized possession, use, copying, transfer or disclosure of such Confidential Information.
- 9.4.3 Permitted Disclosure.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following disclosures of Confidential Information are allowed. Receiving Party shall endeavor to provide prior written notice to Disclosing Party of any permitted disclosure made pursuant to Section 9.4.3.2 or 9.4.3.3. Disclosing Party may seek a protective order, including without limitation, a temporary restraining order to prevent or contest such permitted disclosure; provided, however, that Disclosing Party shall seek such remedies at its sole expense. Neither party shall have any liability for such permitted disclosures:

**9.4.3.1** Disclosure to employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors or other representatives of Receiving Party that have a need to know in connection with this Agreement.

**9.4.3.2** Disclosure in response to a valid order of a court, government or regulatory agency or as may otherwise be required by law; and

**9.4.3.3** Disclosure by Agency in response to a request pursuant to the California Public Records Act.

**9.4.4** **Handling of Confidential Information.** Upon conclusion or termination of the Agreement, Receiving Party shall return to Disclosing Party or destroy Confidential Information (including all copies thereof), if requested by Disclosing Party in writing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Receiving Party may retain copies of such Confidential Information, subject to the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement: (a) for archival purposes in its computer system; (b) in its legal department files; and (c) in files of Receiving Party's representatives where such copies are necessary to comply with applicable law. Party shall not disclose the Disclosing Party's Information to any person other than those of the Receiving Party's employees, agents, consultants, contractors and subcontractors who have a need to know in connection with this Agreement.

## **Section 10. PROJECT SITE.**

**10.1** **Operations at the Project Site.** Each Project site may include the power plant areas, all buildings, offices, and other locations where Work is to be performed, including any access roads. Contractor shall perform the Work in such a manner as to cause a minimum of interference with the operations of the Agency; if applicable, the entity for which Contractor is performing the Work, as referenced in Section 1.4; and other contractors at the Project site and to protect all persons and property thereon from damage or injury. Upon completion of the Work at a Project site, Contractor shall leave such Project site clean and free of all tools, equipment, waste materials and rubbish, stemming from or relating to Contractor's Work.

**10.2** **Contractor's Equipment, Tools, Supplies and Materials.** Contractor shall be solely responsible for the transportation, loading and unloading, and storage of any equipment, tools, supplies or materials required for performing the Work, whether owned, leased or rented. Neither Agency nor, if applicable, the entity for which Contractor is performing the Work, as referenced in Section 1.4, will be responsible for any such equipment, supplies or materials which may be lost, stolen or damaged or for any additional rental charges for such. Equipment, tools, supplies and materials left or stored at a Project site, with or without permission, is at Contractor's sole risk. Anything left on the Project site an unreasonable length of time after the Work is completed shall be presumed to

have been abandoned by the Contractor. Any transportation furnished by Agency or, if applicable, the entity for which Contractor is performing the Work, as referenced in Section 1.4, shall be solely as an accommodation and neither Agency nor, if applicable, the entity for which Contractor is performing the Work, as referenced in Section 1.4, shall have liability therefor. Contractor shall assume the risk and is solely responsible for its owned, non-owned and hired automobiles, trucks or other motorized vehicles as well as any equipment, tools, supplies, materials or other property which is utilized by Contractor on the Project site. All materials and supplies used by Contractor in the Work shall be new and in good condition.

- 10.3 Use of Agency Equipment.** Contractor shall assume the risk and is solely responsible for its use of any equipment owned and property provided by Agency and, if applicable, the entity for which Contractor is performing the Work, as referenced in Section 1.4, for the performance of Work.

## **Section 11. WARRANTY.**

- 11.1 Nature of Work.** In addition to any and all warranties provided or implied by law or public policy, Contractor warrants that all Work shall be free from defects in design and workmanship, and that Contractor shall perform all Work with the usual professional standard of care and in accordance with generally accepted practices in effect at the time the services are rendered and in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations including engineering, construction and other codes and standards and prudent electrical utility standards, and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 11.2 Deficiencies in Work.** In addition to all other rights and remedies which Agency may have, Agency shall have the right to require, and Contractor shall be obligated at its own expense to perform, all further Work which may be required to correct any deficiencies which result from Contractor's failure to perform any Work or any failure of a Product in accordance with the standards required by this Agreement. If during the one (1) year period following (i) completion of the Work (including any equipment, supplies or other materials used or provided), or (ii) delivery of any Products, any Work or Products provided by Contractor under this Agreement fails due to defects in material and/or workmanship or other breach of this Agreement, Contractor shall, upon any reasonable written notice from Agency, replace or repair the same so it complies with this warranty. All replaced Products become the property of Contractor. All replaced Work and/or Products are warranted as outlined above for the remainder of the original applicable warranty period.
- 11.3 Assignment of Warranties.** Contractor hereby assigns to Agency all additional warranties, extended warranties, or benefits like warranties, such as insurance,

provided by or reasonably obtainable from suppliers of equipment and material used in the Work.

**Section 12. HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAMS.** The Contractor shall establish, maintain, and enforce safe work practices, and implement an accident/incident prevention program intended to ensure safe and healthful operations under their direction. The program shall include all requisite components of such a program under Federal, State and local regulations and shall comply with all site programs established by Agency and, if applicable, the entity for which Contractor is performing the Work, as referenced in Section 1.4.

- 12.1** Contractor is responsible for acquiring job hazard assessments as necessary to safely perform the Work and provide a copy to Agency upon request.
- 12.2** Contractor is responsible for providing all employee health and safety training and personal protective equipment in accordance with potential hazards that may be encountered in performance of the Work and provide copies of the certified training records upon request by Agency. Contractor shall be responsible for proper maintenance and/or disposal of their personal protective equipment and material handling equipment.
- 12.3** Contractor is responsible for ensuring that its lower-tier subcontractors are aware of and will comply with the requirements set forth herein.
- 12.4** Agency, or its representatives, may periodically monitor the safety performance of the Contractor performing the Work. Contractors and its subcontractors shall be required to comply with the safety and health obligations as established in the Agreement. Non-compliance with safety, health, or fire requirements may result in cessation of work activities, until items in non-compliance are corrected. It is also expressly acknowledged, understood and agreed that no payment shall be due from Agency to Contractor under this Agreement at any time when, or for any Work performed when, Contractor is not in full compliance with this Section 12.
- 12.5** Contractor shall immediately report any injuries to the Agency site safety representative. Additionally, the Contractor shall investigate and submit to the Agency site safety representative copies of all written accident reports, and coordinate with Agency if further investigation is requested.
- 12.6** Contractor shall take all reasonable steps and precautions to protect the health of its employees and other site personnel with regard to the Work. Contractor shall conduct occupational health monitoring and/or sampling to determine levels of exposure of its employees to hazardous or toxic substances or environmental conditions. Copies of any sampling results will be forwarded to the Agency site safety representative upon request.
- 12.7** Contractor shall develop a plan to properly handle and dispose of any hazardous wastes, if any, Contractor generates in performing the Work.

- 12.8 Contractor shall advise its employees and subcontractors that any employee who jeopardizes his/her safety and health, or the safety and health of others, may be subject to actions including removal from Work.
- 12.9 Contractor shall, at the sole option of the Agency, develop and provide to the Agency a Hazardous Material Spill Response Plan that includes provisions for spill containment and clean-up, emergency contact information including regulatory agencies and spill sampling and analysis procedures. Hazardous Materials shall include diesel fuel used for trucks owned or leased by the Contractor.
- 12.10 If Contractor is providing Work to an Agency Member, SCPPA or SCPPA member (collectively "Member" solely for the purpose of this section) pursuant to Section 1.4 hereof, then that Member shall have the same rights as the Agency under Sections 12.1, 12.2, 12.4, 12.5, and 12.6 hereof.

### **Section 13. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

- 13.1 **Attorneys' Fees.** If a party to this Agreement brings any action, including an action for declaratory relief, to enforce or interpret the provision of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees in addition to any other relief to which that party may be entitled. The court may set such fees in the same action or in a separate action brought for that purpose.
- 13.2 **Venue.** In the event that either party brings any action against the other under this Agreement, the Parties agree that trial of such action shall be vested exclusively in the state courts of California in the County of Placer or in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.
- 13.3 **Severability.** If a court of competent jurisdiction finds or rules that any provision of this Agreement is invalid, void, or unenforceable, the provisions of this Agreement not so adjudged shall remain in full force and effect. The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement shall not void or affect the validity of any other provision of this Agreement.
- 13.4 **No Implied Waiver of Breach.** The waiver of any breach of a specific provision of this Agreement does not constitute a waiver of any other breach of that term or any other term of this Agreement.
- 13.5 **Successors and Assigns.** The provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the Parties.
- 13.6 **Conflict of Interest.** Contractor may serve other clients, but none whose activities within the corporate limits of Agency or whose business, regardless of location, would place Contractor in a "conflict of interest," as that term is defined in the Political Reform Act, codified at California Government Code Section 81000 *et seq.*

Contractor shall not employ any Agency official in the work performed pursuant to this Agreement. No officer or employee of Agency shall have any financial interest in this Agreement that would violate California Government Code Sections 1090 *et seq.*

**13.7 Contract Administrator.** This Agreement shall be administered by the Assistant General Manager, Generation Services, or his/her designee, who shall act as the Agency's representative. All correspondence shall be directed to or through the representative.

**13.8 Notices.** Any written notice to Contractor shall be sent to:

HRST, Inc.  
Attention: Contracts Department  
6557 City West Parkway  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Any written notice to Agency shall be sent to:

Randy S. Howard  
General Manager  
Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, CA 95678

With a copy to:

Jane E. Luckhardt  
General Counsel  
Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, CA 95678

**13.9 Professional Seal.** Where applicable in the determination of the Agency, the first page of a technical report, first page of design specifications, and each page of construction drawings shall be stamped/sealed and signed by the licensed professional responsible for the report/design preparation.

**13.10 Integration; Incorporation.** This Agreement, including all the exhibits attached hereto, represents the entire and integrated agreement between Agency and Contractor and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated by reference herein.

**13.11 Alternative Dispute Resolution.** If any dispute arises between the Parties that cannot be settled after engaging in good faith negotiations, Agency and Contractor agree to resolve the dispute in accordance with the following:

- 13.11.1** Each party shall designate a senior management or executive level representative to negotiate any dispute;
- 13.11.2** The representatives shall attempt, through good faith negotiations, to resolve the dispute by any means within their authority.
- 13.11.3** If the issue remains unresolved after fifteen (15) days of good faith negotiations, the Parties shall attempt to resolve the disagreement by negotiation between legal counsel. If the above process fails, the Parties shall resolve any remaining disputes through mediation to expedite the resolution of the dispute.
- 13.11.4** The mediation process shall provide for the selection within fifteen (15) days by both Parties of a disinterested third person as mediator, shall be commenced within thirty (30) days and shall be concluded within fifteen (15) days from the commencement of the mediation.
- 13.11.5** The Parties shall equally bear the costs of any third party in any alternative dispute resolution process.
- 13.11.6** The alternative dispute resolution process is a material condition to this Agreement and must be exhausted as an administrative remedy prior to either Party initiating legal action. This alternative dispute resolution process is not intended to nor shall be construed to change the time periods for filing a claim or action specified by Government Code §§ 900 *et seq.*
- 13.12 Controlling Provisions.** In the case of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the Exhibits hereto, a Purchase Order, or Contractor's Proposal (if any), the Agreement shall control. In the case of any conflict between the Exhibits hereto and a Purchase Order or the Contractor's Proposal, the Exhibits shall control. In the case of any conflict between the terms of a Purchase Order and the Contractor's Proposal, the Purchase Order shall control.
- 13.13 Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one agreement.
- 13.14 Construction of Agreement.** Each party hereto has had an equivalent opportunity to participate in the drafting of the Agreement and/or to consult with legal counsel. Therefore, the usual construction of an agreement against the drafting party shall not apply hereto.
- 13.15 No Third Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement is made solely for the benefit of the parties hereto, with no intent to benefit any non-signator third parties. However, should Contractor provide Work to an Agency member, SCPPA or SCPPA member (collectively for the purpose of this section only "Member") pursuant to Section 1.4, the parties recognize that such Member may be a third

party beneficiary solely as to the Purchase Order and Requested Work relating to such Member.

The Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date signed by the Agency.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY

HRST, INC.

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**RANDY S. HOWARD,**  
General Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
**JERED C. JACKSON,**  
Contracts Administrator

Attest:

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Assistant Secretary of the Commission

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jane E. Luckhardt, General Counsel

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

HRST, Inc. ("Contractor") shall provide HRSG related inspection services as requested by the Northern California Power Agency ("Agency") at any facilities owned or operated by Agency, NCPA Members, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) or SCPPA Members.

General services to include, but not be limited to the following:

- Heat Recovery Steam Generator Warranty Inspections
- Heat Recovery Steam Generator Consulting Engineering
- Power Piping Inspections
- Power Piping Design Engineering
- Steam Plant Condition Assessments and Fitness-for-Service Evaluations
- Root Cause Failure Assessments

No project under this Agreement shall include Work that would qualify as a Public Works Project under the California Public Contract Code.

## EXHIBIT B

### COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND HOURLY FEES

Compensation for all work, including hourly fees and expenses, shall not exceed the amount set forth in Section 2 of the Agreement. This Exhibit B pricing may be updated annual by Contractor upon providing the Agency an updated break down for approval with 60 days' notice. The hourly rates and or compensation break down and an estimated amount of expenses is as follows:

#### 2023 SERVICE RATES

Effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

##### Services Provided Under Time and Expense Contracts with HRST, Inc.

###### Rates

The following hourly rates shall apply for services, including inspections, meetings, analysis, and generation of reports. Minimum charge for field hours is 4 hours per day. All rates and contract prices are in US dollars. For countries that do not have a tax treaty with USA and require non-resident withholdings tax, the rates shown are net (after the withholdings).

Principal	\$ 335
Engineer / Consultant / Project Manager	\$ 275
Technical Advisor	\$ 230
Design / Drafting	\$ 210
Standby <sup>1</sup> / Travel Time <sup>2</sup>	\$ 150

<sup>1</sup> Standby time will be charged at a maximum of 8 hours per day when an HRST employee must remain in close proximity to the jobsite in order to provide additional service, for example, when Sunday is not a workday at the jobsite and travelling home is not viable for the HRST employee. The Purchaser shall remain responsible for expenses incurred while on standby.

<sup>2</sup> Travel time will be charged at a maximum of 8 hours per day for projects in the continental US. When travel and services occur in the same day, actual service time will be charged at the service rate and actual travel time will be charged at the travel rate.

##### Overtime / Weekend / Holiday / Emergency

A 40% premium shall apply to all rates. Overtime rates apply when more than 10 hours per day are worked on weekdays and apply to any hours worked on a weekend or holiday, or if the nature of the work is supported by HRST's Emergency Engineer or Technical Advisor.

##### Expenses

Travel and consumable expenses will be billed at cost plus 10%. Typical expenses include:

- Transportation (airfare, car/fuel/tolls, taxi, parking, etc.)
- Meals & Incidental Expenses (M&IE)<sup>3</sup>
- Lodging
- Shipping charges

<sup>3</sup> Meals and incidental expenses shall be based on the current local M&IE rate: GSA (CONUS), DOD (AK/HI) or USDOS (non-USA).

##### Equipment Rental & Subcontract Professional Service Rates

Equipment rental required to support HRST Service in North America will be billed per the pricing below. Minimum rental of 2 days applies, which covers all shipping time, and the day equipment arrives onsite. Shipping charges are not included.

- Borescope with 25' (100') foot probe: \$650 (\$1,200)/day
- Positive Material Identification Analyzer: \$400/day
- Acoustic Leak Detection Probe: \$250/day
- HRST Supplied Truck: \$150/day plus fuel
- FLIR Thermal Imaging Camera: \$250/day
- Thermocouple DataLogger: \$150/week
- Thermocouple Welder: \$250/week
- Equipment Rented by HRST: Cost plus 20%

Professional Service subcontracted by HRST and approved by client will be invoiced at cost plus 15%. Examples include: metallurgical analysis, chemistry specialist, gas side equipment cleaning, specialty engineering, NDE technicians and design/drafting

Pricing for services to be performed at NCPA Member or SCPPA locations will be quoted at the time services are requested.

NOTE: As a public agency, NCPA shall not reimburse Contractor for travel, food and related costs in excess of those permitted by the Internal Revenue Service.

**EXHIBIT C**

**CERTIFICATION**

**Affidavit of Compliance for Contractors**

I,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of person signing affidavit)(Title)

do hereby certify that background investigations to ascertain the accuracy of the identity and employment history of all employees of

HRST, Inc.

(Company name)

for contract work at:

LODI ENERGY CENTER, 12745 N. THORNTON ROAD, LODI, CA 95242

(Project name and location)

have been conducted as required by the California Energy Commission Decision for the above-named project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of officer or agent)

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

THIS AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE SHALL BE APPENDED TO THE PROJECT SECURITY PLAN AND SHALL BE RETAINED AT ALL TIMES AT THE PROJECT SITE FOR REVIEW BY THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION COMPLIANCE PROJECT MANAGER.

**NOT APPLICABLE**

**EXHIBIT D**

**CERTIFICATION**

**Affidavit of Compliance for Hazardous Materials Transport Vendors**

I, \_\_\_\_\_,

(Name of person signing affidavit)(Title)

do hereby certify that the below-named company has prepared and implemented security plans in conformity with 49 CFR 172, subpart I and has conducted employee background investigations in conformity with 49 CFR 172.802(a), as the same may be amended from time to time,

\_\_\_\_\_

(Company name)

for hazardous materials delivery to:

LODI ENERGY CENTER, 12745 N. THORNTON ROAD, LODI, CA 95242

(Project name and location)

as required by the California Energy Commission Decision for the above-named project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of officer or agent)

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

THIS AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE SHALL BE APPENDED TO THE PROJECT SECURITY PLAN AND SHALL BE RETAINED AT ALL TIMES AT THE PROJECT SITE FOR REVIEW BY THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION COMPLIANCE PROJECT MANAGER.

**NOT APPLICABLE**

**EXHIBIT E**

**ATTACHMENT A [from MLA]  
AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND**

**MAINTENANCE LABOR AGREEMENT ATTACHMENT  
LODI ENERGY CENTER PROJECT**

The undersigned hereby certifies and agrees that:

- 1) It is an Employer as that term is defined in Section 1.4 of the Lodi Energy Center Project Maintenance Labor Agreement ("Agreement" solely for the purposes of this Exhibit E) because it has been, or will be, awarded a contract or subcontract to assign, award or subcontract Covered Work on the Project (as defined in Section 1.2 and 2.1 of the Agreement), or to authorize another party to assign, award or subcontract Covered Work, or to perform Covered Work.
- 2) In consideration of the award of such contract or subcontract, and in further consideration of the promises made in the Agreement and all attachments thereto (a copy of which was received and is hereby acknowledged), it accepts and agrees to be bound by the terms and condition of the Agreement, together with any and all amendments and supplements now existing or which are later made thereto.
- 3) If it performs Covered Work, it will be bound by the legally established trust agreements designated in local master collective bargaining agreements, and hereby authorizes the parties to such local trust agreements to appoint trustees and successor trustee to administer the trust funds, and hereby ratifies and accepts the trustees so appointed as if made by the undersigned.
- 4) It has no commitments or agreements that would preclude its full and complete compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
- 5) It will secure a duly executed Agreement to be Bound, in form identical to this documents, from any Employer(s) at any tier or tiers with which it contracts to assign, award, or subcontract Covered Work, or to authorize another party to assign, award or subcontract Covered Work, or to perform Covered Work.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Officer & Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)



# Commission Staff Report – *DRAFT*

**COMMISSION MEETING DATE:** March 23, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Swaim Biological Incorporated – Five Year Multi-Task Professional Services Agreement for Biological Monitoring and Support Services; Applicable to the following: All Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) Facilities, NCPA Members, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members

**AGENDA CATEGORY:** Consent

<b>FROM:</b>	Michael DeBortoli	<b>METHOD OF SELECTION:</b>
	Assistant General Manager	N/A
<b>Division:</b>	Generation Services	<i>If other, please describe:</i>
<b>Department:</b>	Combustion Turbines	

<b>IMPACTED MEMBERS:</b>		
All Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Alameda Municipal Power	<input type="checkbox"/>	
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Biggs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Gridley	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Healdsburg	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Lodi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Lompoc	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Palo Alto	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Redding	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Roseville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Santa Clara	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Shasta Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Ukiah	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Plumas-Sierra REC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Port of Oakland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Truckee Donner PUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>If other, please specify</i>		
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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Resolution 23-XX authorizing the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task Professional Services Agreement with Swaim Biological Incorporated for biological monitoring and support services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 over five years, for use at any facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA and SCPPA Members.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Various biological monitoring and support services are required from time to time for the operation and maintenance of facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA and SCPPA Members. The current agreement with CH2M Hill Engineers, our current vendor for these services, is expiring. CH2M is no longer offering these services and recommended Swaim Biological Incorporated. NCPA desires to enter into this agreement so established terms and conditions are in place should this vendor be the successful bidder on future purchases. NCPA has an agreement in place for similar services with Stratus Environmental.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Upon execution, the total cost of the agreement is not to exceed \$500,000 over five years. Purchase orders referencing the terms and conditions of the agreement will be issued following NCPA procurement policies and procedures.

## **SELECTION PROCESS:**

This enabling agreement does not commit NCPA to any expenditure of funds. At the time services are needed, NCPA will bid the specific scope of work consistent with NCPA procurement policies and procedures. NCPA seeks bids from qualified providers as required. Bids are awarded to the vendor providing the best overall value to NCPA. NCPA will issue purchase orders based on cost and availability of the services needed at the time the service is required.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

This activity would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the physical environment and is therefore not a "project" for purposes of Section 21065 of the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary.

## **COMMITTEE REVIEW:**

Pending Committee review and approval.

**AFTER FACILITIES APPROVAL:** On March 1, 2023 the Facilities Committee reviewed and endorsed the recommendation above for Commission approval.

**AFTER LEC PPC APPROVAL:** On March 6, 2023 the Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee reviewed and approved the recommendation above for Commission approval.

Respectfully submitted,

RANDY S. HOWARD  
General Manager

Attachments (2):

- Resolution 23-XX
- Multi-Task Professional Services Agreement with Swaim Biological Incorporated

## RESOLUTION 23-XX

### RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY APPROVING A MULTI-TASK PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SWAIM BIOLOGICAL INCORPORATED

(reference Staff Report XXX:23)

WHEREAS, biological monitoring and support services are required from time to time for the operation and maintenance of facilities owned and/or operated by the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), NCPA Members, by the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members; and

WHEREAS, Swaim Biological Incorporated is a provider of these services; and

WHEREAS, the NCPA Commission has reviewed the Multi-Task Professional Services Agreement with Swaim Biological Incorporated to provide such services as needed at any facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA, and SCPPA Members; and

WHEREAS, this activity would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the physical environment and is therefore not a "project" for purposes of Section 21065 the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission of the Northern California Power Agency authorizes the General Manager or his designee to enter into said Multi-Task Professional Services Agreement, with any non-substantial changes as approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 over five years, for use at any facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA, and SCPPA Members.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by the following vote on roll call:

	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Alameda	_____	_____	_____
San Francisco BART	_____	_____	_____
Biggs	_____	_____	_____
Gridley	_____	_____	_____
Healdsburg	_____	_____	_____
Lodi	_____	_____	_____
Lompoc	_____	_____	_____
Palo Alto	_____	_____	_____
Port of Oakland	_____	_____	_____
Redding	_____	_____	_____
Roseville	_____	_____	_____
Santa Clara	_____	_____	_____
Shasta Lake	_____	_____	_____
Truckee Donner	_____	_____	_____
Ukiah	_____	_____	_____
Plumas-Sierra	_____	_____	_____

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JERRY SERVENTI  
CHAIR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CARY A. PADGETT  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY



## MULTI-TASK PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY AND SWAIM BIOLOGICAL INCORPORATED

This Professional Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between the Northern California Power Agency, a joint powers agency with its main office located at 651 Commerce Drive, Roseville, CA 95678-6420 ("Agency") and Swaim Biological Incorporated, corporation with its office located at 4556 Contractors Place, Livermore, CA 94551 ("Consultant") (together sometimes referred to as the "Parties") as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 ("Effective Date") in Roseville, California.

**Section 1. SERVICES.** Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Consultant shall provide to Agency the services described in the Scope of Services attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein ("Services"), at the time and place and in the manner specified therein.

- 1.1 Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and shall end when Consultant completes the Services, or no later than five (5) years from the date this Agreement was signed by Agency, whichever is shorter.
- 1.2 Standard of Performance.** Consultant shall perform the Services in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession in which Consultant is engaged and for which Consultant is providing the Services. Consultant represents that it is licensed, qualified and experienced to provide the Services set forth herein.
- 1.3 Assignment of Personnel.** Consultant shall assign only competent personnel to perform the Services. In the event that Agency, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of this Agreement, requests the reassignment of any such personnel, Consultant shall, immediately upon receiving written notice from Agency of such request, reassign such personnel.
- 1.4 Services Provided.** Services provided under this Agreement by Consultant may include Services directly to the Agency or, as requested by the Agency and consistent with the terms of this Agreement, to Agency members, Southern California Public Power Authority ("SCPPA") or SCPPA members.
- 1.5 Request for Services.** At such time that Agency determines to use Consultant's Services under this Agreement, Agency shall issue a Purchase Order. The Purchase Order shall identify the specific services to be performed ("Requested Services"), may include a not-to-exceed monetary cap on Requested Services and expenditures authorized by that Purchase Order, and a time by which the Requested Services shall be completed. Consultant shall have seven calendar days from the date of the Agency's issuance of the Purchase Order in which to respond in writing that Consultant chooses not to perform the Requested Services. If Consultant agrees to perform the Requested Services, begins to perform the Requested Services or does not respond within the seven day period

specified, then Consultant will have agreed to perform the Requested Services on the terms set forth in the Purchase Order, this Agreement and its Exhibits.

**Section 2.**     **COMPENSATION.** Agency hereby agrees to pay Consultant an amount **NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND** dollars (\$500,000.00) for the Services, which shall include all fees, costs, expenses and other reimbursables, as set forth in Consultant's fee schedule, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B. This dollar amount is not a guarantee that Agency will pay that full amount to the Consultant, but is merely a limit of potential Agency expenditures under this Agreement.

**2.1**     **Invoices.** Consultant shall submit invoices, not more often than once a month during the term of this Agreement, based on the cost for services performed and reimbursable costs incurred prior to the invoice date. Invoices shall contain the following information:

- The beginning and ending dates of the billing period;
- Services performed;
- The Purchase Order number authorizing the Services;
- At Agency's option, the total number of hours of work performed under the Agreement by Consultant and each employee, agent, and subcontractor of Consultant performing services hereunder; and
- At Agency's option, when the Consultant's Scope of Work identifies tasks, for each work item in each task, a copy of the applicable time entries showing the name of the person doing the work, the hours spent by each person, a brief description of the work, and each reimbursable expense, with supporting documentation, to Agency's reasonable satisfaction.

Invoices shall be sent to:

Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, California 95678  
Attn: Accounts Payable  
[AcctsPayable@ncpa.com](mailto:AcctsPayable@ncpa.com)

**2.2**     **Monthly Payment.** Agency shall make monthly payments, based on invoices received, for services satisfactorily performed, and for authorized reimbursable costs incurred. Agency shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of an invoice that complies with all of the requirements above to pay Consultant.

**2.3**     **Payment of Taxes.** Consultant is solely responsible for the payment of all federal, state and local taxes, including employment taxes, incurred under this Agreement.

- 2.4 Authorization to Perform Services.** The Consultant is not authorized to perform any Services or incur any costs whatsoever under the terms of this Agreement until receipt of written authorization from the Contract Administrator.
- 2.5 Timing for Submittal of Final Invoice.** Consultant shall have ninety (90) days after completion of its Services to submit its final invoice. In the event Consultant fails to submit an invoice to Agency for any amounts due within the ninety (90) day period, Consultant is deemed to have waived its right to collect its final payment from Agency.

**Section 3. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.** Except as set forth herein, Consultant shall, at its sole cost and expense, provide all facilities and equipment that may be necessary to perform the Services.

**Section 4. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.** Before beginning any work under this Agreement, Consultant, at its own cost and expense, shall procure the types and amounts of insurance listed below and shall maintain the types and amounts of insurance listed below for the period covered by this Agreement.

- 4.1 Workers' Compensation.** If Consultant employs any person, Consultant shall maintain Statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance for any and all persons employed directly or indirectly by Consultant with limits of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident.
- 4.2 Commercial General and Automobile Liability Insurance.**
- 4.2.1 Commercial General Insurance.** Consultant shall maintain commercial general liability insurance for the term of this Agreement, including products liability, covering any loss or liability, including the cost of defense of any action, for bodily injury, death, personal injury and broad form property damage which may arise out of the operations of Consultant. The policy shall provide a minimum limit of \$2,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate. Commercial general coverage shall be at least as broad as ISO Commercial General Liability form CG 0001 (current edition) on "an occurrence" basis covering comprehensive General Liability, with a self-insured retention or deductible of no more than \$100,000. No endorsement shall be attached limiting the coverage.
- 4.2.2 Automobile Liability.** Consultant shall maintain automobile liability insurance form CA 0001 (current edition) for the term of this Agreement covering any loss or liability, including the cost of defense of any action, arising from the operation, maintenance or use of any vehicle (symbol 1), whether or not owned by the Consultant, on or off Agency premises. The policy shall provide a minimum limit of \$2,000,000 per each accident, with a self-insured retention or deductible of no more than \$100,000. This insurance shall provide contractual liability covering all motor vehicles and

mobile equipment to the extent coverage may be excluded from general liability insurance.

**4.2.3 General Liability/Umbrella Insurance.** The coverage amounts set forth above may be met by a combination of underlying and umbrella policies as long as in combination the limits equal or exceed those stated.

**4.3 Professional Liability Insurance.** Consultant shall maintain professional liability insurance appropriate to Consultant's profession performing work in connection with this Agreement in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate covering the Consultant's errors and omissions. Any deductible or self-insured retention shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) per claim. Such insurance shall be on a "claims-made" basis, subject to the following conditions: (1) the retroactive date of the policy shall be on or before the Effective Date of this Agreement; (2) the policy shall be maintained for at least five (5) years after completion of the Services and, if requested by Agency, evidence of coverage shall be provided during this period; and (3) if, within five (5) years of completion of the Services, coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement, Consultant shall purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of the Services and, if requested by Agency, provide evidence of coverage during this period.

**4.4 All Policies Requirements.**

**4.4.1 Verification of coverage.** Prior to beginning any work under this Agreement, Consultant shall provide Agency with (1) a Certificate of Insurance that demonstrates compliance with all applicable insurance provisions contained herein and (2) policy endorsements to the policies referenced in Section 4.2, adding the Agency as an additional insured and declaring such insurance primary in regard to work performed pursuant to this Agreement.

**4.4.2 Notice of Reduction in or Cancellation of Coverage.** Consultant shall provide at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Agency of any reduction in scope or amount, cancellation, or modification adverse to Agency of the policies referenced in Section 4.

**4.4.3 Higher Limits.** If Consultant maintains higher limits than the minimums specified herein, the Agency shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the Consultant.

**4.4.4 Additional Certificates and Endorsements.** If Consultant provides services to Agency members, SCPPA and/or SCPPA members, Consultant shall provide certificates of insurance and policy endorsements, as referenced in Section 4.4.1, naming the specific

Agency member, SCPPA or Agency member for which the Services are to be performed.

**4.4.5 Waiver of Subrogation.** Consultant agrees to waive subrogation which any insurer of Consultant may acquire from Consultant by virtue of the payment of any loss. Consultant agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation. In addition, the Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of Agency for all work performed by Consultant, its employees, agents and subcontractors.

**4.5 Consultant's Obligation.** Consultant shall be solely responsible for ensuring that all equipment, vehicles and other items utilized in the performance of Services are operated, provided or otherwise utilized in a manner that ensures they are and remain covered by the policies referenced in Section 4 during this Agreement. Consultant shall also ensure that all workers involved in the provision of Services are properly classified as employees, agents or independent contractors and are and remain covered by any and all workers' compensation insurance required by applicable law during this Agreement.

## **Section 5. INDEMNIFICATION AND CONSULTANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES.**

**5.1 Effect of Insurance.** Agency's acceptance of insurance certificates and endorsements required under this Agreement does not relieve Consultant from liability under this indemnification and hold harmless clause. This indemnification and hold harmless clause shall apply to any damages or claims for damages whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to apply. By execution of this Agreement, Consultant acknowledges and agrees to the provisions of this Section and that it is a material element of consideration.

**5.2 Scope.** Consultant shall indemnify, defend with counsel reasonably acceptable to the Agency, and hold harmless the Agency and its officials, commissioners, officers, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all claims to the extent that the claims arise out of, pertain to or relate to the negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of the Consultant in its performance of Services under this Agreement. Consultant shall bear all losses, costs, damages, expense and liability of every kind, nature and description to the extent that they arise out of, pertain to, or relate to such claims, whether directly or indirectly ("Liabilities"). Such obligations to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the Agency shall not apply to the extent that such Liabilities are caused by the negligence, active negligence, or willful misconduct of the Agency.

## **Section 6. STATUS OF CONSULTANT.**

**6.1 Independent Contractor.** Consultant is an independent contractor and not an employee of Agency. Agency shall have the right to control Consultant only insofar as the results of Consultant's Services and assignment of personnel

pursuant to Section 1; otherwise, Agency shall not have the right to control the means by which Consultant accomplishes Services rendered pursuant to this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other Agency, state, or federal policy, rule, regulation, law, or ordinance to the contrary, Consultant and any of its employees, agents, and subcontractors providing services under this Agreement shall not qualify for or become entitled to, and hereby agree to waive any and all claims to, any compensation, benefit, or any incident of employment by Agency, including but not limited to eligibility to enroll in the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) as an employee of Agency and entitlement to any contribution to be paid by Agency for employer contributions and/or employee contributions for PERS benefits.

Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Agency for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of Consultant or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of Agency. Consultant and Agency acknowledge and agree that compensation paid by Agency to Consultant under this Agreement is based upon Consultant's estimated costs of providing the Services, including salaries and benefits of employees, agents and subcontractors of Consultant.

Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Agency from any lawsuit, administrative action, or other claim for penalties, losses, costs, damages, expense and liability of every kind, nature and description that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to such claims, whether directly or indirectly, due to Consultant's failure to secure workers' compensation insurance for its employees, agents, or subcontractors.

Consultant agrees that it is responsible for the provision of group healthcare benefits to its fulltime employees under 26 U.S.C. § 4980H of the Affordable Care Act. To the extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Agency from any penalty issued to Agency under the Affordable Care Act resulting from the performance of the Services by any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Consultant.

- 6.2 Consultant Not Agent.** Except as Agency may specify in writing, Consultant shall have no authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of Agency in any capacity whatsoever as an agent. Consultant shall have no authority, express or implied, pursuant to this Agreement to bind Agency to any obligation whatsoever.
- 6.3 Assignment and Subcontracting.** This Agreement contemplates personal performance by Consultant and is based upon a determination of Consultant's unique professional competence, experience, and specialized professional knowledge. A substantial inducement to Agency for entering into this Agreement was and is the personal reputation and competence of Consultant. Consultant may not assign this Agreement or any interest therein without the prior written approval of the Agency. Consultant shall not subcontract any portion of the

performance contemplated and provided for herein, other than to the subcontractors identified in Exhibit A, without prior written approval of the Agency. Where written approval is granted by the Agency, Consultant shall supervise all work subcontracted by Consultant in performing the services and shall be responsible for all work performed by a subcontractor as if Consultant itself had performed such work. The subcontracting of any work to subcontractors shall not relieve Consultant from any of its obligations under this Agreement with respect to the services and Consultant is obligated to ensure that any and all subcontractors performing any services shall be fully insured in all respects and to the same extent as set forth under Section 4, to Agency's satisfaction.

- 6.4     Certification as to California Energy Commission.** If requested by the Agency, Consultant shall, at the same time it executes this Agreement, execute Exhibit C.

## **Section 7.     LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.**

- 7.1     Governing Law.** The laws of the State of California shall govern this Agreement.
- 7.2     Compliance with Applicable Laws.** Consultant and its subcontractors and agents, if any, shall comply with all laws applicable to the performance of the work hereunder.
- 7.3     Licenses and Permits.** Consultant represents and warrants to Agency that Consultant and its employees, agents, and subcontractors (if any) have and will maintain at their sole expense during the term of this Agreement all licenses, permits, qualifications, and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to practice their respective professions.

## **Section 8.     TERMINATION AND MODIFICATION.**

- 8.1     Termination.** Agency may cancel this Agreement at any time and without cause upon ten (10) days prior written notice to Consultant.

In the event of termination, Consultant shall be entitled to compensation for Services satisfactorily completed as of the effective date of termination; Agency, however, may condition payment of such compensation upon Consultant delivering to Agency any or all records or documents, as referenced in Section 9.1 hereof.

- 8.2     Amendments.** The Parties may amend this Agreement only by a writing signed by all the Parties.
- 8.3     Survival.** All obligations arising prior to the termination of this Agreement and all provisions of this Agreement allocating liability between Agency and Consultant shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

**8.4** **Options upon Breach by Consultant.** If Consultant materially breaches any of the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to those set forth in Section 4, Agency's remedies shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

**8.4.1** Immediately terminate the Agreement;

**8.4.2** Retain the plans, specifications, drawings, reports, design documents, and any other work product prepared by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement;

**8.4.3** Retain a different consultant to complete the Services not finished by Consultant; and/or

**8.4.4** Charge Consultant the difference between the costs to complete the Services that are unfinished at the time of breach and the amount that Agency would have paid Consultant pursuant hereto if Consultant had completed the Services.

## **Section 9. KEEPING AND STATUS OF RECORDS.**

**9.1** **Records Created as Part of Consultant's Performance.** All reports, data, maps, models, charts, studies, surveys, photographs, memoranda, plans, studies, specifications, records, files, or any other documents or materials, in electronic or any other form, that Consultant prepares or obtains pursuant to this Agreement and that relate to the matters covered hereunder shall be the property of the Agency. Consultant hereby agrees to deliver those documents to the Agency upon termination of the Agreement. Agency and Consultant agree that, unless approved by Agency in writing, Consultant shall not release to any non-parties to this Agreement any data, plans, specifications, reports and other documents.

**9.2** **Consultant's Books and Records.** Consultant shall maintain any and all records or other documents evidencing or relating to charges for Services or expenditures and disbursements charged to the Agency under this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, from the date of final payment to the Consultant to this Agreement.

**9.3** **Inspection and Audit of Records.** Any records or documents that this Agreement requires Consultant to maintain shall be made available for inspection, audit, and/or copying at any time during regular business hours, upon oral or written request of the Agency. Under California Government Code Section 8546.7, if the amount of public funds expended under this Agreement exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the Agreement shall be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor, at the request of Agency or as part of any audit of the Agency, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under the Agreement.

## **9.4 Confidential Information and Disclosure.**

**9.4.1 Confidential Information.** The term "Confidential Information", as used herein, shall mean any and all confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information, whether written, recorded, electronic, oral or otherwise, where the Confidential Information is made available in a tangible medium of expression and marked in a prominent location as confidential, proprietary and/or trade secret information. Confidential Information shall not include information that: (a) was already known to the Receiving Party or is otherwise a matter of public knowledge, (b) was disclosed to Receiving Party by a third party without violating any confidentiality agreement, (c) was independently developed by Receiving Party without reverse engineering, as evidenced by written records thereof, or (d) was not marked as confidential Information in accordance with this section.

**9.4.2 Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information.** During the term of this Agreement, either party may disclose ("The Disclosing Party") confidential Information to the other party ("the Receiving Party"). The Receiving Party: (a) shall hold the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information in confident; and (b) shall take all reasonable steps to prevent any unauthorized possession, use, copying, transfer or disclosure of such Confidential Information.

**9.4.3 Permitted Disclosure.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following disclosures of Confidential Information are allowed. Receiving Party shall endeavor to provide prior written notice to Disclosing Party of any permitted disclosure made pursuant to Section 9.4.3.2 or 9.4.3.3. Disclosing Party may seek a protective order, including without limitation, a temporary restraining order to prevent or contest such permitted disclosure; provided, however, that Disclosing Party shall seek such remedies at its sole expense. Neither party shall have any liability for such permitted disclosures:

**9.4.3.1** Disclosure to employees, agents, consultants, contractors, subcontractors or other representatives of Receiving Party that have a need to know in connection with this Agreement.

**9.4.3.2** Disclosure in response to a valid order of a court, government or regulatory agency or as may otherwise be required by law; and

**9.4.3.3** Disclosure by Agency in response to a request pursuant to the California Public Records Act.

**9.4.4 Handling of Confidential Information.** Upon conclusion or termination of the Agreement, Receiving Party shall return to Disclosing Party or destroy Confidential Information (including all copies thereof), if requested by Disclosing Party in writing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the

Receiving Party may retain copies of such Confidential Information, subject to the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement: (a) for archival purposes in its computer system; (b) in its legal department files; and (c) in files of Receiving Party's representatives where such copies are necessary to comply with applicable law. Party shall not disclose the Disclosing Party's Information to any person other than those of the Receiving Party's employees, agents, consultants, contractors and subcontractors who have a need to know in connection with this Agreement.

## **Section 10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

- 10.1 Attorneys' Fees.** If a party to this Agreement brings any action, including an action for declaratory relief, to enforce or interpret the provision of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees in addition to any other relief to which that party may be entitled. The court may set such fees in the same action or in a separate action brought for that purpose.
- 10.2 Venue.** In the event that either party brings any action against the other under this Agreement, the Parties agree that trial of such action shall be vested exclusively in the state courts of California in the County of Placer or in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.
- 10.3 Severability.** If a court of competent jurisdiction finds or rules that any provision of this Agreement is invalid, void, or unenforceable, the provisions of this Agreement not so adjudged shall remain in full force and effect. The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement shall not void or affect the validity of any other provision of this Agreement.
- 10.4 No Implied Waiver of Breach.** The waiver of any breach of a specific provision of this Agreement does not constitute a waiver of any other breach of that term or any other term of this Agreement.
- 10.5 Successors and Assigns.** The provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the Parties.
- 10.6 Conflict of Interest.** Consultant may serve other clients, but none whose activities within the corporate limits of Agency or whose business, regardless of location, would place Consultant in a "conflict of interest," as that term is defined in the Political Reform Act, codified at California Government Code Section 81000 *et seq.*

Consultant shall not employ any Agency official in the work performed pursuant to this Agreement. No officer or employee of Agency shall have any financial interest in this Agreement that would violate California Government Code Sections 1090 *et seq.*

**10.7 Contract Administrator.** This Agreement shall be administered by the Assistant General Manager, Generation Services, or his/her designee, who shall act as the Agency's representative. All correspondence shall be directed to or through the representative.

**10.8 Notices.** Any written notice to Consultant shall be sent to:

Swaim Biological Incorporated  
Attention: Karen Swaim  
4435 First Street PMB #312  
Livermore, CA 94551

Any written notice to Agency shall be sent to:

Randy S. Howard  
General Manager  
Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, CA 95678

With a copy to:

Jane E. Luckhardt  
General Counsel  
Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, CA 95678

**10.9 Professional Seal.** Where applicable in the determination of the Agency, the first page of a technical report, first page of design specifications, and each page of construction drawings shall be stamped/sealed and signed by the licensed professional responsible for the report/design preparation.

**10.10 Integration; Incorporation.** This Agreement, including all the exhibits attached hereto, represents the entire and integrated agreement between Agency and Consultant and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated by reference herein.

**10.11 Alternative Dispute Resolution.** If any dispute arises between the Parties that cannot be settled after engaging in good faith negotiations, Agency and Consultant agree to resolve the dispute in accordance with the following:

**10.11.1** Each party shall designate a senior management or executive level representative to negotiate any dispute;

**10.11.2** The representatives shall attempt, through good faith negotiations, to resolve the dispute by any means within their authority.

- 10.11.3** If the issue remains unresolved after fifteen (15) days of good faith negotiations, the Parties shall attempt to resolve the disagreement by negotiation between legal counsel. If the above process fails, the Parties shall resolve any remaining disputes through mediation to expedite the resolution of the dispute.
- 10.11.4** The mediation process shall provide for the selection within fifteen (15) days by both Parties of a disinterested third person as mediator, shall be commenced within thirty (30) days and shall be concluded within fifteen (15) days from the commencement of the mediation.
- 10.11.5** The Parties shall equally bear the costs of any third party in any alternative dispute resolution process.
- 10.11.6** The alternative dispute resolution process is a material condition to this Agreement and must be exhausted as an administrative prior to either Party initiating legal action. This alternative dispute resolution process is not intended to nor shall be construed to change the time periods for filing a claim or action specified by Government Code §§ 900 *et seq.*
- 10.12 Controlling Provisions.** In the case of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the Exhibits hereto, a Purchase Order, or Consultant's Proposal (if any), the Agreement shall control. In the case of any conflict between the Exhibits hereto and a Purchase Order or the Consultant's Proposal, the Exhibits shall control. In the case of any conflict between the terms of a Purchase Order and the Consultant's Proposal, the Purchase Order shall control.
- 10.13 Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one agreement.
- 10.14 Construction of Agreement.** Each party hereto has had an equivalent opportunity to participate in the drafting of the Agreement and/or to consult with legal counsel. Therefore, the usual construction of an agreement against the drafting party shall not apply hereto.
- 10.15 No Third Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement is made solely for the benefit of the parties hereto, with no intent to benefit any non-signator third parties. However, should Consultant provide services to an Agency member, SCPA or SCPA member (collectively for the purpose of this Section only "Member") pursuant to Section 1.4, the parties recognize that such Member may be a third party beneficiary solely as to the Purchase Order and Requested Services relating to such Member.

The Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date signed by the Agency.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY

SWAIM BIOLOGICAL INCORPORATED

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**RANDY S. HOWARD,**  
General Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
**KAREN E. SWAIM,**  
President

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Secretary of the Commission

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jane E. Luckhardt, General Counsel

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Swaim Biological Incorporated ("Consultant") shall provide the following services as requested by the Northern California Power Agency ("Agency") at any facilities owned or operated by the Agency, NCPA Members, SCPPA, or SCPPA Members, including:

- Environmental and geological consulting;
- On-call biological compliance support;
- On-call biological monitoring;
- Regulatory compliance support;
- Sampling and analysis;
- Data review and evaluation; and
- Other miscellaneous consulting as requested.

## EXHIBIT B

### COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND HOURLY FEES

Compensation for all tasks, including hourly fees and expenses, shall not exceed amount as set forth in Section 2 of the Agreement. The hourly rates and or compensation break down and an estimated amount of expenses is as follows:

**Swaim Biological, Inc. (SBI) Jan 1-Dec 31, 2023 - Hourly Rates- Consulting**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>
Principal	\$170- \$210
Program Manager	\$155-\$165
Principal Regulatory Specialist	\$145-\$160
Project Manager	\$145-\$160
Assistant Project Manager	\$125-\$140
Biologist III	\$120-\$140
Biologist II	\$105-\$120
Biologist I	\$90-\$100
Field Scientist II	\$80-\$90
Field Scientist I	\$70- \$85

Pricing for services to be performed at NCPA Member or SCPPA locations will be quoted at the time services are requested.

NOTE: As a public agency, NCPA shall not reimburse Consultant for travel, food and related costs in excess of those permitted by the Internal Revenue Service.

**EXHIBIT C**  
**CERTIFICATION**

**Affidavit of Compliance for Contractors**

I, \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of person signing affidavit)(Title)

do hereby certify that background investigations to ascertain the accuracy of the identity and employment history of all employees of

Swaim Biological Incorporated

(Company name)

for contract work at:

LODI ENERGY CENTER, 12745 N. THORNTON ROAD, LODI, CA 95242

(Project name and location)

have been conducted as required by the California Energy Commission Decision for the above-named project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of officer or agent)

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

THIS AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE SHALL BE APPENDED TO THE PROJECT SECURITY PLAN AND SHALL BE RETAINED AT ALL TIMES AT THE PROJECT SITE FOR REVIEW BY THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION COMPLIANCE PROJECT MANAGER.



# Commission Staff Report – *DRAFT*

**COMMISSION MEETING DATE:** March 23, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Control Components, Inc. – First Amendment to Five Year Multi-Task General Services Agreement and Agreement for Purchase of Equipment, Materials and Supplies for Valve and Vent Maintenance Services and Parts; Applicable to the following: All Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) Facilities, NCPA Members, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members

**AGENDA CATEGORY:** Consent

<b>FROM:</b>	Michael DeBortoli	<b>METHOD OF SELECTION:</b>
	Assistant General Manager	N/A
<b>Division:</b>	Generation Services	<i>If other, please describe:</i>
<b>Department:</b>	Combustion Turbines	

<b>IMPACTED MEMBERS:</b>		
All Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Alameda Municipal Power	<input type="checkbox"/>	
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Biggs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Gridley	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Healdsburg	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Lodi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Lompoc	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Palo Alto	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Redding	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Roseville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Santa Clara	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Shasta Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City of Ukiah	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Plumas-Sierra REC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Port of Oakland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Truckee Donner PUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>If other, please specify</i>		
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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Resolution 23-XX authorizing the General Manager or his designee to enter into a First Amendment to the Multi-Task General Services Agreement and Agreement for Purchase of Equipment, Materials and Supplies with Control Components, Inc. for valve and vent maintenance services and parts, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, accepting assignment to IMI Critical Engineering LLC, for continued use at any facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA, and SCPPA Members.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Valve and vent maintenance services and parts are required from time to time for the operation and maintenance of facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by SCPPA, and SCPPA Members. NCPA entered into a five year Multi-Task General Services Agreement and Agreement for Purchase of Equipment, Materials and Supplies with Control Components, Inc. effective January 26, 2022, for use at all NCPA, NCPA Member, SCPPA, and SCPPA Member facilities.

Effective January 1, 2023, Control Components, Inc. changed their name to IMI Critical Engineering LLC. NCPA now desires to enter into a First Amendment to the Multi-Task General Services Agreement and Agreement for Purchase of Equipment, Materials and Supplies accepting assignment to IMI Critical Engineering LLC.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Upon execution, the total not to exceed amount of the agreement will remain the unchanged at not-to-exceed \$1,000,000. Purchase orders referencing the terms and conditions of the agreement will be issued following NCPA procurement policies and procedures.

## **SELECTION PROCESS:**

This five year contract does not commit NCPA to any expenditure of funds. When these services are required, NCPA will bid the specific scope of work consistent with NCPA procurement policies and procedures. NCPA has two agreements pending for similar services with Carter Process Control and Millennium Power. NCPA will seek bids from as many qualified providers as possible and enter into additional enabling agreements as needed. The bid is awarded to the lowest cost provider. NCPA will issue purchase orders based on cost and availability of the services needed at the time the service is required.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

This activity would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the physical environment and is therefore not a "project" for purposes of Section 21065 of the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary.

**COMMITTEE REVIEW:**

Pending Committee review and approval.

AFTER FACILITIES APPROVAL: On March 1, 2023 the Facilities Committee reviewed and endorsed the recommendation above for Commission approval.

AFTER LEC PPC APPROVAL: On March 6, 2023 the Lodi Energy Center Project Participant Committee reviewed and approved the recommendation above for Commission approval.

Respectfully submitted,

RANDY S. HOWARD  
General Manager

Attachments (3):

- Resolution 23-XX
- Multi-Task General Services Agreement and Agreement for Purchase of Equipment, Materials and Supplies with Control Components, Inc.
- First Amendment to Multi-Task General Services Agreement and Agreement for Purchase of Equipment, Materials and Supplies with Control Components, Inc. Accepting Assignment to IMI Critical Engineering LLC

## RESOLUTION 23-XX

### RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MULTI-TASK GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES WITH CONTROL COMPONENTS, INC. ACCEPTING ASSIGNMENT TO IMI CRITICAL ENGINEERING LLC

(reference Staff Report #XXX:23)

WHEREAS, Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) and Control Components, Inc. entered into a Multi-Task General Services Agreement and Agreement for Purchase of Equipment, Materials and Supplies effective January 26, 2022, for Control Components, Inc. to provide valve and vent maintenance services and parts, for use at any facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, by the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2023, Control Components, Inc. changed their name to IMI Critical Engineering LLC; and

WHEREAS, NCPA now desires to enter into a First Amendment to the Multi-Task General Services Agreement and Agreement for Purchase of Equipment, Materials and Supplies accepting assignment to IMI Critical Engineering LLC; and

WHEREAS, this activity would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the physical environment and is therefore not a "project" for purposes of Section 21065 of the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission of the Northern California Power Agency authorizes the General Manager or his designee to enter into a First Amendment to the Multi-Task General Services Agreement and Agreement for Purchase of Equipment, Materials and Supplies with Control Components, Inc., with any non-substantial changes as approved by the NCPA General Counsel, accepting assignment to IMI Critical Engineering LLC, for continued use at any facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, and SCPPA Members.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by the following vote on roll call:

	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Alameda	_____	_____	_____
San Francisco BART	_____	_____	_____
Biggs	_____	_____	_____
Gridley	_____	_____	_____
Healdsburg	_____	_____	_____
Lodi	_____	_____	_____
Lompoc	_____	_____	_____
Palo Alto	_____	_____	_____
Port of Oakland	_____	_____	_____
Redding	_____	_____	_____
Roseville	_____	_____	_____
Santa Clara	_____	_____	_____
Shasta Lake	_____	_____	_____
Truckee Donner	_____	_____	_____
Ukiah	_____	_____	_____
Plumas-Sierra	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_  
JERRY SERVENTI  
CHAIR

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST:  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY



**MULTI-TASK  
GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF  
EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES BETWEEN  
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY AND  
CONTROL COMPONENTS, INC.**

This agreement for general services and purchase of equipment, materials, and supplies ("Agreement") is made by and between the Northern California Power Agency, a joint powers agency with its main office located at 651 Commerce Drive, Roseville, CA 95678-6420 ("Agency") and Control Components Inc., a corporation with its office located at 22591 Avenida Empresa, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688 ("Contractor") (together sometimes referred to as the "Parties") as of January 26, 2022 ("Effective Date") in Roseville, California.

**Section 1. SCOPE OF WORK.** Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Contractor is willing to provide to Agency the range of services and/or equipment, materials, and supplies ("Goods") described in the Scope of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein (both services and Goods collectively referred to as "Work" herein). Contractor shall be responsible at its sole expense for delivering the Goods, as further specified herein, to the specified Project Site, DDP, and title shall not pass until the Agency accepts delivery at the Site. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and Exhibit A, this Agreement shall prevail.

- 1.1 Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and shall end when Contractor completes the Work, or no later than five (5) years from the date this Agreement was signed by Agency, whichever is shorter.
- 1.2 Standard of Performance.** Contractor shall perform the Work in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession in which Contractor is engaged and for which Contractor is providing the Work. Contractor represents that it is licensed, qualified and experienced to provide the Work set forth herein.
- 1.3 Assignment of Personnel.** Contractor shall assign only competent personnel to perform the Work. In the event that Agency, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of this Agreement, requests the reassignment of any such personnel, Contractor shall, immediately upon receiving written notice from Agency of such request, reassign such personnel.
- 1.4 Work Provided.** Work provided under this Agreement by Contractor may include Work directly to the Agency or, as requested by the Agency and consistent with the terms of this Agreement, to Agency members, Southern California Public Power Authority ("SCPPA") or SCPPA members.
- 1.5 Request for Work to be Performed.** At such time that Agency determines to have Contractor perform Work under this Agreement, Agency shall issue a Purchase Order. The Purchase Order shall identify the specific Work to be performed ("Requested Work"), may include a not-to-exceed cap or monetary cap on Requested Work and all related expenditures authorized by that

Purchase Order, and shall include a time by which the Requested Work shall be completed. Contractor shall have seven calendar days from the date of the Agency's issuance of the Purchase Order in which to respond in writing that Contractor chooses not to perform the Requested Work. If Contractor begins to perform the Requested Work and provides written notification of such to Agency, within the seven day period, then Contractor actions shall indicate that they agree to perform the Requested Work on the terms set forth in the Purchase Order, this Agreement and its Exhibits.

**Section 2. COMPENSATION.** Agency hereby agrees to pay Contractor an amount **NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION** dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the Work, which shall include all fees, costs, expenses and other reimbursables, as set forth in Contractor's fee schedule, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B. This dollar amount is not a guarantee that Agency will pay that full amount to the Contractor, but is merely a limit of potential Agency expenditures under this Agreement.

## **2.1 Invoices.**

For Services: Contractor shall submit invoices, not more often than once a month during the term of this Agreement, based on the cost for services performed and reimbursable costs incurred prior to the invoice date. Invoices shall contain the following information:

- The beginning and ending dates of the billing period;
- Work performed;
- The Purchase Order number authorizing the Requested Work;
- At Agency's option, for each work item in each task, a copy of the applicable time entries or time sheets shall be submitted showing the name of the person doing the work, the hours spent by each person, a brief description of the work, and each reimbursable expense, with supporting documentation, to Agency's reasonable satisfaction;
- At Agency's option, the total number of hours of work performed under the Agreement by Contractor and each employee, agent, and subcontractor of Contractor performing work hereunder.

For Goods: Contractor shall submit an invoice upon delivery of the Goods per the delivery terms of the Agreement Contractor shall include the number of the Purchase Order which authorized the Goods for which Contractor is seeking payment.

All invoices shall be sent to:

Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, California 95678  
Attn: Accounts Payable  
[AcctsPayable@ncpa.com](mailto:AcctsPayable@ncpa.com)

- 2.2 Monthly Payment.** Agency shall make payments, based on invoices received, for Work satisfactorily performed and for authorized reimbursable costs incurred, or for delivery of the Goods, per the delivery terms of this Agreement. Agency shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of an invoice that complies with all of the requirements above to pay Contractor.
- 2.3 Payment of Taxes.** Contractor is solely responsible for the payment of all federal, state and local taxes, including employment taxes, incurred under this Agreement.
- 2.4 Authorization to Perform Work.** The Contractor is not authorized to perform any Work or incur any costs whatsoever under the terms of this Agreement until receipt of a Purchase Order from the Contract Administrator.
- 2.5 Timing for Submittal of Final Invoice.** Contractor shall have ninety (90) days after completion of the Requested Work to submit its final invoice for the Requested Work. In the event Contractor fails to submit an invoice to Agency for any amounts due within the ninety (90) day period, Contractor is deemed to have waived its right to collect its final payment for the Requested Work from Agency.

**Section 3. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.** Except as set forth herein, Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, provide all facilities and equipment that may be necessary to perform the Work. The site is responsible for providing and installing scaffolding and cranes if required.

**Section 4. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.** Before beginning any Work under this Agreement, Contractor, at its own cost and expense, shall procure the types and amounts of insurance listed below and shall maintain the types and amounts of insurance listed below for the period covered by this Agreement.

- 4.1 Workers' Compensation.** If Contractor employs any person, Contractor shall maintain Statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance for any and all persons employed directly or indirectly by Contractor with limits of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident.
- 4.2 Commercial General and Automobile Liability Insurance.**
- 4.2.1 Commercial General Insurance.** Contractor shall maintain commercial general liability insurance for the term of this Agreement, including products liability, covering any loss or liability, including the cost of defense of any action, for bodily injury, death, personal injury and broad form property damage which may arise out of the operations of Contractor. The policy shall provide a minimum limit of \$2,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate. Commercial general coverage shall be at least as broad as ISO Commercial General Liability form CG 0001 (current edition) on "an occurrence" basis covering comprehensive General Liability, with a self-insured retention or deductible of no more than \$100,000. No endorsement shall be attached limiting the coverage.

**4.2.2 Automobile Liability.** Contractor shall maintain automobile liability insurance form CA 0001 (current edition) for the term of this Agreement covering any loss or liability, including the cost of defense of any action, arising from the operation, maintenance or use of any vehicle (symbol 1), whether or not owned by the Contractor, on or off Agency premises. The policy shall provide a minimum limit of \$2,000,000 per each accident, with a self-insured retention or deductible of no more than \$100,000. This insurance shall provide contractual liability covering all motor vehicles and mobile equipment to the extent coverage may be excluded from general liability insurance.

**4.2.3 General Liability/Umbrella Insurance.** The coverage amounts set forth above may be met by a combination of underlying and umbrella policies as long as in combination the limits equal or exceed those stated.

**4.3 Professional Liability Insurance.** Intentionally left blank.

**4.4 Pollution Insurance.** Intentionally left blank.

**4.5 All Policies Requirements.**

**4.5.1 Verification of coverage.** Prior to beginning any work under this Agreement, Contractor shall provide Agency with (1) a Certificate of Insurance that demonstrates compliance with all applicable insurance provisions contained herein and (2) policy endorsements to the policies referenced in Section 4.2 and in Section 4.5, if applicable, adding the Agency as an additional insured and declaring such insurance primary in regard to work performed pursuant to this Agreement.

**4.5.2 Notice of Reduction in or Cancellation of Coverage.** Contractor shall provide at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Agency of any cancellation, or other material modification adverse to Agency of the policies referenced in Section 4, including, but not limited to, a reduction in scope, or amount below the scope, or amounts.

**4.5.3 Higher Limits.** If Contractor maintains higher limits than the minimums specified herein, the Agency shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the Contractor.

**4.5.4 Additional Certificates and Endorsements.** If Contractor performs Work for Agency members, SCPPA and/or SCPPA members pursuant to this Agreement, Contractor shall provide the certificates of insurance and policy endorsements, as referenced in Section 4.5.1 and 4.5.5, naming the specific Agency member, SCPPA and/or SCPPA member for which the Work is to be performed.

**4.5.5 Waiver of Subrogation.** Contractor agrees to waive subrogation which any insurer of Contractor may acquire from Contractor by virtue of the

payment of any loss. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation. In addition, the Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of Agency for all work performed by Contractor, its employees, agents and subcontractors.

- 4.6 Contractor's Obligation.** Contractor shall be solely responsible for ensuring that all equipment, vehicles and other items utilized in the performance of Work are operated, provided or otherwise utilized in a manner that ensures they are and remain covered by the policies referenced in Section 4 during this Agreement. Contractor shall also ensure that all workers involved in the provision of Work are properly classified as employees, agents or independent contractors and are and remain covered by any and all workers' compensation insurance required by applicable law during this Agreement.

## **Section 5. INDEMNIFICATION AND CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- 5.1 Effect of Insurance.** Agency's acceptance of insurance certificates and endorsements required under this Agreement does not relieve Contractor from liability under this indemnification and hold harmless clause. This indemnification and hold harmless clause shall apply to any damages or claims for damages whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to apply. By execution of this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the provisions of this section and that it is a material element of consideration.
- 5.2 Scope.** Contractor shall indemnify, defend with counsel reasonably acceptable to the Agency, and hold harmless the Agency, and its officials, commissioners, officers, employees, agents and volunteers from and against all losses, liabilities, claims, demands, suits, actions, damages, expenses, penalties, fines, costs (including without limitation costs and fees of litigation), judgments and causes of action, to the extent caused by the negligent acts or omissions of Contractor, its officers, officials, agents, and employees, except as caused by the sole or gross negligence of Agency. Notwithstanding, should this Agreement be construed as a construction agreement under Civil Code section 2783, then the exception referenced above shall also be for the active negligence of Agency.

## **Section 6. STATUS OF CONTRACTOR.**

- 6.1 Independent Contractor.** Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee of Agency. Agency shall have the right to control Contractor only insofar as the results of Contractor's Work and assignment of personnel pursuant to Section 1; otherwise, Agency shall not have the right to control the means by which Contractor accomplishes Work rendered pursuant to this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other Agency, state, or federal policy, rule, regulation, law, or ordinance to the contrary, Contractor and any of its employees, agents, and subcontractors providing services under this Agreement shall not qualify for or become entitled to, and hereby agree to waive any and all claims to, any compensation, benefit, or any incident of employment by Agency, including but

not limited to eligibility to enroll in the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) as an employee of Agency and entitlement to any contribution to be paid by Agency for employer contributions and/or employee contributions for PERS benefits.

Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Agency for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of Contractor or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of Agency. Contractor and Agency acknowledge and agree that compensation paid by Agency to Contractor under this Agreement is based upon Contractor's estimated costs of providing the Work, including salaries and benefits of employees, agents and subcontractors of Contractor.

Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Agency from any lawsuit, administrative action, or other claim for penalties, losses, costs, damages, expense and liability of every kind, nature and description that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to such claims, whether directly or indirectly, due to Contractor's failure to secure workers' compensation insurance for its employees, agents, or subcontractors.

Contractor agrees that it is responsible for the provision of group healthcare benefits to its fulltime employees under 26 U.S.C. § 4980H of the Affordable Care Act. To the extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Agency from any penalty issued to Agency under the Affordable Care Act resulting from the performance of the Services by any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Contractor.

- 6.2 Contractor Not Agent.** Except as Agency may specify in writing, Contractor shall have no authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of Agency in any capacity whatsoever as an agent. Contractor shall have no authority, express or implied, pursuant to this Agreement to bind Agency to any obligation whatsoever.
- 6.3 Assignment and Subcontracting.** This Agreement contemplates personal performance by Contractor and is based upon a determination of Contractor's unique professional competence, experience, and specialized professional knowledge. A substantial inducement to Agency for entering into this Agreement was and is the personal reputation and competence of Contractor. Contractor may not assign this Agreement or any interest therein without the prior written approval of the Agency. Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the performance contemplated and provided for herein, other than to the subcontractors identified in Exhibit A, without prior written approval of the Agency. Where written approval is granted by the Agency, Contractor shall supervise all work subcontracted by Contractor in performing the Work and shall be responsible for all work performed by a subcontractor as if Contractor itself had performed such work. The subcontracting of any work to subcontractors shall not relieve Contractor from any of its obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Work and Contractor is obligated to ensure that any and all

subcontractors performing any Work shall be fully insured in all respects and to the same extent as set forth under Section 4, to Agency's satisfaction.

- 6.4 **Certification as to California Energy Commission.** If requested by the Agency, Contractor shall, at the same time it executes this Agreement, execute Exhibit C.
- 6.5 **Certification as to California Energy Commission Regarding Hazardous Materials Transport Vendors.** If requested by the Agency, Contractor shall, at the same time it executes this Agreement, execute Exhibit D.
- 6.6 **Maintenance Labor Agreement.** If the Work is subject to the terms of one or more Maintenance Labor Agreements, which are applicable only to certain types of construction, repair and/or maintenance projects, then Contractor shall execute Exhibit E and/or similar documentation as to compliance.

## **Section 7. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.**

- 7.1 **Governing Law.** The laws of the State of California shall govern this Agreement.
- 7.2 **Compliance with Applicable Laws.** Contractor and its subcontractors and agents, if any, shall comply with all laws applicable to the performance of the work hereunder.
- 7.3 **Licenses and Permits.** Contractor represents and warrants to Agency that Contractor and its employees, agents, and subcontractors (if any) have and will maintain at their sole expense during the term of this Agreement all licenses, permits, qualifications, and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to practice their respective professions.
- 7.4 **Monitoring by DIR.** The Work is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.
- 7.5 **Registration with DIR.** During the term of this Agreement, Contractor warrants that it is registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and qualified to perform Work consistent with Labor Code section 1725.5.
- 7.6 **Prevailing Wage Rates.** In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771, not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality in which the Work is to be performed, and not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for holiday and overtime work as provided in the California Labor Code must be paid to all workers engaged in performing the Work. In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1770 and following, the Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing wage per diem rates for the locality in which the Work is to be performed; the Agency has obtained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general rate for holiday and overtime work in the locality in which

the Work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to perform the project; and copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the Agency and will be made available on request. Throughout the performance of the Work, Contractor must comply with all applicable laws and regulations that apply to wages earned in performance of the Work. Contractor assumes all responsibility for such payments and shall defend, indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from any and all claims made by the State of California, the Department of Industrial Relations, any subcontractor, any worker or any other third party with regard thereto.

Additionally, in accordance with the California Administrative Code, Title 8, Group 3, Article 2, Section 16000, Publication of Prevailing Wage Rates by Awarding Bodies, copies of the applicable determination of the Director can be found on the web at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD/> and may be reviewed at any time.

Contractor shall provide a certified copy of its payroll, on forms to be determined by the Agency and consistent with the Labor Code, within ten (10) days of the Contractor's receipt of Agency's written request therefor. Contractor's failure to timely comply with this provision may subject the Contractor to penalties pursuant to state law.

Contractor shall comply with applicable law, including Labor Code Sections 1774 and 1775. In accordance with Section 1775, Contractor shall forfeit as a penalty to Agency \$200.00 for each calendar day or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing rates as determined by the Director of Industrial Relations for such work or craft in which such worker is employed for any Work done under the Agreement by Contractor or by any subcontractor under Contractor in violation of the provisions of the Labor Code and in particular, Labor Code Sections 1770 *et seq.* In addition to the penalty and pursuant to Section 1775, the difference between such prevailing wage rates and the amount paid to each worker for each calendar day or portion thereof for which each worker was paid less than the prevailing wage rate shall be paid to each worker by the Contractor.

## **Section 8. TERMINATION AND MODIFICATION.**

### **8.1 Termination.** Agency may cancel this Agreement at any time and without cause upon ten (10) days prior written notice to Contractor.

In the event of termination, Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for Work satisfactorily completed as of the effective date of termination as well as compensation for work performed prior to the notice of termination, including Contractor's actual, direct, unavoidable direct costs resulting from such termination. "Actual, direct, unavoidable costs" include staff hours expended and materials acquired as of the date of termination, expenses incurred by reason of termination or cancellation of agreements between Contractor and its sub-suppliers, and other similar costs, but shall not include profit or overhead expenses of Contractor. Contractor shall make every reasonable effort to

minimize such costs upon termination. In no event shall the compensation of Contractor provided for in this Section exceed the cost of the applicable Purchase Order(s). All cost claimed must be documented by including, but not limited to, contracts, timesheets, purchase orders, etc. Agency, however, may condition payment of the compensation provided for in this Section upon Contractor delivering to Agency any or all records or documents (as referenced in Section 9.1 hereof).

**8.2 Amendments.** The Parties may amend this Agreement only by a writing signed by both of the Parties.

**8.3 Survival.** All obligations arising prior to the termination of this Agreement and all provisions of this Agreement allocating liability between Agency and Contractor shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

**8.4 Options upon Breach by Contractor.** If Contractor materially breaches any of the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to those set forth in Section 4, Agency's remedies shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

**8.4.1** Immediately terminate the Agreement;

**8.4.2** Retain the plans, specifications, drawings, reports, design documents, and any other work product prepared by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement;

**8.4.3** Retain a different Contractor to complete the Work not finished by Contractor; and/or

**8.4.4** Charge Contractor the difference between the costs to complete the Work that is unfinished at the time of breach and the amount that Agency would have paid Contractor pursuant hereto if Contractor had completed the Work.

## **Section 9. KEEPING AND STATUS OF RECORDS.**

**9.1 Records Created as Part of Contractor's Performance.** All reports, data, maps, models, charts, studies, surveys, photographs, memoranda, plans, studies, specifications, records, files, or any other documents or materials, in electronic or any other form, that Contractor prepares or obtains pursuant to this Agreement and that relate to the matters covered hereunder shall be the property of the Agency. Contractor hereby agrees to deliver those documents to the Agency upon termination of the Agreement. Agency and Contractor agree that, unless approved by Agency in writing, Contractor shall not release to any non-parties to this Agreement any data, plans, specifications, reports and other documents.

**9.2 Contractor's Books and Records.** Contractor shall maintain any and all records or other documents evidencing or relating to charges for Work or

expenditures and disbursements charged to the Agency under this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, from the date of final payment to the Contractor under this Agreement.

**9.3 Inspection and Audit of Records.** Any records or documents that this Agreement requires Contractor to maintain shall be made available for inspection, audit, and/or copying at any time during regular business hours, upon oral or written request of the Agency. Under California Government Code Section 8546.7, if the amount of public funds expended under this Agreement exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the Agreement shall be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor, at the request of Agency or as part of any audit of the Agency, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under this Agreement.

**9.4 Confidential Information and Disclosure.**

**9.4.1 Confidential Information.** The term "Confidential Information", as used herein, shall mean any and all confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information, whether written, recorded, electronic, oral or otherwise, where the Confidential Information is made available in a tangible medium of expression and marked in a prominent location as confidential, proprietary and/or trade secret information. Confidential Information shall not include information that: (a) was already known to the Receiving Party or is otherwise a matter of public knowledge, (b) was disclosed to Receiving Party by a third party without violating any confidentiality agreement, (c) was independently developed by Receiving Party without reverse engineering, as evidenced by written records thereof, or (d) was not marked as Confidential Information in accordance with this section.

**9.4.2 Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information.** During the term of this Agreement, either party may disclose (the "Disclosing Party") Confidential Information to the other party (the "Receiving Party"). The Receiving Party: (a) shall hold the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information in confidence; and (b) shall take all reasonable steps to prevent any unauthorized possession, use, copying, transfer or disclosure of such Confidential Information.

**9.4.3 Permitted Disclosure.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following disclosures of Confidential Information are allowed. Receiving Party shall endeavor to provide prior written notice to Disclosing Party of any permitted disclosure made pursuant to Section 9.4.3.2 or 9.4.3.3. Disclosing Party may seek a protective order, including without limitation, a temporary restraining order to prevent or contest such permitted disclosure; provided, however, that Disclosing Party shall seek such remedies at its sole expense. Neither party shall have any liability for such permitted disclosures:

**9.4.3.1** Disclosure to employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors or other representatives of Receiving Party that have a need to know in connection with this Agreement.

**9.4.3.2** Disclosure in response to a valid order of a court, government or regulatory agency or as may otherwise be required by law; and

**9.4.3.3** Disclosure by Agency in response to a request pursuant to the California Public Records Act.

**9.4.4** **Handling of Confidential Information.** Upon conclusion or termination of the Agreement, Receiving Party shall return to Disclosing Party or destroy Confidential Information (including all copies thereof), if requested by Disclosing Party in writing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Receiving Party may retain copies of such Confidential Information, subject to the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement: (a) for archival purposes in its computer system; (b) in its legal department files; and (c) in files of Receiving Party's representatives where such copies are necessary to comply with applicable law. Party shall not disclose the Disclosing Party's Information to any person other than those of the Receiving Party's employees, agents, consultants, contractors and subcontractors who have a need to know in connection with this Agreement.

## **Section 10. PROJECT SITE.**

**10.1** **Operations at the Project Site.** Each Project site may include the power plant areas, all buildings, offices, and other locations where Work is to be performed, including any access roads. Contractor shall perform the Work in such a manner as to cause a minimum of interference with the operations of the Agency; if applicable, the entity for which Contractor is performing the Work, as referenced in Section 1.4; and other contractors at the Project site and to protect all persons and property thereon from damage or injury. Upon completion of the Work at a Project site, Contractor shall leave such Project site clean and free of all tools, equipment, waste materials and rubbish, stemming from or relating to Contractor's Work.

**10.2** **Contractor's Equipment, Tools, Supplies and Materials.** Contractor shall be solely responsible for the transportation, loading and unloading, and storage of any equipment, tools, supplies or materials required for performing the Work, whether owned, leased or rented. Neither Agency nor, if applicable, the entity for which Contractor is performing the Work, as referenced in Section 1.4, will be responsible for any such equipment, supplies or materials which may be lost, stolen or damaged or for any additional rental charges for such. Equipment, tools, supplies and materials left or stored at a Project site, with or without permission, is at Contractor's sole risk. Anything left on the Project site an unreasonable length of time after the Work is completed shall be presumed to have been abandoned by the Contractor. Any transportation furnished by

Agency or, if applicable, the entity for which Contractor is performing the Work, as referenced in Section 1.4, shall be solely as an accommodation and neither Agency nor, if applicable, the entity for which Contractor is performing the Work, as referenced in Section 1.4, shall have liability therefor. Contractor shall assume the risk and is solely responsible for its owned, non-owned and hired automobiles, trucks or other motorized vehicles as well as any equipment, tools, supplies, materials or other property which is utilized by Contractor on the Project site. All materials and supplies used by Contractor in the Work shall be new and in good condition.

- 10.3 Use of Agency Equipment.** Contractor shall assume the risk and is solely responsible for its use of any equipment owned and property provided by Agency and, if applicable, the entity for which Contractor is performing the Work, as referenced in Section 1.4, for the performance of Work.

## **Section 11. WARRANTY.**

- 11.1 Nature of Work.** In addition to any and all warranties provided or implied by law or public policy, Contractor warrants that all Work for services shall be free from defects in design and workmanship, for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days and that Contractor shall perform all Work in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations including engineering, construction and other codes and standards and prudent electrical utility standards, and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and in addition to any and all warranties provided or implied by law or public policy, or any other warranties provided by Contractor, Contractor warrants that all Goods are free from defects in design and workmanship; comply with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations; are new, of good quality and workmanship, and free from defects; are suitably safe and sufficient for the purpose for which they are normally used; and are not subject to any liens or encumbrances. Contractor shall provide all Goods in accordance with all applicable engineering, construction and other codes and standards, in accordance with prudent electrical utility standards, and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement applicable to such Goods, all with the degree of high quality and workmanship expected from purveyors engaged in the practice of providing materials and supplies of a similar nature.

Contractor shall be under no liability in respect of any defects arising from fair wear and tear, willful damage, negligence, abnormal working conditions, failure to follow Contractor's instructions, storage, installation, start up, maintenance and repair guidelines, modification, disassembly, alteration or repair of the Goods without Contractor's written approval or where the Goods have been subject to corrosion or have been misused, mishandled or improperly installed. The above warranties do not extend to the supply of soft goods (i.e., balance seals, gaskets, pistons) required to inspect or maintain any part of the Goods supplied unless the repair or replacement of the Goods also requires replacement of associated soft

goods. Goods repaired and parts replaced during the warranty period shall be in warranty for the remainder of the original warranty period.

Contractor's warranty liability is limited solely to repair or replacement of nonconforming Work. Alternatively, at Agency's option to: 1) refund to Agency the purchase price allocable to the nonconforming or warranty portion of the Contract; or 2) reimburse Agency for such repair or replacement performed by a third party mutually selected and approved by Contractor and Agency.

- 11.2 Deficiencies in Work.** In addition to all other rights and remedies which Agency may have, Agency shall have the right to require, and Contractor shall be obligated at its own expense to perform, all further Work which may be required to correct any deficiencies which result from Contractor's failure to perform any Work in accordance with the standards required by this Agreement. If during the term of this Agreement or one hundred and eighty (180) days following completion of the Work, any equipment, supplies or other materials or Work used or provided by Contractor under this Agreement fails due to defects in material and/or workmanship or other breach of this Agreement, Contractor shall, upon any reasonable written notice from Agency, replace or repair the same to Agency's satisfaction. In the event of a defect, Agency shall provide clear access to the Work at the installation site (including scaffolding); and any information available to support detecting the cause of the defect; provided, however, that Contractor shall be responsible for any cost related to uncovering, disassembly or reassembly of parts or hardware required for Contractor to perform its warranty obligations.
- 11.3 Assignment of Warranties.** Contractor hereby assigns to Agency all additional warranties, extended warranties, or benefits like warranties, such as insurance, provided by or reasonably obtainable from suppliers of equipment and material used in the Work.

**Section 12. HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAMS.** The Contractor shall establish, maintain, and enforce safe work practices, and implement an accident/incident prevention program intended to ensure safe and healthful operations under their direction. The program shall include all requisite components of such a program under Federal, State and local regulations and shall comply with all site programs established by Agency and, if applicable, the entity for which Contractor is performing the Work, as referenced in Section 1.4.

- 12.1** Contractor is responsible for acquiring job hazard assessments as necessary to safely perform the Work and provide a copy to Agency upon request.
- 12.2** Contractor is responsible for providing all employee health and safety training and personal protective equipment in accordance with potential hazards that may be encountered in performance of the Work and provide copies of the certified training records upon request by Agency. Contractor shall be responsible for proper maintenance and/or disposal of their personal protective equipment and material handling equipment.

- 12.3** Contractor is responsible for ensuring that its lower-tier subcontractors are aware of and will comply with the requirements set forth herein.
- 12.4** Agency, or its representatives, may periodically monitor the safety performance of the Contractor performing the Work. Contractors and its subcontractors shall be required to comply with the safety and health obligations as established in the Agreement. Non-compliance with safety, health, or fire requirements may result in cessation of work activities, until items in non-compliance are corrected. It is also expressly acknowledged, understood and agreed that no payment shall be due from Agency to Contractor under this Agreement at any time when, or for any Work performed when, Contractor is not in full compliance with this Section 12.
- 12.5** Contractor shall immediately report any injuries to the Agency site safety representative. Additionally, the Contractor shall investigate and submit to the Agency site safety representative copies of all written accident reports, and coordinate with Agency if further investigation is requested.
- 12.6** Contractor shall take all reasonable steps and precautions to protect the health of its employees and other site personnel with regard to the Work. Contractor shall conduct occupational health monitoring and/or sampling to determine levels of exposure of its employees to hazardous or toxic substances or environmental conditions. Copies of any sampling results will be forwarded to the Agency site safety representative upon request.
- 12.7** Contractor shall develop a plan to properly handle and dispose of any hazardous wastes, if any, Contractor generates in performing the Work.
- 12.8** Contractor shall advise its employees and subcontractors that any employee who jeopardizes his/her safety and health, or the safety and health of others, may be subject to actions including removal from Work.
- 12.9** Contractor shall, at the sole option of the Agency, develop and provide to the Agency a Hazardous Material Spill Response Plan that includes provisions for spill containment and clean-up, emergency contact information including regulatory agencies and spill sampling and analysis procedures. Hazardous Materials shall include diesel fuel used for trucks owned or leased by the Contractor.
- 12.10** If Contractor is providing Work to an Agency Member, SCPPA or SCPPA member (collectively "Member" solely for the purpose of this section) pursuant to Section 1.4 hereof, then that Member shall have the same rights as the Agency under Sections 12.1, 12.2, 12.4, 12.5, and 12.6 hereof.

### **Section 13 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

- 13.1 Attorneys' Fees.** If a party to this Agreement brings any action, including an action for declaratory relief, to enforce or interpret the provision of this

Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees in addition to any other relief to which that party may be entitled. The court may set such fees in the same action or in a separate action brought for that purpose.

- 13.2 Venue.** In the event that either party brings any action against the other under this Agreement, the Parties agree that trial of such action shall be vested exclusively in the state courts of California in the County of Placer or in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.
- 13.3 Severability.** If a court of competent jurisdiction finds or rules that any provision of this Agreement is invalid, void, or unenforceable, the provisions of this Agreement not so adjudged shall remain in full force and effect. The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement shall not void or affect the validity of any other provision of this Agreement.
- 13.4 No Implied Waiver of Breach.** The waiver of any breach of a specific provision of this Agreement does not constitute a waiver of any other breach of that term or any other term of this Agreement.
- 13.5 Successors and Assigns.** The provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the Parties.
- 13.6 Conflict of Interest.** Contractor may serve other clients, but none whose activities within the corporate limits of Agency or whose business, regardless of location, would place Contractor in a "conflict of interest," as that term is defined in the Political Reform Act, codified at California Government Code Section 81000 *et seq.*

Contractor shall not employ any Agency official in the work performed pursuant to this Agreement. No officer or employee of Agency shall have any financial interest in this Agreement that would violate California Government Code Sections 1090 *et seq.*

- 13.7 Contract Administrator.** This Agreement shall be administered by the Assistant General Manager, Generation Services, or his/her designee, who shall act as the Agency's representative. All correspondence shall be directed to or through the representative.
- 13.8 Notices.** Any written notice to Contractor shall be sent to:

Control Components, Inc.  
Attention: Gil Ramirez  
22591 Avenida Empresa  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Any written notice to Agency shall be sent to:

Randy S. Howard  
General Manager  
Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, CA 95678

With a copy to:

Jane E. Luckhardt  
General Counsel  
Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, CA 95678

**13.9 Professional Seal.** Not applicable.

**13.10 Integration; Incorporation.** This Agreement, including all the exhibits attached hereto, represents the entire and integrated agreement between Agency and Contractor and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated by reference herein.

**13.11 Alternative Dispute Resolution.** If any dispute arises between the Parties that cannot be settled after engaging in good faith negotiations, Agency and Contractor agree to resolve the dispute in accordance with the following:

- 13.11.1** Each party shall designate a senior management or executive level representative to negotiate any dispute;
- 13.11.2** The representatives shall attempt, through good faith negotiations, to resolve the dispute by any means within their authority.
- 13.11.3** If the issue remains unresolved after fifteen (15) days of good faith negotiations, the Parties shall attempt to resolve the disagreement by negotiation between legal counsel. If the above process fails, the Parties shall resolve any remaining disputes through mediation to expedite the resolution of the dispute.
- 13.11.4** The mediation process shall provide for the selection within fifteen (15) days by both Parties of a disinterested third person as mediator, shall be commenced within thirty (30) days and shall be concluded within fifteen (15) days from the commencement of the mediation.
- 13.11.5** The Parties shall equally bear the costs of any third party in any alternative dispute resolution process.

**13.11.6** The alternative dispute resolution process is a material condition to this Agreement and must be exhausted as an administrative remedy prior to either Party initiating legal action. This alternative dispute resolution process is not intended to nor shall be construed to change the time periods for filing a claim or action specified by Government Code §§ 900 *et seq.*

**13.12 Controlling Provisions.** In the case of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the Exhibits hereto, a Purchase Order, or Contractor's Proposal (if any), the Agreement shall control. In the case of any conflict between the Exhibits hereto and a Purchase Order or the Contractor's Proposal, the Exhibits shall control. In the case of any conflict between the terms of a Purchase Order and the Contractor's Proposal, the Purchase Order shall control.

**13.13 Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one agreement.

**13.14 Construction of Agreement.** Each party hereto has had an equivalent opportunity to participate in the drafting of the Agreement and/or to consult with legal counsel. Therefore, the usual construction of an agreement against the drafting party shall not apply hereto.

**13.15 No Third Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement is made solely for the benefit of the parties hereto, with no intent to benefit any non-signator third parties. However, should Contractor provide Work to an Agency member, SCPPA or SCPPA member (collectively for the purpose of this section only "Member") pursuant to Section 1.4, the parties recognize that such Member may be a third party beneficiary solely as to the Purchase Order and Requested Work relating to such Member.

**13.16 Limitation of Liability.** Notwithstanding any other clause in this Agreement to the contrary, and except in the case of Contractor's gross negligence and/or willful misconduct and claims for personal injury including death, violation of laws or intellectual property infringement, Contractor's maximum aggregate liability for any and all other damages and losses shall not exceed the value of this Agreement as specified in Section 2.

Neither Party shall under any circumstances whatsoever be liable to the other party in contract, tort (including negligence), strict liability, warranty, indemnity or otherwise for any, (i) loss of anticipated profits or revenues, (ii) loss of use or any losses in relation to business interruption, (iii) loss of production, (iv) non-operation of other equipment, (v) cost of capital, (vi) downtime costs (vii) cost of purchased or replacement power and/or facilities, (viii) claims of customers of Agency for damages or (ix) other indirect, incidental, special, punitive or consequential damages that arises under or in connection with the Agreement, regardless of which party caused any such damages or losses.

The Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date signed by the Agency.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY

Date 1/26/2022

  
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**RANDY S. HOWARD,**  
General Manager

CONTROL COMPONENTS, INC.

Date JAN 17<sup>th</sup> 2022

  
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**ABHIJIT RAO,**  
Chief Financial Officer

Attest:

  
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Assistant Secretary of the Commission

Approved as to Form:

  
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Jane E. Luckhardt, General Counsel

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

Control Components, Inc. ("Contractor") shall provide valve and vent maintenance services as requested by the Northern California Power Agency ("Agency") at any facilities owned or operated by Agency, NCPA Members, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) or SCPPA members.

Services to include, but not be limited to the following:

- System Valve Design & Performance Evaluations
- Inspections of Bypass System
- Conduct Root Cause Analysis on Valve Failures
- Onsite Training
- Miscellaneous Maintenance Services

At the request of Agency, NCPA Members, SCPPA or SCPPA members, Contractor shall also supply valve spare parts with agreed upon timeframe based on approved detailed list of item(s) on Purchase order(s).

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND HOURLY FEES**

Compensation for all work, including hourly fees and expenses, shall not exceed the amount set forth in Section 2 hereof. The hourly rates and or compensation break down and an estimated amount of expenses is as follows:

# Field Service Rate Sheet North America - USA & Canada

2022



Standard weekly working days (Monday-Friday)  
Standard working hours (Monday-Friday 8:00AM to 5:00PM)

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Hourly Rates		Currency	IMI CCI Field Service Technician		
Travel Rate (Domestic)			STD	OT	DT
Monday - Friday (Max 12hrs.)**	Per Hour	USD	\$137	N/A	N/A
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays (Max 12hrs.)**	Per Hour	USD	\$164	N/A	N/A
Labor Rate - Technician					
Monday - Friday*	Per Hour	USD	\$191	\$267	\$382
Saturday*	Per Hour	USD	\$267	\$382	\$382
Sunday & Holidays*	Per Hour	USD	\$382	\$382	\$382
Labor Rate - Supervisor					
Monday - Friday*	Per Hour	USD	\$208	\$311	\$415
Saturday*	Per Hour	USD	\$311	\$415	\$415
Sunday & Holidays*	Per Hour	USD	\$415	\$415	\$415
Labor Rate - Valve Doctor					
Monday - Friday*	Per Hour	USD	\$329	\$328	\$437
Saturday*	Per Hour	USD	\$328	\$437	\$437
Sunday & Holidays*	Per Hour	USD	\$437	\$437	\$437
STD - Hours on the job up to 8 OT - Hours on the job beyond 8 and up to 12 are charged at Time and One Half (1.5x) STD DT - Hours beyond 12 are charged at Double (2x) STD Time, up to the maximum rate *Turn Key Service requires a minimum of 1 Supervisor & 1 Technician onsite per shift; subject to additional toolbox / equipment rental fees & freight charges *Supervisory Service requires a minimum of 1 Supervisor onsite per shift; Supervisor will lead customer appointed crew; subject to additional toolbox / equipment rental fees & freight charges Travel to and from the site will be billed at standard travel rate					
Special Rates					
Site Evaluation Walkdown (Limited to 8hrs.)	Per Day	USD	\$800.00		
Detailed Valve Report	Per Valve	USD	\$150.00		
Standby Rates (Shift is minimum of 8 Hours)					
On-Site Standby Time: Hours during the Technician's shift when the Technician is not released from the site and is ready and able to work but is unable to do so because Customer ordered the delay, Customer is not ready (e.g., site not ready, other responsibilities of Customer not completed, etc.), or other causes beyond the Customer's control such as weather.		USD	At Applicable Hourly Rate*		
Off-Site Standby Time: Hours during the Technician's shift when the Technician is ready and able to work but is released from the site before all or any of the shift is completed. During this off-site standby time, the Technician will remain on call for the remainder of the shift and be ready to return to the site if requested by the Customer.		USD	At Applicable Travel Rate**		
Billable Expense			Billable Expense + Administration Fee		
Daily Meal expense	\$80 per day		Airfare	Actual Cost + 10% Administration Fee	
Freight/Fuel/Tolls/Parking/Transportation (e.g. taxi)	Actual Cost		Accommodation	Actual Cost + 10% Administration Fee	
Private (Personal) Motor Vehicles	\$0.54 Per Mile		Rental car	Actual Cost + 10% Administration Fee	
Miscellaneous Charges/Payment information/Annual Rate Increase					
In-process Badging time is charged at the prevailing Nuclear Service rate. Customer required safety classes and certification courses (whether held on-site or made available online) are billable at regular rates, plus any course fees. Unless otherwise agreed in the Purchase Order or contract, invoices for payment are due 30 days from receipt of invoice. Customer shall contact IMI CCI on or before the invoice due date if there is dispute on any portion of the invoice charges. Service rates are valid for the year specified. Rates are subject to a yearly increase not to exceed 4%. Increases are based on numerous factors including the U.S. Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.					
2022 IMI CCI Observed Holidays					
Holidays applicable for "Holiday rate": New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day After Thanksgiving, Winter Holiday (December 24th, 25th), New Year's Eve - Subject to Change					
Urgent call surcharge (on site in less than 48 hours) are subject to 15% mark up on all labor charges.					
Total service time not to exceed 16 hours per technician in any 24 hour period.					
In adherence with labor statutes, IMI CCI reserves the right to rotate personnel during the course of the calendar month.					



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Valid until, 12/31/2022  
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### IMI CCI Tool Box Rental

Description	Type	Daily rate	Mobilization
FS Toolbox		\$250	\$1,000
RDU Tool Boxes	Gang Box	\$350	\$2,500
Hytorc	1000...4500 Nm torque values	\$400	\$1,000
FS&R Trailer	FS&R Semi-Trailer	\$1,000	\$2,500

### Machines

Climax / ASM-2 Plunge Cutting Machine	Seat Cutting	\$400	\$1,750
TD-1 / TD-2 Field Machining Tool	Field Machining	\$500	\$2,000
BTG Grinding Tools	BTG Seat Grinding	\$200	\$500
VLN Tooling	VLN Repair	\$200	\$500

### Misc.

#### General terms for rental of equipment

##### Rental duration

Duration will be calculated from the day the equipment is first used for the specified job and until it returns to CCI custody.

##### Daily rate

Will be applied from the 1st day onwards.

##### Mobilization/Shipments

Shipment to/from site will be arranged by IMI CCI for routine >4 days transit time. Any freight <4 days will be invoiced additionally at cost.

##### Consumables

Consumables used during service of the device (i.e. cutters etc.) will be invoiced based on actuals used.

Such rate sheet is valid for the current year and a new rate sheet will apply at the beginning of each calendar year of the agreement, available upon request from Contractor.

Pricing for services to be performed at NCPA Member or SCPA locations will be quoted at the time services are requested.

NOTE: As a public agency, NCPA shall not reimburse Contractor for travel, food and related costs in excess of those permitted by the Internal Revenue Service.

**EXHIBIT C**

**CERTIFICATION**

**Affidavit of Compliance for Contractors**

I,

ABHISIT RAO

(Name of person signing affidavit)(Title)

do hereby certify that background investigations to ascertain the accuracy of the identity and employment history of all employees of

Control Components, Inc.

(Company name)

for contract work at

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Project name and location)

have been conducted as required by the California Energy Commission Decision for the above-named project.

[Signature]

(Signature of officer or agent)

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 20 22.

THIS AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE SHALL BE APPENDED TO THE PROJECT SECURITY PLAN AND SHALL BE RETAINED AT ALL TIMES AT THE PROJECT SITE FOR REVIEW BY THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION COMPLIANCE PROJECT MANAGER.

**NOT APPLICABLE**

**EXHIBIT D**

**CERTIFICATION**

**Affidavit of Compliance for Hazardous Materials Transport Vendors**

I, \_\_\_\_\_,

(Name of person signing affidavit)(Title)

do hereby certify that the below-named company has prepared and implemented security plans in conformity with 49 CFR 172, subpart I and has conducted employee background investigations in conformity with 49 CFR 172.802(a), as the same may be amended from time to time,

\_\_\_\_\_

(Company name)

for hazardous materials delivery to:

LODI ENERGY CENTER, 12745 N. THORNTON ROAD, LODI, CA 95242

(Project name and location)

as required by the California Energy Commission Decision for the above-named project.

\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of officer or agent)

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

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**NOT APPLICABLE  
EXHIBIT E**

**ATTACHMENT A [from MLA]  
AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND**

**MAINTENANCE LABOR AGREEMENT ATTACHMENT  
LODI ENERGY CENTER PROJECT**

The undersigned hereby certifies and agrees that:

- 1) It is an Employer as that term is defined in Section 1.4 of the Lodi Energy Center Project Maintenance Labor Agreement ("Agreement" solely for the purposes of this Exhibit E) because it has been, or will be, awarded a contract or subcontract to assign, award or subcontract Covered Work on the Project (as defined in Section 1.2 and 2.1 of the Agreement), or to authorize another party to assign, award or subcontract Covered Work, or to perform Covered Work.
- 2) In consideration of the award of such contract or subcontract, and in further consideration of the promises made in the Agreement and all attachments thereto (a copy of which was received and is hereby acknowledged), it accepts and agrees to be bound by the terms and condition of the Agreement, together with any and all amendments and supplements now existing or which are later made thereto.
- 3) If it performs Covered Work, it will be bound by the legally establishes trust agreements designated in local master collective bargaining agreements, and hereby authorizes the parties to such local trust agreements to appoint trustees and successor trustee to administer the trust funds, and hereby ratifies and accepts the trustees so appointed as if made by the undersigned.
- 4) It has no commitments or agreements that would preclude its full and complete compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
- 5) It will secure a duly executed Agreement to be Bound, in form identical to this documents, from any Employer(s) at any tier or tiers with which it contracts to assign, award, or subcontract Covered Work, or to authorize another party to assign, award or subcontract Covered Work, or to perform Covered Work.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Officer & Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)



**FIRST AMENDMENT TO MULTI-TASK GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND  
AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES BETWEEN  
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY AND CONTROL COMPONENTS, INC.  
ACCEPTING ASSIGNMENT TO IMI CRITICAL ENGINEERING LLC**

This First Amendment ("Amendment") to the Multi-Task General Services Agreement and Agreement for Purchase of Equipment, Materials and Supplies is entered into by and between the Northern California Power Agency ("Agency") and IMI Critical Engineering LLC ("Contractor") (collectively referred to as "the Parties") as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Agency and Control Components, Inc. entered into a Multi-Task General Services Agreement and Agreement for Purchase of Equipment, Materials and Supplies dated effective January 26, 2022, (the "Agreement") for Contractor to provide valve and vent maintenance services and parts for the Agency, Agency Members, the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) or SCPPA Members; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2023, Control Components, Inc. has changed their name to IMI Critical Engineering LLC; and the Parties now desire to assign the Agreement to IMI Critical Engineering LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend Section 13.8 entitled "Notices" of the Agreement to reflect the change of the Contractor's name; and

WHEREAS, the Agency now desires to amend Exhibit A entitled "Scope of Services" of the Agreement to reflect the change of the Contractor's name; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend Exhibit C entitled "Affidavit of Compliance for Contractors" of the Agreement to reflect the change of the Contractor's name; and

WHEREAS, the Parties and Control Components, Inc. agree to the assignment of the Agreement to IMI Critical Engineering LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed to modify the Agreement as set forth above; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 8.2 all changes to the Agreement must be in writing and signed by all the Parties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **As of the Amendment Effective Date**, the preamble to the Agreement is replaced in its entirety as follows:

"This agreement for general services and purchase of equipment, materials and supplies ("Agreement") is made by and between the Northern California Power Agency, a joint powers agency with its main office located at 651 Commerce Drive, Roseville, CA 95678-

6420 ("Agency") and IMI Critical Engineering LLC, a Limited Liability Company, with its office located at 22591 Avenida Empresa, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688 ("Contractor") (together sometimes referred to as the "Parties") as of January 26, 2022 ("Effective Date") in Roseville, California."

2. Section 13.8 Notices is replaced in its entirety as follows:

**13.8 Notices.** Any written notice to Contractor shall be sent to:

IMI Critical Engineering LLC  
Attn: Larry Morrison  
22591 Avenida Empresa  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Any written notice to Agency shall be sent to:

Randy S. Howard  
General Manager  
Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, CA 95678

With a copy to:

Jane Luckhardt  
General Counsel  
Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, CA 95678

3. **Exhibit A – SCOPE OF SERVICES** is amended and restated to read in full as set forth in the attached Exhibit A.
4. **Exhibit C – CERTIFICATION – Affidavit of Compliance for Contractors** is amended to include IMI Critical Engineering LLC and shall be executed as set forth in the attached Exhibit C.
5. Agency hereby approves the name change of the Agreement from Control Components, Inc. to IMI Critical Engineering LLC, Contractor.
6. This Amendment in no way alters the terms and conditions of the Agreement except as specifically set forth herein.

// SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE //

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY

\_\_\_\_\_  
**RANDY S. HOWARD,**  
**General Manager**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

IMI CRITICAL ENGINEERING LLC

\_\_\_\_\_  
**MONA BLEW,**  
**Director of Contract Management**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTROL COMPONENTS, INC.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**ABHIJIT RAO, Chief Financial Officer**

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Secretary of the Commission

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jane E. Luckhardt, General Counsel

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

IMI Critical Engineering LLC ("Contractor") shall provide valve and vent maintenance services as requested by the Northern California Power Agency ("Agency") at any facilities owned or operated by Agency, NCPA Members, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) or SCPPA members.

Services to include, but not be limited to the following:

- System Valve Design & Performance Evaluations
- Inspections of Bypass System
- Conduct Root Cause Analysis on Valve Failures
- Onsite Training
- Miscellaneous Maintenance Services

At the request of Agency, NCPA Members, SCPPA or SCPPA members, Contractor shall also supply valve spare parts with agreed upon timeframe based on approved detailed list of item(s) on Purchase order(s).

**EXHIBIT C**

**CERTIFICATION**

**Affidavit of Compliance for Contractors**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Company name)

for contract work at:

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(Project name and location)

have been conducted as required by the California Energy Commission Decision for the above-named project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of officer or agent)

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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