



Commission Staff Report

February 5, 2021

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: February 25, 2021

SUBJECT: AESI-US, Inc. - Two Year Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement for Utility Physical Security Plan Evaluation Services; Applicable to the following: Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), NCPA Members, the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members.

AGENDA CATEGORY: Consent

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| FROM: | Jane Cirrincione | METHOD OF SELECTION: |
| | AGM, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs | <i>Competitive Pricing Process</i> |
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| Alameda Municipal Power <input type="checkbox"/> | City of Lompoc <input type="checkbox"/> | City of Ukiah <input type="checkbox"/> |
| San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit <input type="checkbox"/> | City of Palo Alto <input type="checkbox"/> | Plumas-Sierra REC <input type="checkbox"/> |
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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution 21-11 authorizing the General Manager or his designee to execute a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with AESI-US, Inc., (AESI) for Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 over two years for NCPA, NCPA Members, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members.

Delegation of Authority to NCPA General Manager or his designee to administer this contract to provide these services to eligible entities under the NCPA Support Services Agreement and the SCPPA Joint Services Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

On January 10, 2019, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved Decision 19-01-018 requiring all electric utilities to develop and implement a plan ("Utility Physical Security Plan") that (1) identifies electric distribution assets that require greater protection; and (2) specifies measures to reduce the identified risks and threats to those facilities. The Utility Physical Security Plan requirements are modeled on the security plan requirements set forth by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protocol (CIP)-014. The overarching goal of the Utility Physical Security Plan is to describe the utility's risk management approach toward distribution system physical security, with appropriate consideration of resiliency, impact, and cost.

Pursuant to D.19-01-018, publicly owned utilities (POUs) must complete the identification and plan development process and provide the CPUC with notice that the POU's governing board has adopted the plan by July 10, 2021. In support of these requirements, NCPA issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) LR2002 ("Physical Security RFP") on December 15, 2020, to solicit proposals from qualified consultants to provide services that would: (1) provide technical advisory support for the development of NCPA and/or Members' Physical Security Plans; and (2) independently evaluate NCPA and/or Members' Physical Security Plans.

NCPA created a review group for the Physical Security RFP consisting of NCPA staff and staff from NCPA Member entities. This review group evaluated and scored timely proposals submitted to the Physical Security RFP. Seven vendors responded to the RFP by the deadline of January 15, 2021. Based on the scoring review group's evaluation, five of the vendors were selected to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services. The review group selected AESI based upon the scores for AESI's response to the Physical Security RFP. NCPA notes, and as specifically mentioned above, other entities were also selected through the RFP process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These agreements do not commit NCPA to any new expenditure of funds. The total contractual not-to-exceed cost of the agreement is \$500,000 over two years to enable NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, and SCPPA Members to utilize these services. Work completed by this consultant under this agreement will be processed and billed to the individual utility system as a pass-through charge in accordance with NCPA's Shared Services Agreement. Should NCPA itself utilize services under these contracts, the cost will be covered by previously-approved funds in NCPA's existing budget.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A formal bidding process was conducted in accordance with NCPA's procurement policies and procedures. An RFP was posted on NCPA's website from December 15, 2020 through January 15, 2021. A total of seven responses were received and evaluated based on: 1) the quality and thoroughness of proposal; 2) possession of the knowledge, experience, and skills required to provide the requested services; 3) experience of staff to be assigned to the project, based on prior engagements of similar scope and complexity; 4) competitive rates for the requested services; 5) ability to perform the work within the time specified and demonstrated strong project management abilities; and 6) customer references. The responses were evaluated by a review group consisting of staff from the City of Ukiah, Port of Oakland, and NCPA. Based on the evaluation process, five vendors were selected to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services.

AESI is a Hometown Connections Incorporated (HCI) partner. AESI's status as a partner played no role in and was not in any way considered as part of the RFP process. NCPA acknowledges AESI may have learned of the Physical Security RFP due to AESI being an HCI partner. NCPA works to expand the pool of vendors responding to NCPA RFPs and encourages interested vendors to participate in NCPA's RFP processes. Nonetheless, AESI's relationship with HCI was not discussed or valued in the RFP evaluation.

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 the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary.

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

The recommendation will be reviewed and discussed in the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee on February 24, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

RANDY S. HOWARD
General Manager

Attachments:

- Resolution 21-11
- Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with AESI-US, Inc.

RESOLUTION 21-11

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A MULTI-TASK CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AESI-US, INC.

(Reference Staff Report #114:21)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission Decision 19-01-018, California publicly-owned electric utilities are required to develop and implement a Utility Physical Security Plan that identifies electric distribution assets that require greater protection and specifies measures to reduce the identified risk and threats to those facilities; and

WHEREAS, to assist in compliance with these requirements, NCPA issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") seeking consultants that are qualified to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, NCPA created a review group for the Physical Security RFP consisting of NCPA staff and staff from NCPA Member entities. This review group evaluated and scored timely proposals submitted to the Physical Security RFP; and

WHEREAS, a total of seven responses were received and evaluated based on: 1) the quality and thoroughness of proposal; 2) knowledge, experience, and skills required to provide the requested services; 3) experience of staff to be assigned to the project, based on prior engagements of similar scope and complexity; 4) competitive rates for the requested services; 5) demonstration of strong project management abilities; and 6) customer references; and

WHEREAS, AESI-US, Inc. was one of five consultants selected to provide Services based upon its experience and response to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, NCPA is willing and able to (i) retain AESI-US, Inc. to provide the Services under a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement ("Agreement") and (ii) bill all expenses and costs for related Services to the entity receiving the Services; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement with AESI-US, Inc. for up to \$500,000 over a two-year period may include services that are provided directly to NCPA, NCPA Members, the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), or 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 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 authorize the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with AESI-US, Inc. for Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by

the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 combined over two years for use by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, or SCPPA Members.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2021 by the following vote on roll call:

| | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Abstained</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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DAVID HAGLE
CHAIR

ATTEST: _____
CARY A. PADGETT
ASSISTANT SECRETARY



MULTI-TASK CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY AND AESI-US, 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 AESI-US, Inc., a corporation with its office located at 1990 Lakeside Parkway, Suite 250, Tucker, GA 30084 ("Consultant") (together sometimes referred to as the "Parties") as of _____, 2021 ("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 two (2) 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

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 \$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. 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.
- 5.3 Limitation on Liability.** The total aggregate liability of Consultant for each Purchase Order will be limited to the insurance limits described in Section 4 of this Agreement.

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 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 Jane Cirrincione, Assistant General Manager, or 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:

Joel Charlebois
Vice President – Regulatory Compliance
AESI-US, Inc.
1990 Lakeside Parkway, Suite 250
Tucker, Georgia 30084

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

AESI-US, INC.

Date _____

Date _____

RANDY S. HOWARD
GENERAL MANAGER

JOEL CHARLEBOIS, VICE PRESIDENT
REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Attest:

Assistant Secretary of the Commission

Approved as to Form:

Jane E. Luckhardt, General Counsel

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

AESI-US, Inc. ("Consultant") shall provide the following services, as requested by the Northern California Power Agency ("Agency") at any facilities owned and/or operated by Agency, its Members, Southern California Public Power Authority ("SCPPA"), or SCPPA Members.

Task I: Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory Services

On an as-needed basis and upon request by the Agency, Consultant shall provide technical advisory services to NCPA and/or its Member(s) to support the development of physical security plans that are consistent with the requirements of CPUC Decision 19-01-018. Such technical advisory services may include the development of a physical security plan in its entirety, based on information provided by NCPA/Member, as applicable.

Within 10 business days of receiving an approved request from Agency to perform technical advisory services for NCPA/Member, Consultant shall meet with NCPA/Member to determine the mutually agreeable scope and timeframe for its deliverables.

Task II: Utility Physical Security Plan Independent Evaluation Services

On an as-needed basis and upon request by the Agency, the selected contractor shall complete an independent evaluation of an NCPA or Member Physical Security Plan pursuant to the requirements of D. 19-01-018:

In performing Task II, Consultant shall review and assess the comprehensiveness of NCPA/Member's Physical Security Plan, and may need to present its findings to governing bodies geographically located across California. The anticipated key timelines and deliverables associated with this task are as follows:

- i. Within 10 days of receiving a request from Agency, Consultant shall meet with NCPA/Member to determine a mutually agreeable scope and format for its review of NCPA/Member's Physical Security Plan. At this time, Consultant and NCPA/Member may wish to modify timelines such that deliverables are received on a mutually agreeable schedule that may vary from that identified below.
- ii. Within 45 days of receiving an approved request from Agency, Consultant shall provide NCPA/Member with a draft report including the Consultant's analysis and finding of whether or not NCPA/Member's plan is consistent with the requirements of CPUC D. 19-01-018. If the plan is not found to be consistent with all requirements, the report shall explicitly identify any deficiencies in the plan, as well as recommendations for actions NCPA/Member could undertake to address such deficiencies.

- iii. To the extent NCPA/Member chooses to modify its Physical Security Plan to reflect the findings of Consultant, Consultant shall be available to review NCPA/Member-proposed changes and adjust its findings accordingly.
- iv. Within 15 days of receiving a modified Physical Security Plan from NCPA/Member, Consultant shall provide NCPA/Member with a final report and finding.

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND HOURLY FEES

Compensation for all tasks, including hourly fees and expenses, shall not exceed \$500,000.00. The hourly rates and/or compensation break down and an estimated amount of expenses is as follows:

Cost Sheet:

We understand the economic impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the power generation and transmission industry. As such, we are offering a 20% discount on our standard hourly rates for 2021 (year 1). Our intent is to support industry participants as the sector recovers from the pandemic's economic impacts. For this engagement, please note our discounted 2021 rates below.

| Task & Task Description | Not-to-Exceed Cost Per PSP (Discounted) |
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| Task 1 Part A: Provide technical advisory services to NCPA and/or its Member(s) to support the development of physical security plans that are consistent with the requirements of CPUC Decision 19-01-018 Note: This is based on 30 hours of support to provide the technical advisory services. This also assumes that each member has one PSP covering all distribution facilities. | \$7,500 |
| Task 1 Part B: The development of a physical security plan in its entirety, based on information provided by NCPA/Member. Note: This is based on 150 hours to provide the technical advisory services to develop and finalize the PSP in its entirety. This also assumes that each member has one PSP covering all distribution facilities. | \$34,000 |
| Task 2: Complete an independent evaluation of an NCPA or Member PSP pursuant to the requirements of D. 19-01-018 and present the findings to governing bodies geographically located across California and all other stakeholders. Note: This is based on 50 hours to perform the evaluation of the NCPA or Member PSP. This also assumes that each member has one PSP covering all distribution facilities. | \$10,600 |

Hourly Rates:

| Staff | 2021 Standard | 2021 20% Discount | 2022 10% Discount | 2023 Standard |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Loreto Sarracini | \$350 | \$280 | \$315 | \$360 |
| Nimish Bhatnagar | \$260 | \$208 | \$234 | \$270 |
| Ivan Wong | \$220 | \$176 | \$198 | \$230 |
| Greg Taylor | \$163 | \$130 | \$147 | \$173 |
| Paul Stanley | \$163 | \$130 | \$147 | \$173 |
| Arete Resources | \$220 | \$176 | \$198 | \$230 |
| Administrative Support | \$100 | \$80 | \$90 | \$110 |

Notes:

1. AESI is offering a 20% discount off its current hourly rates for work performed in 2021, and a 10% discount off its current hourly rates for work performed in 2022. AESI will revert to its standard hourly rates for 2023.
2. Additional or other similarly qualified resources may be substituted upon mutual agreement between AESI and NCPA or its members, with hourly rates similar to those above or otherwise mutually agreed upon.
3. Any potential expenses that may be required, which includes travel to the NCPA or Member's sites, local accommodations, local transportation, and food, will be charged as actual costs on a flow through basis with no administrative markups.
4. The hourly rates in the table above are for straight time and for any overtime that is incurred, AESI does not charge increased rates.
5. AESI adjusts its rates annually effective January 1.

Specific pricing for services to be performed for 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

(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

February 5, 2021

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: February 25, 2021

SUBJECT: Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc - Two Year Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement for Utility Physical Security Plan Evaluation Services; Applicable to the following: Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), NCPA Members, the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members.

AGENDA CATEGORY: Consent

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| FROM: | Jane Cirrincione | METHOD OF SELECTION: |
| | AGM, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs | <i>Competitive Pricing Process</i> |
| Division: | Legislative & Regulatory Affairs | <i>If other, please describe:</i> |
| Department: | Legislative & Regulatory | |

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

Approve Resolution 21-12 authorizing the General Manager or his designee to execute a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. (Burns & McDonnell) for Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 over two years for NCPA, NCPA Members, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members.

Delegation of Authority to NCPA General Manager or his designee to administer this contract to provide these services to eligible entities under the NCPA Support Services Agreement and the SCPPA Joint Services Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

On January 10, 2019, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved Decision 19-01-018 requiring all electric utilities to develop and implement a plan ("Utility Physical Security Plan") that (1) identifies electric distribution assets that require greater protection; and (2) specifies measures to reduce the identified risks and threats to those facilities. The Utility Physical Security Plan requirements are modeled on the security plan requirements set forth by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protocol (CIP)-014. The overarching goal of the Utility Physical Security Plan is to describe the utility's risk management approach toward distribution system physical security, with appropriate consideration of resiliency, impact, and cost.

Pursuant to D.19-01-018, publicly owned utilities (POUs) must complete the identification and plan development process and provide the CPUC with notice that the POU's governing board has adopted the plan by July 10, 2021. In support of these requirements, NCPA issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) LR2002 ("Physical Security RFP") on December 15, 2020, to solicit proposals from qualified consultants to provide services that would: (1) provide technical advisory support for the development of NCPA and/or Members' Physical Security Plans; and (2) independently evaluate NCPA and/or Members' Physical Security Plans.

NCPA created a review group for the Physical Security RFP consisting of NCPA staff and staff from NCPA Member entities. This review group evaluated and scored timely proposals submitted to the Physical Security RFP. Seven vendors responded to the RFP by the deadline of January 15, 2021. Based on the scoring review group's evaluation, five of the vendors were selected to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These agreements do not commit NCPA to any new expenditure of funds. The total contractual not-to-exceed cost of the agreement is \$500,000 over two years to enable NCPA, NCPA

Members, SCPA, and SCPA Members to utilize these services. Work completed by this consultant under this agreement will be processed and billed to the individual utility system as a pass-through charge in accordance with NCPA's Shared Services Agreement. Should NCPA itself utilize services under these contracts, the cost will be covered by previously-approved funds in NCPA's existing budget.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A formal bidding process was conducted in accordance with NCPA's procurement policies and procedures. An RFP was posted on NCPA's website from December 15, 2020 through January 15, 2021. A total of seven responses were received and evaluated based on: 1) the quality and thoroughness of proposal; 2) possession of the knowledge, experience, and skills required to provide the requested services; 3) experience of staff to be assigned to the project, based on prior engagements of similar scope and complexity; 4) competitive rates for the requested services; 5) ability to perform the work within the time specified and demonstrated strong project management abilities; and 6) customer references. The responses were evaluated by a review group consisting of staff from the City of Ukiah, Port of Oakland, and NCPA. Based on the evaluation process, five vendors were selected to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services.

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 the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary.

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

The recommendation will be reviewed and discussed in the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee on February 24, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

RANDY S. HOWARD
General Manager

Attachments:

- Resolution 21-12
- Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc

RESOLUTION 21-12

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A MULTI-TASK CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.

(Reference Staff Report #115:21)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission Decision 19-01-018, California publicly-owned electric utilities are required to develop and implement a Utility Physical Security Plan that identifies electric distribution assets that require greater protection and specifies measures to reduce the identified risk and threats to those facilities; and

WHEREAS, to assist in compliance with these requirements, NCPA issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") seeking consultants that are qualified to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, NCPA created a review group for the Physical Security RFP consisting of NCPA staff and staff from NCPA Member entities. This review group evaluated and scored timely proposals submitted to the Physical Security RFP; and

WHEREAS, a total of seven responses were received and evaluated based on: 1) the quality and thoroughness of proposal; 2) knowledge, experience, and skills required to provide the requested services; 3) experience of staff to be assigned to the project, based on prior engagements of similar scope and complexity; 4) competitive rates for the requested services; 5) demonstration of strong project management abilities; and 6) customer references; and

WHEREAS, Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. (Burns & McDonnell). was one of five consultants selected to provide Services based upon its experience and response to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, NCPA is willing and able to (i) retain Burns & McDonnell to provide the Services under a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement ("Agreement") and (ii) bill all expenses and costs for related Services to the entity receiving the Services; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement with Burns & McDonnell for up to \$500,000 over a two-year period may include services that are provided directly to NCPA, NCPA Members, the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), or 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 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 authorize the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell for Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by

the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 combined over two years for use by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, or SCPPA Members.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2021 by the following vote on roll call:

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

DAVID HAGLE
CHAIR

ATTEST: _____
CARY A. PADGETT
ASSISTANT SECRETARY



MULTI-TASK CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY AND BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING COMPANY, 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 Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. ("Burns & McDonnell"), a corporation, with its office located at 9400 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 66061 ("Consultant") (together sometimes referred to as the "Parties") as of _____, 2021 ("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 two (2) 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

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 \$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. 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.
- 5.3 Limitation of Liability.** The total aggregate liability of Consultant for each Purchase Order will be limited to the insurance limits described in Section 4 of this Agreement.

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 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 Jane Cirrincione, Assistant General Manager, or 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:

Victor Elazegui
Senior Physical Security Specialist
Burns & McDonnell
9400 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 66061

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 SCPA 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

BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING
COMPANY, INC.

Date _____

Date _____

RANDY S. HOWARD
GENERAL MANAGER

VICTOR ELAZEGUI
SENIOR PHYSICAL SECURITY
SPECIALIST

Attest:

Assistant Secretary of the Commission

Approved as to Form:

Jane E. Luckhardt, General Counsel

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Burns & McDonnell ("Consultant") shall provide the following services, as requested by the Northern California Power Agency ("Agency") at any facilities owned and/or operated by Agency, its Members, Southern California Public Power Authority ("SCPPA"), or SCPPA Members.

Task I: Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory Services

On an as-needed basis and upon request by the Agency, Consultant shall provide technical advisory services to NCPA and/or its Member(s) to support the development of physical security plans that are consistent with the requirements of CPUC Decision 19-01-018. Such technical advisory services may include the development of a physical security plan in its entirety, based on information provided by NCPA/Member, as applicable.

Within 10 business days of receiving an approved request from Agency to perform technical advisory services for NCPA/Member, Consultant shall meet with NCPA/Member to determine the mutually agreeable scope and timeframe for its deliverables.

Task II: Utility Physical Security Plan Independent Evaluation Services

On an as-needed basis and upon request by the Agency, the selected contractor shall complete an independent evaluation of an NCPA or Member Physical Security Plan pursuant to the requirements of D. 19-01-018:

In performing Task II, Consultant shall review and assess the comprehensiveness of NCPA/Member's Physical Security Plan, and may need to present its findings to governing bodies geographically located across California. The anticipated key timelines and deliverables associated with this task are as follows:

- i. Within 10 days of receiving a request from Agency, Consultant shall meet with NCPA/Member to determine a mutually agreeable scope and format for its review of NCPA/Member's Physical Security Plan. At this time, Consultant and NCPA/Member may wish to modify timelines such that deliverables are received on a mutually agreeable schedule that may vary from that identified below.
- ii. Within 45 days of receiving an approved request from Agency, Consultant shall provide NCPA/Member with a draft report including the Consultant's analysis and finding of whether or not NCPA/Member's plan is consistent with the requirements of CPUC D. 19-01-018. If the plan is not found to be consistent with all requirements, the report shall explicitly identify any deficiencies in the plan, as well as recommendations for actions NCPA/Member could undertake to address such deficiencies.

- iii. To the extent NCPA/Member chooses to modify its Physical Security Plan to reflect the findings of Consultant, Consultant shall be available to review NCPA/Member-proposed changes and adjust its findings accordingly.
- iv. Within 15 days of receiving a modified Physical Security Plan from NCPA/Member, Consultant shall provide NCPA/Member with a final report and finding.

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND HOURLY FEES

Compensation for all tasks, including hourly fees and expenses, shall not exceed \$500,000.00. The hourly rates and or compensation break down and an estimated amount of expenses is as follows:

Billing Rates

| Title | 2021 |
|---|----------|
| Project Manager (PM) | \$255.00 |
| Senior Physical Security Specialist (Sen) | \$210.00 |
| Staff Physical Security Specialist (Staff) | \$160.00 |
| Technical Utility Consultant (TUC) | \$195.00 |

TASK 1 Plan Development Estimated Price

| Project Deliverable | Cost* | Effort by Hour | | | | Assumptions |
|---|---|----------------|-----|-------|-----|--|
| | | PM | SEN | Staff | TUC | |
| Phase I: Kickoff and List of Facilities Requiring Assessment | Labor: \$41,310 | 10 | 36 | | 160 | All of Phase 1 work is remote. This is the estimated hours for Phase 1 assessment of each of the 16 utility companies. |
| Phase II: Assessments, First Draft Physical Security Assessment Report | Labor: \$169,175 Travel: \$4,620 Total: \$173,795 | 25 | 440 | 440 | | 10 sites total 2 site visits |
| Phase III: First Draft Physical Security Plan Recommendations | Total: \$23,375 | 25 | 20 | 80 | | 10 sites total |
| Phase IV: Draft and Final Reports Addressing Independent Third Party Comments and Findings | Total: \$19,550 | 10 | 20 | 80 | | 10 sites total |
| Totals | Total: \$258,030 | 70 | 516 | 600 | 160 | |

*Burns & McDonnell assumes that no changes will be made to the D.19-01-018 regulation; any updates to the regulation may require and update in phases/tasks.

TASK 2 Plan Development Estimated Price

| Project Deliverable | Estimated Cost* | Estimated Effort by Hour | | | | Assumptions |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----|-------|-----|--|
| | | PM | SEN | STAFF | TUC | |
| Review | Labor: \$16,940 | 8 | 10 | 80 | 0 | All work is done remotely. 10 independent reviews. |
| Totals | Total: \$16,940 | | | | | |

Specific 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

(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

February 5, 2021

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: February 25, 2021

SUBJECT: Guidehouse Inc. - Two Year Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement for Utility Physical Security Plan Evaluation Services; Applicable to the following: Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), NCPA Members, the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members.

AGENDA CATEGORY: Consent

| | | |
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| FROM: | Jane Cirrincione | METHOD OF SELECTION: |
| | AGM, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs | <i>Competitive Pricing Process</i> |
| Division: | Legislative & Regulatory Affairs | <i>If other, please describe:</i> |
| Department: | Legislative & Regulatory | |

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

Approve Resolution 21-15 authorizing the General Manager or his designee to execute a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Guidehouse Inc. for Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 over two years for NCPA, NCPA Members, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members.

Delegation of Authority to NCPA General Manager or his designee to administer this contract to provide these services to eligible entities under the NCPA Support Services Agreement and the SCPPA Joint Services Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

On January 10, 2019, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved Decision 19-01-018 requiring all electric utilities to develop and implement a plan ("Utility Physical Security Plan") that (1) identifies electric distribution assets that require greater protection; and (2) specifies measures to reduce the identified risks and threats to those facilities. The Utility Physical Security Plan requirements are modeled on the security plan requirements set forth by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protocol (CIP)-014. The overarching goal of the Utility Physical Security Plan is to describe the utility's risk management approach toward distribution system physical security, with appropriate consideration of resiliency, impact, and cost.

Pursuant to D.19-01-018, publicly owned utilities (POUs) must complete the identification and plan development process and provide the CPUC with notice that the POU's governing board has adopted the plan by July 10, 2021. In support of these requirements, NCPA issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) LR2002 ("Physical Security RFP") on December 15, 2020, to solicit proposals from qualified consultants to provide services that would: (1) provide technical advisory support for the development of NCPA and/or Members' Physical Security Plans; and (2) independently evaluate NCPA and/or Members' Physical Security Plans.

NCPA created a review group for the Physical Security RFP consisting of NCPA staff and staff from NCPA Member entities. This review group evaluated and scored timely proposals submitted to the Physical Security RFP. Seven vendors responded to the RFP by the deadline of January 15, 2021. Based on the scoring review group's evaluation, five of the vendors were selected to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These agreements do not commit NCPA to any new expenditure of funds. The total contractual not-to-exceed cost of the agreement is \$500,000 over two years to enable NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, and SCPPA Members to utilize these services. Work completed by this

consultant under this agreement will be processed and billed to the individual utility system as a pass-through charge in accordance with NCPA's Shared Services Agreement. Should NCPA itself utilize services under these contracts, the cost will be covered by previously-approved funds in NCPA's existing budget.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A formal bidding process was conducted in accordance with NCPA's procurement policies and procedures. An RFP was posted on NCPA's website from December 15, 2020 through January 15, 2021. A total of seven responses were received and evaluated based on: 1) the quality and thoroughness of proposal; 2) possession of the knowledge, experience, and skills required to provide the requested services; 3) experience of staff to be assigned to the project, based on prior engagements of similar scope and complexity; 4) competitive rates for the requested services; 5) ability to perform the work within the time specified and demonstrated strong project management abilities; and 6) customer references. The responses were evaluated by a review group consisting of staff from the City of Ukiah, Port of Oakland, and NCPA. Based on the evaluation process, five vendors were selected to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services.

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 the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary.

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

The recommendation will be reviewed and discussed in the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee on February 24, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

RANDY S. HOWARD
General Manager

Attachments:

- Resolution 21-15
- Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Guidehouse Inc.

RESOLUTION 21-15

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A MULTI-TASK CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GUIDEHOUSE INC.

(Reference Staff Report #118:21)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission Decision 19-01-018, California publicly-owned electric utilities are required to develop and implement a Utility Physical Security Plan that identifies electric distribution assets that require greater protection and specifies measures to reduce the identified risk and threats to those facilities; and

WHEREAS, to assist in compliance with these requirements, NCPA issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") seeking consultants that are qualified to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, NCPA created a review group for the Physical Security RFP consisting of NCPA staff and staff from NCPA Member entities. This review group evaluated and scored timely proposals submitted to the Physical Security RFP; and

WHEREAS, a total of seven responses were received and evaluated based on: 1) the quality and thoroughness of proposal; 2) knowledge, experience, and skills required to provide the requested services; 3) experience of staff to be assigned to the project, based on prior engagements of similar scope and complexity; 4) competitive rates for the requested services; 5) demonstration of strong project management abilities; and 6) customer references; and

WHEREAS, Guidehouse Inc. was one of five consultants selected to provide Services based upon its experience and response to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, NCPA is willing and able to (i) retain Guidehouse Inc. to provide the Services under a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement ("Agreement") and (ii) bill all expenses and costs for related Services to the entity receiving the Services; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement with Guidehouse Inc. for up to \$500,000 over a two-year period may include services that are provided directly to NCPA, NCPA Members, the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), or 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 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 authorize the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with Guidehouse Inc. for Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by

the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 combined over two years for use by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, or SCPPA Members.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2021 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 | _____ | _____ | _____ |

DAVID HAGLE
CHAIR

ATTEST: _____
CARY A. PADGETT
ASSISTANT SECRETARY



MULTI-TASK CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY AND GUIDEHOUSE 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 Guidehouse Inc., a corporation with its office located at 35 Iron Point Circle, Suite 225, Folsom, CA 95630 ("Consultant") (together sometimes referred to as the "Parties") as of _____, 2021 ("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 two (2) 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

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 \$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. 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.
- 5.3 Limitation on Liability.** The total aggregate liability of Consultant for each Purchase Order will be limited to the insurance limits described in Section 4 of this Agreement.

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 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 Jane Cirrincione, Assistant General Manager, or 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:

Chris Luras
Partner
Guidehouse Inc.
35 Iron Point Circle, Suite 225
Folsom, CA 95630

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 SCPA 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

GUIDEHOUSE INC.

Date _____

Date _____

RANDY S. HOWARD
GENERAL MANAGER

CHRIS LURAS
PARTNER

Attest:

Assistant Secretary of the Commission

Approved as to Form:

Jane E. Luckhardt, General Counsel

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Guidehouse Inc. ("Consultant") shall provide the following services, as requested by the Northern California Power Agency ("Agency") at any facilities owned and/or operated by Agency, its Members, Southern California Public Power Authority ("SCPPA"), or SCPPA Members.

Task I: Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory Services

On an as-needed basis and upon request by the Agency, Consultant shall provide technical advisory services to NCPA and/or its Member(s) to support the development of physical security plans that are consistent with the requirements of CPUC Decision 19-01-018. Such technical advisory services may include the development of a physical security plan in its entirety, based on information provided by NCPA/Member, as applicable.

Within 10 business days of receiving an approved request from Agency to perform technical advisory services for NCPA/Member, Consultant shall meet with NCPA/Member to determine the mutually agreeable scope and timeframe for its deliverables.

Task II: Utility Physical Security Plan Independent Evaluation Services

On an as-needed basis and upon request by the Agency, the selected contractor shall complete an independent evaluation of an NCPA or Member Physical Security Plan pursuant to the requirements of D. 19-01-018:

In performing Task II, Consultant shall review and assess the comprehensiveness of NCPA/Member's Physical Security Plan, and may need to present its findings to governing bodies geographically located across California. The anticipated key timelines and deliverables associated with this task are as follows:

- i. Within 10 days of receiving a request from Agency, Consultant shall meet with NCPA/Member to determine a mutually agreeable scope and format for its review of NCPA/Member's Physical Security Plan. At this time, Consultant and NCPA/Member may wish to modify timelines such that deliverables are received on a mutually agreeable schedule that may vary from that identified below.
- ii. Within 45 days of receiving an approved request from Agency, Consultant shall provide NCPA/Member with a draft report including the Consultant's analysis and finding of whether or not NCPA/Member's plan is consistent with the requirements of CPUC D. 19-01-018. If the plan is not found to be consistent with all requirements, the report shall explicitly identify any deficiencies in the plan, as well as recommendations for actions NCPA/Member could undertake to address such deficiencies.

- iii. To the extent NCPA/Member chooses to modify its Physical Security Plan to reflect the findings of Consultant, Consultant shall be available to review NCPA/Member-proposed changes and adjust its findings accordingly.
- iv. Within 15 days of receiving a modified Physical Security Plan from NCPA/Member, Consultant shall provide NCPA/Member with a final report and finding.

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND HOURLY FEES

Compensation for all tasks, including hourly fees and expenses, shall not exceed \$500,000.00. The hourly rates and or compensation break down and an estimated amount of expenses is as follows:

Task I: Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory Services

Guidehouse will prepare a proposed task order for NCPA or its members based upon the scope of the request. The work will either be performed on a time and materials basis at the below rates or on an agreed upon fixed fee basis.

Task II. Utility Physical Security Plan Independent Evaluation Services

This work will be done on a fixed price basis. The price includes travel expenses for up to four sites.

- \$8,000 per site including travel
- Additional work beyond evaluation of site plans will be billed on a time and material basis.

The following table includes our hourly rates for the duration of this project. Any work outside of the scope described above will be done on a Time and Materials basis using the below rates.

| Labor Categories | Hourly Rate |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Associate Director | \$320 |
| Managing Consulting | \$258 |
| Sr. Consultant | \$220 |
| Consultant | \$182 |

Travel

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic, Guidehouse will make all efforts to conduct as much of this work remotely as possible. However, this type of work requires onsite evaluations and inspections. Accordingly, Guidehouse will make sure any staff participating in site visits strictly abides by state and local rules and CDC guidance. All travel will be billed at actual cost, and expenses will be charged without markup, including meals, hotels, and transportation (e.g. mileage payable at the standard IRS rate, tolls, parking, and airfare). All travel will be pre-approved by BVES prior to booking.

Specific 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

(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

February 5, 2021

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: February 25, 2021

SUBJECT: iParameters LLC. - Two Year Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement for Utility Physical Security Plan Evaluation Services; Applicable to the following: Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), NCPA Members, the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members.

AGENDA CATEGORY: Consent

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| FROM: | Jane Cirrincione | METHOD OF SELECTION: |
| | AGM, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs | <i>Competitive Pricing Process</i> |
| Division: | Legislative & Regulatory Affairs | <i>If other, please describe:</i> |
| Department: | Legislative & Regulatory | |

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| IMPACTED MEMBERS: | | |
| All Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | City of Lodi <input type="checkbox"/> | City of Shasta Lake <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Alameda Municipal Power <input type="checkbox"/> | City of Lompoc <input type="checkbox"/> | City of Ukiah <input type="checkbox"/> |
| San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit <input type="checkbox"/> | City of Palo Alto <input type="checkbox"/> | Plumas-Sierra REC <input type="checkbox"/> |
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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution 21-13 authorizing the General Manager or his designee to execute a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with iParametrics LLC (iParametrics) for Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 over two years for NCPA, NCPA Members, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members.

Delegation of Authority to NCPA General Manager or his designee to administer this contract to provide these services to eligible entities under the NCPA Support Services Agreement and the SCPPA Joint Services Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

On January 10, 2019, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved Decision 19-01-018 requiring all electric utilities to develop and implement a plan ("Utility Physical Security Plan") that (1) identifies electric distribution assets that require greater protection; and (2) specifies measures to reduce the identified risks and threats to those facilities. The Utility Physical Security Plan requirements are modeled on the security plan requirements set forth by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protocol (CIP)-014. The overarching goal of the Utility Physical Security Plan is to describe the utility's risk management approach toward distribution system physical security, with appropriate consideration of resiliency, impact, and cost.

Pursuant to D.19-01-018, publicly owned utilities (POUs) must complete the identification and plan development process and provide the CPUC with notice that the POU's governing board has adopted the plan by July 10, 2021. In support of these requirements, NCPA issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) LR2002 ("Physical Security RFP") on December 15, 2020, to solicit proposals from qualified consultants to provide services that would: (1) provide technical advisory support for the development of NCPA and/or Members' Physical Security Plans; and (2) independently evaluate NCPA and/or Members' Physical Security Plans.

NCPA created a review group for the Physical Security RFP consisting of NCPA staff and staff from NCPA Member entities. This review group evaluated and scored timely proposals submitted to the Physical Security RFP. Seven vendors responded to the RFP by the deadline of January 15, 2021. Based on the scoring review group's evaluation, five of the vendors were selected to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These agreements do not commit NCPA to any new expenditure of funds. The total contractual not-to-exceed cost of the agreement is \$500,000 over two years to enable NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, and SCPPA Members to utilize these services. Work completed by this

consultant under this agreement will be processed and billed to the individual utility system as a pass-through charge in accordance with NCPA's Shared Services Agreement. Should NCPA itself utilize services under these contracts, the cost will be covered by previously-approved funds in NCPA's existing budget.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A formal bidding process was conducted in accordance with NCPA's procurement policies and procedures. An RFP was posted on NCPA's website from December 15, 2020 through January 15, 2021. A total of seven responses were received and evaluated based on: 1) the quality and thoroughness of proposal; 2) possession of the knowledge, experience, and skills required to provide the requested services; 3) experience of staff to be assigned to the project, based on prior engagements of similar scope and complexity; 4) competitive rates for the requested services; 5) ability to perform the work within the time specified and demonstrated strong project management abilities; and 6) customer references. The responses were evaluated by a review group consisting of staff from the City of Ukiah, Port of Oakland, and NCPA. Based on the evaluation process, five vendors were selected to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services.

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 the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary.

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

The recommendation will be reviewed and discussed in the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee on February 24, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

RANDY S. HOWARD
General Manager

Attachments:

- Resolution 21-13
- Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with iParametrics LLC

RESOLUTION 21-13

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A MULTI-TASK CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH IPARAMETRICS LLC

(Reference Staff Report #116:21)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission Decision 19-01-018, California publicly-owned electric utilities are required to develop and implement a Utility Physical Security Plan that identifies electric distribution assets that require greater protection and specifies measures to reduce the identified risk and threats to those facilities; and

WHEREAS, to assist in compliance with these requirements, NCPA issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") seeking consultants that are qualified to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, NCPA created a review group for the Physical Security RFP consisting of NCPA staff and staff from NCPA Member entities. This review group evaluated and scored timely proposals submitted to the Physical Security RFP; and

WHEREAS, a total of seven responses were received and evaluated based on: 1) the quality and thoroughness of proposal; 2) knowledge, experience, and skills required to provide the requested services; 3) experience of staff to be assigned to the project, based on prior engagements of similar scope and complexity; 4) competitive rates for the requested services; 5) demonstration of strong project management abilities; and 6) customer references; and

WHEREAS, iParametrics LLC was one of five consultants selected to provide Services based upon its experience and response to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, NCPA is willing and able to (i) retain iParametrics LLC to provide the Services under a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement ("Agreement") and (ii) bill all expenses and costs for related Services to the entity receiving the Services; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement with iParametrics LLC for up to \$500,000 over a two-year period may include services that are provided directly to NCPA, NCPA Members, the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), or 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 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 authorize the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with iParametrics LLC for Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by

the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 combined over two years for use by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, or SCPPA Members.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2021 by the following vote on roll call:

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

DAVID HAGLE
CHAIR

ATTEST: _____
CARY A. PADGETT
ASSISTANT SECRETARY



MULTI-TASK CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY AND IPARAMETRICS LLC

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 iParameters LLC, a limited liability company, with its office located at 178 South Main Street, Suite 100, Alpharetta, GA 30009 ("Consultant") (together sometimes referred to as the "Parties") as of _____, 2021 ("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 two (2) 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

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 \$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. 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.
- 5.3 Limitation of Liability.** The total aggregate liability of Consultant for each Purchase Order will be limited to the insurance limits described in Section 4 of this Agreement.

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 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 Jane Cirrincione, Assistant General Manager, or 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:

Paul Pelletier
Principal
iParametrics LLC
178 South Main Street, Suite 100
Alpharetta, Georgia 30009

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 SCPA 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

IPARAMETRICS LLC

Date _____

Date _____

RANDY S. HOWARD
GENERAL MANAGER

PAUL PELLETIER
PRINCIPAL

Attest:

Assistant Secretary of the Commission

Approved as to Form:

Jane E. Luckhardt, General Counsel

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

iParametrics LLC ("Consultant") shall provide the following services, as requested by the Northern California Power Agency ("Agency") at any facilities owned and/or operated by Agency, its Members, Southern California Public Power Authority ("SCPPA"), or SCPPA Members.

Task I: Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory Services

On an as-needed basis and upon request by the Agency, Consultant shall provide technical advisory services to NCPA and/or its Member(s) to support the development of physical security plans that are consistent with the requirements of CPUC Decision 19-01-018. Such technical advisory services may include the development of a physical security plan in its entirety, based on information provided by NCPA/Member, as applicable.

Within 10 business days of receiving an approved request from Agency to perform technical advisory services for NCPA/Member, Consultant shall meet with NCPA/Member to determine the mutually agreeable scope and timeframe for its deliverables.

Task II: Utility Physical Security Plan Independent Evaluation Services

On an as-needed basis and upon request by the Agency, the selected contractor shall complete an independent evaluation of an NCPA or Member Physical Security Plan pursuant to the requirements of D. 19-01-018:

In performing Task II, Consultant shall review and assess the comprehensiveness of NCPA/Member's Physical Security Plan, and may need to present its findings to governing bodies geographically located across California. The anticipated key timelines and deliverables associated with this task are as follows:

- i. Within 10 days of receiving a request from Agency, Consultant shall meet with NCPA/Member to determine a mutually agreeable scope and format for its review of NCPA/Member's Physical Security Plan. At this time, Consultant and NCPA/Member may wish to modify timelines such that deliverables are received on a mutually agreeable schedule that may vary from that identified below.
- ii. Within 45 days of receiving an approved request from Agency, Consultant shall provide NCPA/Member with a draft report including the Consultant's analysis and finding of whether or not NCPA/Member's plan is consistent with the requirements of CPUC D. 19-01-018. If the plan is not found to be consistent with all requirements, the report shall explicitly identify any deficiencies in the plan, as well as recommendations for actions NCPA/Member could undertake to address such deficiencies.

- iii. To the extent NCPA/Member chooses to modify its Physical Security Plan to reflect the findings of Consultant, Consultant shall be available to review NCPA/Member-proposed changes and adjust its findings accordingly.
- iv. Within 15 days of receiving a modified Physical Security Plan from NCPA/Member, Consultant shall provide NCPA/Member with a final report and finding.

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND HOURLY FEES

Compensation for all tasks, including hourly fees and expenses, shall not exceed \$500,000.00. The hourly rates and or compensation break down and an estimated amount of expenses is as follows:

Eddie Wise, Project Manager/Lead Planner, \$185/hour
Steve Thibodeaux, Senior Security Planner, \$155/hour
Lynn Thilmany, Senior Security Planner, \$155/hour

Specific 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

(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

February 5, 2021

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: February 25, 2021

SUBJECT: TRC Solutions, Inc. - Two Year Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement for Utility Physical Security Plan Evaluation Services; Applicable to the following: Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), NCPA Members, the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members.

AGENDA CATEGORY: Consent

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution 21-14 authorizing the General Manager or his designee to execute a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with TRC Solutions, Inc.(TRC) for Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 over two years for NCPA, NCPA Members, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA Members.

Delegation of Authority to NCPA General Manager or his designee to administer this contract to provide these services to eligible entities under the NCPA Support Services Agreement and the SCPPA Joint Services Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

On January 10, 2019, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved Decision 19-01-018 requiring all electric utilities to develop and implement a plan ("Utility Physical Security Plan") that (1) identifies electric distribution assets that require greater protection; and (2) specifies measures to reduce the identified risks and threats to those facilities. The Utility Physical Security Plan requirements are modeled on the security plan requirements set forth by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protocol (CIP)-014. The overarching goal of the Utility Physical Security Plan is to describe the utility's risk management approach toward distribution system physical security, with appropriate consideration of resiliency, impact, and cost.

Pursuant to D.19-01-018, publicly owned utilities (POUs) must complete the identification and plan development process and provide the CPUC with notice that the POU's governing board has adopted the plan by July 10, 2021. In support of these requirements, NCPA issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) LR2002 ("Physical Security RFP") on December 15, 2020, to solicit proposals from qualified consultants to provide services that would: (1) provide technical advisory support for the development of NCPA and/or Members' Physical Security Plans; and (2) independently evaluate NCPA and/or Members' Physical Security Plans.

NCPA created a review group for the Physical Security RFP consisting of NCPA staff and staff from NCPA Member entities. This review group evaluated and scored timely proposals submitted to the Physical Security RFP. Seven vendors responded to the RFP by the deadline of January 15, 2021. Based on the scoring review group's evaluation, five of the vendors were selected to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These agreements do not commit NCPA to any new expenditure of funds. The total contractual not-to-exceed cost of the agreement is \$500,000 over two years to enable NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, and SCPPA Members to utilize these services. Work completed by this

consultant under this agreement will be processed and billed to the individual utility system as a pass-through charge in accordance with NCPA's Shared Services Agreement. Should NCPA itself utilize services under these contracts, the cost will be covered by previously-approved funds in NCPA's existing budget.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A formal bidding process was conducted in accordance with NCPA's procurement policies and procedures. An RFP was posted on NCPA's website from December 15, 2020 through January 15, 2021. A total of seven responses were received and evaluated based on: 1) the quality and thoroughness of proposal; 2) possession of the knowledge, experience, and skills required to provide the requested services; 3) experience of staff to be assigned to the project, based on prior engagements of similar scope and complexity; 4) competitive rates for the requested services; 5) ability to perform the work within the time specified and demonstrated strong project management abilities; and 6) customer references. The responses were evaluated by a review group consisting of staff from the City of Ukiah, Port of Oakland, and NCPA. Based on the evaluation process, five vendors were selected to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services.

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 the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary.

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

The recommendation will be reviewed and discussed in the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee on February 24, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

RANDY S. HOWARD
General Manager

Attachments:

- Resolution 21-14
- Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with TRC Solutions, Inc.

RESOLUTION 21-14

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A MULTI-TASK CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRC SOLUTIONS, INC.

(Reference Staff Report #117:21)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission Decision 19-01-018, California publicly-owned electric utilities are required to develop and implement a Utility Physical Security Plan that identifies electric distribution assets that require greater protection and specifies measures to reduce the identified risk and threats to those facilities; and

WHEREAS, to assist in compliance with these requirements, NCPA issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") seeking consultants that are qualified to provide Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, NCPA created a review group for the Physical Security RFP consisting of NCPA staff and staff from NCPA Member entities. This review group evaluated and scored timely proposals submitted to the Physical Security RFP; and

WHEREAS, a total of seven responses were received and evaluated based on: 1) the quality and thoroughness of proposal; 2) knowledge, experience, and skills required to provide the requested services; 3) experience of staff to be assigned to the project, based on prior engagements of similar scope and complexity; 4) competitive rates for the requested services; 5) demonstration of strong project management abilities; and 6) customer references; and

WHEREAS, TRC Solutions, Inc. was one of five consultants selected to provide Services based upon its experience and response to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, NCPA is willing and able to (i) retain TRC Solutions, Inc. to provide the Services under a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement ("Agreement") and (ii) bill all expenses and costs for related Services to the entity receiving the Services; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement with TRC Solutions, Inc. for up to \$500,000 over a two-year period may include services that are provided directly to NCPA, NCPA Members, the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), or 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 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 authorize the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task Consulting Services Agreement with TRC Solutions, Inc. for Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory and/or Independent Evaluation Services, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by

the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed \$500,000 combined over two years for use by NCPA, NCPA Members, SCPPA, or SCPPA Members.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2021 by the following vote on roll call:

| | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Abstained</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Alameda | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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DAVID HAGLE
CHAIR

ATTEST: _____
CARY A. PADGETT
ASSISTANT SECRETARY



MULTI-TASK CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY AND TRC SOLUTIONS, 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 TRC Solutions, Inc., a corporation with its office located at 6030 West Oaks Boulevard, Suite 180, Rocklin CA 95765 ("Consultant") (together sometimes referred to as the "Parties") as of _____, 2021 ("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 two (2) 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

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 \$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. 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.
- 5.3 Limitation of Liability.** The total aggregate liability of Consultant for each Purchase Order will be limited to the insurance limits described in Section 4 of this Agreement.

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 upon Consultant's receipt of payment in full therefore 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 Jane Cirrincione, Assistant General Manager, or 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:

Lawrence Fitzgerald
Director of Security & Emergency Management
TRC
14 Gabriel Drive
Augusta, ME 04330

Casey Bisard
VP Distribution Engineering
TRC
6030 W. Oaks Blvd, Suite 160
Rocklin, CA 95675

Dharme Rathnayke
Director of Engineering
TRC
One Concord Center
300 Clayton Road, Suite 610
Concord, CA 94520

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

TRC SOLUTIONS, INC.

Date_____

Date_____

RANDY S. HOWARD
GENERAL MANAGER

PAUL ARNOLD
VICE PRESIDENT

Attest:

Assistant Secretary of the Commission

Approved as to Form:

Jane E. Luckhardt, General Counsel

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

TRC Solutions, Inc. ("Consultant") shall provide the following services, as requested by the Northern California Power Agency ("Agency") at any facilities owned and/or operated by Agency, its Members, Southern California Public Power Authority ("SCPPA"), or SCPPA Members.

Task I: Utility Physical Security Plan Technical Advisory Services

On an as-needed basis and upon request by the Agency, Consultant shall provide technical advisory services to NCPA and/or its Member(s) to support the development of physical security plans that are consistent with the requirements of CPUC Decision 19-01-018. Such technical advisory services may include the development of a physical security plan in its entirety, based on information provided by NCPA/Member, as applicable.

Within 10 business days of receiving an approved request from Agency to perform technical advisory services for NCPA/Member, Consultant shall meet with NCPA/Member to determine the mutually agreeable scope and timeframe for its deliverables.

Task II: Utility Physical Security Plan Independent Evaluation Services

On an as-needed basis and upon request by the Agency, the selected contractor shall complete an independent evaluation of an NCPA or Member Physical Security Plan pursuant to the requirements of D. 19-01-018:

In performing Task II, Consultant shall review and assess the comprehensiveness of NCPA/Member's Physical Security Plan, and may need to present its findings to governing bodies geographically located across California. The anticipated key timelines and deliverables associated with this task are as follows:

- i. Within 10 days of receiving a request from Agency, Consultant shall meet with NCPA/Member to determine a mutually agreeable scope and format for its review of NCPA/Member's Physical Security Plan. At this time, Consultant and NCPA/Member may wish to modify timelines such that deliverables are received on a mutually agreeable schedule that may vary from that identified below.
- ii. Within 45 days of receiving an approved request from Agency, Consultant shall provide NCPA/Member with a draft report including the Consultant's analysis and finding of whether or not NCPA/Member's plan is consistent with the requirements of CPUC D. 19-01-018. If the plan is not found to be consistent with all requirements, the report shall explicitly identify any deficiencies in the plan, as well as recommendations for actions NCPA/Member could undertake to address such deficiencies.

- iii. To the extent NCPA/Member chooses to modify its Physical Security Plan to reflect the findings of Consultant, Consultant shall be available to review NCPA/Member-proposed changes and adjust its findings accordingly.
- iv. Within 15 days of receiving a modified Physical Security Plan from NCPA/Member, Consultant shall provide NCPA/Member with a final report and finding.

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND HOURLY FEES

Compensation for all tasks, including hourly fees and expenses, shall not exceed \$500,000. The hourly rates and or compensation break down and an estimated amount of expenses is as follows:

| Role/Category | Hourly Rate |
|--|-------------|
| GIS Specialist, Drafter | \$95 |
| Designer (Distribution/Substation | \$105 |
| Security Planner | \$105 |
| Project Coordinator | \$115 |
| Lead Designer (Distribution) | \$115 |
| Distribution Engineer, Gas Engineer | \$120 |
| Security Assessor | \$135 |
| Senior Distribution Engineer | \$140 |
| Senior Emergency Planner | \$145 |
| Security Designer | \$155 |
| Principal Distribution System Engineer | \$175 |
| Senior Power Systems Engineer, Senior Engineer | \$175 |
| Project Manager | \$185 |
| Senior Security Consultant, Senior Security Designer | \$185 |
| Principal Power Systems Engineer, Principal Communications Engineer, Principal Substation Engineer | \$198 |
| Quality Assurance SME | \$198 |
| Regional Manager | \$210 |
| Principal | \$210 |

The above rates are inclusive of salary, fringe benefits, overhead, and profit. These rates do not include Other Direction Costs (such as travel or equipment), and they do not include state or local sales taxes. TRC invoices clients monthly on either an hourly basis (plus expenses) or percent complete for lump sum assignments.

The above rates are valid until March 1, 2022. For work that extends beyond that period, TRC reserves the right to increase rates by up to 2% per year.

Specific 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

(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.