

A) New Agreement <u>300-14-002</u> (To be completed by CGL Office)

B) Division		-	Agreement Ma	anager:	MS-	Phone
ERDD			Reta Ortiz		43	327-1494
C) Contractor's	Legal Name				Federal I	ID Number
Aspen Environr	nental Group				95-43379	914
D) Title of Proje	ect					
Technical Assis	stance for the EPIC Proc	gram				
E) Term and	Start Date		End Date		mount	
Amount	6/30/2015		3/30/2021	\$	3,000,000	
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H) List all subcontractors (major and minor) and equipment vendors: (attach additional sheets as necessary)					
Legal Company Name:	Budget	SB	MB	DVBE	
Granite Financial Solutions, Inc.	\$0	\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
Redhorse Corporation	\$ 0	\boxtimes	\boxtimes	\boxtimes	
Bevilacqua-Knight, Inc.	\$ O				
Bridgestone Associates Ltd.	\$ O				
Collaborative Economics	\$ O				
Davis Energy Group, Inc.	\$ O	\boxtimes			
Desert Research Institute	\$ O				
DNV GL	\$ O				
EAPC Wind Energy Services, LLC	\$ O				
Advanced Cooling solutions	\$ O				
Carlos T Verdin	\$ O				
Enterprise Futures	\$ O				
Geothermal Energy Solutions	\$ O	\boxtimes	\boxtimes		
Grace Design	\$ O				
Greenhouse Marketing & Design, Inc.	\$ O				
Integrity Global Management	\$ O				
J. Henneforth & Associates	\$ O				
LED Lighting Advisors	\$ O				
Lutzenhiser Associates	\$ O				
Melonhead Studio LLC.	\$ O				
NorCal Valuation, Inc.	\$ O	\boxtimes	\boxtimes		
Power Innovation Consultants, LLC.	\$ O	\boxtimes	\boxtimes		
Risk Science Associates	\$ O				
Riverside Energy Efficiency at Texas A&M	\$ O				
Sencer Appraisal Associates, LLC.	\$ O				
Navigant	\$ O				
Life Cycle Associates	\$ O				
Glumac	\$ O				
GEI Consultants, Inc.	\$ O				
Essergy	\$ O				

I) List all key partners: (attach additional sheets as necessary) Legal Company Name:

J) Budget Information

b) Badget information				
Funding Source	9	Funding Year of Appropriation	Budget List No.	Amount
EPIC		13-14	300.001A	\$995,001
EPIC		14-15	300.001B	\$1,000,000
EPIC		15-16	300.001C	\$504,999
EPIC		16-17	300.001D	\$500,000
R&D Program Area:	ESRO: PSU		TOTAL:	\$ 3,000,000
Explanation for "Other" se	election			
Reimbursement Contract #: Federal Agreement #:				

к) Contractor's Administrator/ Officer			Contractor's Project Manager						
Name:		Elise Camacho		Name:		Hamid Rastegar			
Address:		5020 CHESE	EBRO RD S	TE 200	Address:		5020 CHESE	EBRO RD S	STE 200
City, State	State, Zip: AGOURA HILLS, CA 91301-2285		City, State	, Zip:	AGOURA HI	LLS, CA 91	301-2285		
Phone:	/		Fax:		Phone:	818-	597-3407 /	Fax:	
E-Mail:	ecan	nacho@aspe	neg.com		E-Mail:	hras	tegar@aspen	eg.com	

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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION



L) Selection Presson Llood (5	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
L) Selection Process Used (For amendments, address amendment exemption or NCB, do not identify solicitation ty Solicitation RFP Solicitation #: RFP-14-311 # of Bids: 1 Low	/ Bid? No Yes				
Non Competitive Bid (Attach CEC 96)					
Exempt Select Exemption (see instructions)					
M) Contractor Entity Type					
Private Company (including non-profits)					
CA State Agency (including UC and CSU)					
Government Entity (i.e. city, county, federal government, air/water/school district, joint power authorities	, university from another state)				
N) Is Contractor a certified Small Business (SB), Micro Business (MB) or DVBE?					
0) Civil Service Considerations					
Not Applicable (Agreement is with a CA State Entity or a membership/co-sponsorship)					
Public Resources Code 25620, et seq., authorizes the Commission to contract for the s	subject work. (PIER)				
The Services Contracted:					
are not available within civil service cannot be performed satisfactorily by civil service employees					
are of such a highly specialized or technical nature that the expert knowledge, expe	rtice, and ability are not				
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\square The Services are of such an:					
temporary, or					
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that the delay to implement under civil service would frustrate their very purpose.					
Justification:					
This work will consist of a series of short separate assignments on a "as needed" basis.					
P) Payment Method					
A. Reimbursement in arrears based on:					
□ □ Itemized Quarterly □ Flat Rate	One-time				
B. Advanced Payment					
C. Other, explain:					
Q) Retention					
1. Is Agreement subject to retention?	🗌 No 🛛 🖾 Yes				
If Yes, Will retention be released prior to Agreement termination?	🗌 No 🛛 Yes				
R) Justification of Rates					
The rates are appropriate for the services to be supplied as compared to the Energy Comr	nission's other technical				
support contracts.					
s) Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program (DVBE)					
1. Exempt (Interagency/Other Government Entity)					
	BE %: 3				
Contractor is Certified DVBE					
Contractor is Subcontracting with a DVBE: Granite Financial Solutions, Inc. a	nd Redorse Corporation				
3. Contractor selected through CMAS or MSA with no DVBE participation.					
4. Requesting DVBE Exemption (attach CEC 95)					

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T) Miscellaneous Contract Information		
1. Will there be Work Authorizations?	1 🗌	No 🛛 Yes
2. Is the Contractor providing confidential information?		No 🗌 Yes
3. Is the Contractor going to purchase equipment?		No 🗌 Yes
4. Check frequency of progress reports		
Monthly Quarterly		
5. Will a final report be required?	1	No 🛛 Yes
6. Is the agreement, with amendments, longer than a year? If yes, why?	1 🗌	No 🛛 🖾 Yes
The Department of General Services has agreed to execute this multi-year contract. Er attached.	nail with ap	pproval is
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 Exhibit A, Scope of Work Exhibit B, Budget Detail CEC 96, NCB Request CEC 30, Survey of Prior Work 	□ N/A ⊠ N/A ⊠ N/A	Attached Attached Attached
 Exhibit A, Scope of Work Exhibit B, Budget Detail CEC 96, NCB Request CEC 30, Survey of Prior Work CEC 95, DVBE Exemption Request 	□ N/A □ N/A □ N/A □ N/A	Attached Attached Attached Attached Attached
 Exhibit B, Budget Detail CEC 96, NCB Request CEC 30, Survey of Prior Work CEC 95, DVBE Exemption Request CEQA Documentation 	 N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A 	Attached Attached Attached Attached Attached Attached
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Agreement Manager

Date Office Manager

Date

Deputy Director

Date

TASK ACRONYM/TERM LISTS

A. Task List

Task #	Task Name
1	Agreement Management
2	Proposal Reviews
3	Cross-Cutting Program Support

B. Acronym/Term List

Specific acronyms and terms used throughout this SOW are defined as follows:

Acronym	Definition	
CAM	Commission Agreement Manager	
CAO	Commission Agreement Officer	
CPR	Critical Project Review	
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission	
DGS	Department of General Services	
DVBE	Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises	
Energy Commission	California Energy Commission	
EPIC	Electric Program Investment Charge	
ERDD	Energy Research and Development Division	
IOU	Investor-Owned Utility	
PM	Project Manager	
Proposal	Formal written response to this document from contractor	
RFP	Request for Proposal	
SOW	Scope of Work	
State	State of California	
TBD	To Be Determined	
WA	Work Authorization	

PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT, BACKGROUND, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A. Purpose of Agreement

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide technical support services for the Energy Commission's Energy Research and Development Division's (ERDD) Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program.

B. Background

For purposes of this Agreement, the Contractor will perform the tasks as specified in the Scope of Work (SOW) and Schedule of Deliverables and Due Dates of this Agreement under the direction of the CAM.

The CAM oversees the management and administration of this Agreement as specified under Task 1 in this SOW. This Agreement includes defined technical support projects under Task 2 in this SOW, in which the project scope will be essentially the same for each work request; however, any work under this task will not be undertaken by the Contractor unless given prior written authorization by the CAM. In addition, this Agreement includes other technical support projects under Task 3 in this SOW, in which the project scope will vary for each work request; therefore, any work under this task shall not be undertaken by the Contractor unless authorized by the CAM through a written document called a "Work Authorization" (WA) that specifies the project tasks, deliverables, schedule, and costs. WAs must be signed by both the CAM and Contractor before any work can begin.

The Energy Commission Project Manager (PM) works with the Contractor, in consultation with the CAM, to manage defined technical projects under Task 2 and other technical support WA projects under Task 3.

All work performed by the Contractor under Tasks 2 and 3 will be requested and authorized by the CAM on an as-needed basis. Therefore, work will depend on the demand for service. As demand is uncertain, there will be no guarantee of work for the Contractor or any subcontractor.

C. Goals and Objectives of Agreement

Agreement Goals

The primary goal of this Agreement is to provide assistance with technical reviews and cost evaluations of project proposals submitted to the Energy Commission for EPIC Program solicitations (grants and contracts). A secondary goal is to provide technical assistance with a variety of activities in support of the Energy Commission's EPIC Program.

Agreement Objectives

The objective of this Agreement is to provide expertise in the evaluation of EPIC technical projects, development, design and review of a variety of EPIC Program and project activities, as well as general project management to administer this Agreement. Expertise is needed in the following areas:

- Agreement Management
- Buildings End-Use Energy Efficiency
- Industrial, Agriculture and Water End-Use Energy Efficiency
- Renewable Energy Technologies
- Energy-Related Advanced Generation
- Energy-Related Environmental Research
- Energy Technology Systems Integration
- Energy-Related Transportation
- Market Facilitation
- Cross-Cutting Program Support

<u>Selection of Contractor and Subcontractor Personnel for Task 2 - Proposal Reviews and</u> <u>Task 3 - Cross-Cutting Program Support</u>

The Energy Commission reserves the right to select Contractor and subcontractor personnel for work based upon expertise and/or suitability for a particular task based on the following criteria:

- Depth and breadth of the personnel's education, expertise, experience, knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the work.
- Availability of personnel.
- Available budget.
- Upon Energy Commission's request, the Contractor shall submit to the CAM a current resume for each proposed contractor or subcontractor personnel, a cover letter briefly describing their qualifications relevant to a particular work request and a budget.
- When requested by the CAM, contractor and subcontractor personnel must respond by email to the Contractor, to confirm that they have the qualifications and availability to perform the work or that they decline the work requested.
- Work assigned under each task will be completed with only the personnel chosen to perform the work, as approved in writing by the CAM.

ADMINISTRATIVE TASK

TASK 1 AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT

The goal of this task is for oversight, management, and administrative duties performed by the Contractor under this Agreement. The specific tasks, duties, and responsibilities are specified in the SOW of this Agreement. The Contractor shall manage all administrative tasks and technical tasks specified in the SOW of this Agreement under the direction of the CAM. All work for individual technical projects and WA projects performed by the Contractor team shall be directed by and coordinated with the CAM or Project Manager as designated by the CAM. All work under this Agreement shall not be undertaken by the Contractor unless authorized by the CAM through written approval or through a written WA signed by both the CAM and Contractor.

Authorized expenses for agreement management must be directly related to completing Task 1 activities in this Agreement, such as:

- Agreement administration.
- Travel for meetings or other events as needed under Task 1. All travel requires prior written approval by the CAM.
- Postage fees for mailing hardcopy invoices, deliverables, and other documents as needed under Task 1.
- Other Equipment, Materials and Miscellaneous costs as needed under Task 1. These require prior written approval by the CAM.

The budget for Task 1 - Agreement Management activities cannot exceed 10 percent of the total funds encumbered to the Agreement. The amount of program administration funds and its associated administrative agreement management budget is subject to change depending on the program needs and the authority to spend those funds. The CAM will notify the Contractor of these changes if they are needed.

WAs for Task 1 are not required. Task 1 Agreement Management term end date shall be the same as the Agreement term end date.

DELIVERABLES

Subtask 1.1 Deliverables

The goal of this subtask is to establish the requirements for submitting deliverables (e.g., reports, summaries, plans, and presentation materials). Unless otherwise specified by the CAM, the Contractor must submit deliverables as required below by the dates listed in the **Agreement Schedule.** Deliverables that require a draft version are indicated by marking "(draft and final)" after the deliverable name in the "Deliverables" section of the task/subtask. If "(draft and final)" does not appear after the deliverable name, only a final version of the deliverable is required. With respect to due dates within this SOW, "days" means working days.

The Contractor shall:

For deliverables that require a draft version

- Submit all draft deliverables to the CAM for review and comment in accordance with the Project Schedule (Part V). The CAM will provide written comments to the Contractor on the draft deliverable within 15 days of receipt, unless otherwise specified in the task/subtask for which the deliverable is required.
- Submit the final deliverable to the CAM once agreement has been reached on the draft. The CAM will provide written approval of the final deliverable within 15 days of receipt, unless otherwise specified in the task/subtask for which the deliverable is required.
- If the CAM as specified by the work assignment determines that the final deliverable does not sufficiently incorporate his/her comments, submit the revised deliverable to the CAM or PM within 10 days of notice by the CAM, unless the CAM specifies a longer time period.

For deliverables that require a final version only

- Submit the deliverable to the CAM for approval.
- If the CAM determines that the deliverable requires revision, submit the revised deliverable to the CAM within 10 days of notice by the CAM, unless the CAM specifies a longer time period.

For all deliverables

Report Format

When creating reports, the Contractor shall use and follow, unless otherwise instructed in writing by the CAM, the latest version of the following reports published on the Energy Commission's web site:

- Consultant Reports Style Manual: <u>http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/consultant_reports/index.html</u>
- Energy Commission's Style Manual: http://energynet/Exec/doc_production/commission_reports/index.html

• Each final deliverable shall be delivered as one original, reproducible, 8 ¹/₂" by 11", camera-ready master in black ink. Illustrations and graphs shall be sized to fit an 8 ¹/₂" by 11" page and readable if printed in black and white.

Electronic File Format

The Contractor shall submit all data and documents required as deliverables in accordance with the following <u>Instructions for Submitting Electronic Files and Developing Software</u>:

• Electronic File Format

Submit all data and documents required as deliverables under this Agreement in an electronic file format that is fully editable and compatible with the Energy Commission's software and Microsoft (MS)-operating computing platforms, or with any other format approved by the CAM. Deliver an electronic copy of the full text of any Agreement data and documents in a format specified by the CAM, such as memory stick or CD-ROM.

The following describes the accepted formats for electronic data and documents provided to the Energy Commission as deliverables under this Agreement, and establishes the software versions that will be required to review and approve all software deliverables:

- Data sets will be in MS Access or MS Excel file format (version 2007 or later), or any other format approved by the CAM.
- Text documents will be in MS Word file format, version 2007 or later.
- Documents intended for public distribution will be in PDF file format. The Contractor must also provide the native Microsoft file format.
- Project management documents will be in Microsoft Project file format, version 2007 or later.

• Software Application Development

Use the following standard Application Architecture components in compatible versions for any software application development required by this Agreement (e.g., databases, models, modeling tools), unless the CAM approves other software applications such as open source programs:

- Microsoft ASP.NET framework (version 3.5 and up). Recommend 4.0.
- Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS), (version 6 and up). Recommend 7.5.
- Visual Studio.NET (version 2008 and up). Recommend 2010.
- C# Programming Language with Presentation (UI), Business Object and Data Layers.
- SQL (Structured Query Language).
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008, Stored Procedures. Recommend 2008 R2.
- Microsoft SQL Reporting Services. Recommend 2008 R2.
- XML (external interfaces).

Any exceptions to the Electronic File Format requirements above must be approved in writing by the CAM. The CAM will consult with the Energy Commission's Information Technology Services Branch to determine whether the exceptions are allowable.

MEETINGS

Subtask 1.2 Kick-off Meeting

The goal of this subtask is to establish the lines of communication and procedures for implementing this Agreement.

The Contractor shall:

Attend a "Kick-off" meeting with the CAM, the Commission Agreement Officer (CAO), a representative of the Accounting Office, and any other Energy Commission staff relevant to the Agreement. The Contractor will bring its Project Manager, Contract Administrator, Accounting Officer, and any other individuals designated by the CAM to this meeting. The administrative and technical aspects of the Agreement will be discussed at the meeting. Prior to the meeting, the CAM will provide an agenda to all potential meeting participants. The meeting may take place in person and will be held in Sacramento, California at a specific location designated by the CAM, or by electronic conferencing (e.g., WebEx), with approval of the CAM.

The administrative portion of the meeting will include discussion of the following:

- Terms and conditions of the Agreement;
- An updated Agreement Schedule;
- The CAM's expectations for accomplishing administrative tasks described in the SOW;
- Administrative deliverables (subtask 1.1);
- Critical project review meetings and briefings (subtask 1.3);
- Progress reports and invoices (subtask 1.5);
- Subcontracts (subtask 1.9);
- Final Report (subtask 1.6);
- Permit Documentation (subtask 1.7)
- Work Authorization template (subtask 1.8); and
- Any other relevant topics.

The technical portion of the meeting will include discussion of the following:

- The CAM's expectations for accomplishing technical tasks described in the SOW;
- Technical deliverables (subtask 1.1);
- Technical Progress reports and invoices (subtask 1.5);
- Technical Final Report (subtask 1.6); and
- Any other relevant topics.
- Provide an *Updated Agreement Schedule* and any applicable *List of Permits*, as needed to reflect any changes in the documents.

The CAM shall:

• Designate the date, time, and location of the meeting.

• Send the Contractor a Kick-off Meeting Agenda.

Contractor Deliverable:

• Updated Agreement Schedule and Deliverables (*if applicable*)

CAM Deliverable:

• Kick-off Meeting Agenda

Subtask 1.3 - Critical Project Review (CPR) Meetings and Briefings

The goal of this subtask is to provide the opportunity for discussions between the Energy Commission and the Contractor on the status of the Agreement.

The purpose of a CPR meeting is to determine if the Agreement, or any work under any individual WA, should continue to receive Energy Commission funding, and if so whether any modifications must be made to the tasks, deliverables, schedule, or budget. CPR meetings provide the opportunity for frank discussions between the Energy Commission and the Contractor. As determined by the CAM, discussions may include project status, issue(s) encountered, options to resolve the issue(s), successes, recommendations, and final report preparation. Participants will include the CAM and the Contractor, and may include the CAO and any other individuals selected by the CAM to provide support to the Energy Commission.

CPR meetings take place as determined by the CAM. The budget may be reallocated to cover the additional costs borne by the Contractor, but the overall Agreement amount will not increase. CPR meetings generally take place at the Energy Commission, but they may take place at another location, or may be conducted via electronic conferencing (e.g., WebEx) or teleconference as determined by the CAM.

The purpose of briefings is to schedule briefings to update Energy Commission staff on the status of the Agreement or any WA, discuss any issue(s) and options to resolve the issue(s), or discuss potential future work the Energy Commission may be interested in.

Briefings may take place as determined by the CAM. Briefings take place at the Energy Commission, but they may take place at another location, or may be conducted via electronic conferencing (e.g., WebEx), teleconference, telephone, e-mail, or in-person as determined by the CAM.

The Contractor shall:

- Prepare a *CPR Report* for each CPR meeting that: (1) discusses the progress of the Agreement toward achieving its goals and objectives; and (2) includes recommendations and conclusions regarding continued work on the project.
- Submit the CPR Report along with any other *Task Deliverables* that correspond to the task for which the CPR meeting is required (i.e., if a CPR meeting is required for Task 2, submit the Task 2 deliverables along with the CPR Report).
- Attend CPR meetings.
- Present the CPR Report and any other required information at each CPR meeting.
- Attend or participate in other Agreement support or WA-related meetings or discussions in-person or via WebEx or conference call, as requested by the CAM.

- Respond to e-mails or other communication requests regarding project management status and issues, as requested by the CAM.
- Prepare *Briefing Notes* as requested by the CAM that summarize the meetings and provide agreed upon next steps.

The CAM shall:

- Determine the location, date, and time of each CPR meeting with the Contractor's input.
- Send the Contractor a *CPR Agenda* and a *List of Expected CPR Participants* in advance of the CPR meeting.
- Conduct and make a record of each CPR meeting. Provide the Contractor with a *Schedule for Providing a Progress Determination* on continuation of the project.
- Determine whether to recommend continuation of the project, and if so whether modifications are needed to the tasks, schedule, deliverables, or budget for the remainder of the Agreement. If the CAM concludes that satisfactory progress is not being made, this conclusion will be referred to the Deputy Director of the Energy Research and Development Division to make a determination on whether or not to continue with the project.
- Provide the Contractor with a *Progress Determination* on continuation of the project, in accordance with the schedule. The *Progress Determination* may include a requirement that the Contractor revise one or more deliverable.
- Notify the Contractor to stop or suspend work on all or any part of the work tasks in this Agreement or on any WA if deemed necessary. The CAO, in consultation with the CAM, shall provide a written *Stop Work Order* to the Contractor of the date work is stopped or suspended. The Contractor shall resume the work only upon receipt of written instructions from the CAO.
- Notify the Contractor to terminate this Agreement, including any WA without cause with thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor. The CAO, in consultation with the CAM, shall provide a written *Termination Notice* notifying the Contractor of the date work is to be terminated.

Contractor Deliverables:

- CPR Report(s)
- Task Deliverable(s) (draft and/or final as specified in the task)
- Briefing Notes

CAM Deliverables:

- CPR Agenda
- List of Expected CPR Participants
- Schedule for Providing a Progress Determination
- Progress Determination
- Stop Work Order (*if applicable*)
- Termination Notice (if applicable)

Subtask 1.4 - Final Meeting

The goal of this subtask is to complete the closeout of this Agreement and review projects.

The Contractor shall:

 Meet with Energy Commission staff to present project findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The final meeting must be completed during the closeout of this Agreement prior to the term end date. This meeting will be attended by the Contractor and CAM, at a minimum. This meeting may take place in person and will be held in Sacramento CA at a specific location designated by the CAM, or by electronic conferencing (e.g., WebEx), with approval of the CAM.

The technical and administrative aspects of Agreement closeout will be discussed at the meeting, which may be divided into two separate meetings at the CAM's discretion.

- The technical portion of the meeting will involve the presentation of findings, conclusions, and recommended next steps (if any) for the Agreement, based on the information included in the Final Report as specified by the CAM. The CAM will determine the appropriate meeting participants.
- The administrative portion of the meeting will involve a discussion with the CAM and the CAO of the following Agreement closeout items *(where applicable)*:
- Disposition of any state-owned equipment.
- Need to file a Uniform Commercial Code Financing Statement (Form UCC-1) regarding the Energy Commission's interest in patented technology.
- The Energy Commission's request for specific "generated" data (not already provided in Agreement deliverables).
- Need to document the Contractor's disclosure of "subject inventions" developed under the Agreement.
- "Surviving" Agreement provisions such as repayment provisions and confidential deliverables.
- Final invoicing and release of retention.
- Prepare a written *Final Meeting Agreement Summary* that documents any agreement made between the Contractor and Commission staff during the meeting, and documents any unresolved activities.
- Prepare a written *Schedule for Completing Agreement Closeout Activities* for this Agreement, based on determinations made within the meeting.
- Provide *All Draft and Final Written Deliverables* on a CD-ROM or USB memory stick, organized by the tasks in the Agreement.

Deliverables:

- Final Meeting Agreement Summary
- Schedule for Completing Agreement Closeout Activities
- CD-ROM or USB memory stick containing ALL draft and final written deliverables provided under this Agreement, organized by task

REPORTS AND INVOICES

Subtask 1.5 Progress Reports and Invoices

The goals of this subtask are to: (1) periodically verify that satisfactory and continued progress is made towards achieving the objectives of this Agreement; and (2) ensure that invoices contain all required information and are submitted in the appropriate format.

The Contractor shall:

- Submit a *Monthly Progress Report* to the CAM. Each progress report must:
 - Summarize all Agreement activities conducted by the Contractor for the preceding month, including an assessment of the ability to complete the Agreement within the current budget and any anticipated cost overruns. See the Progress Report Format Attachment for the recommended specifications or format as specified by the CAM.
 - Provide a synopsis of the project progress, including accomplishments, problems, milestones, deliverables, schedule, fiscal status, and any evidence of progress such as photographs.
 - Each monthly progress report is due within 10 working days after the first of each month. Progress reports will be submitted with each Monthly invoice.
- Submit a *Monthly Invoice* that follows the instructions in the "Payment of Funds" section of the terms and conditions.
 - Monthly invoices include all reimbursable expenses incurred performing work under this Agreement, including any required *Invoice Backup Documentation*, in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
 - The invoice format and content shall be specified by the CAM. In addition, an Account Summary sheet of Agreement activities as specified by the CAM will be attached to the invoice.
 - Each monthly invoice is due within 10 working days after the first of each month. Invoices will be submitted with each *Monthly Progress Report*.
 - o Invoices must be submitted to the Energy Commission's Accounting Office.

Deliverables:

- Monthly Progress Reports
- Monthly Invoices
- Invoice Backup Documentation

Subtask 1.6 Final Report

The goal of this subtask is to prepare a comprehensive Final Report that describes the original purpose, approach, results, and conclusions of the work performed under this Agreement. The CAM will review and approve the Final Report, which will be due at least two months before the Agreement end date. When creating the Final Report Outline and the Final Report, the Contractor must use a Style Manual provided by the CAM or format as specified by the CAM.

The Final Report shall be prepared in language easily understood by the public or layperson with a limited technical background.

The Final Report must be completed before the termination date of the Agreement in accordance with the Schedule of Deliverables.

The Final Report shall be a public document. If the Contractor has obtained confidential status from the Energy Commission and will be preparing both a public and a confidential version of the Final Report, the Contractor shall perform the following subtasks for both the public and confidential versions of the Final Report.

Subtask 1.6.1 Final Report Outline

The Contractor shall:

- Prepare a *Final Report Outline* in accordance with the *Style Manual* provided by the CAM or format as specified by the CAM, such as a summary of all work performed under this Agreement.
- Submit a draft of the outline to the CAM for review and comment.
- Once agreement has been reached on the draft, submit the final outline to the CAM, incorporating CAM comments. The CAM will provide written approval of the final outline within 10 days of receipt.

Contractor Deliverable:

• Final Report Outline (draft and final)

CAM Deliverable:

• Style Manual

Subtask 1.6.2 Final Report

The Contractor shall:

- Prepare a *Final Report* for this Agreement in accordance with the approved Final Report Outline and the Style Manual provided by the CAM or format as specified by the CAM, such as a summary of all work performed under this Agreement.
- Submit a draft of the report to the CAM for review and comment. Once agreement on the draft report has been reached, the CAM will forward the electronic version for Energy Commission internal approval. Once the CAM receives approval, he/she will provide written approval to the Contractor.
- Submit one bound copy of the Final Report, to the CAM, incorporating CAM comments.

Deliverables:

• Final Report (draft and final)

PERMITS AND SUBCONTRACTS

Subtask 1.7 Permits

The goal of this subtask is to obtain all permits required for work completed under this Agreement in advance of the date they are needed to keep the Agreement schedule on track.

Permit costs and the expenses associated with obtaining permits are not reimbursable under this Agreement. Therefore, the budget for this subtask will be zero dollars. Permits must be identified and obtained before the Contractor may incur any costs related to the use of the permit(s) for which the Contractor will request reimbursement.

The Contractor shall:

- Prepare a *Permit Status Letter* that documents the permits required to conduct this Agreement and submit it to the CAM at least 2 working days prior to the kick-off meeting. If no_permits are required at the start of this Agreement, then state this in the letter. If permits will be required during the course of the Agreement, provide in the letter:
 - A list of the permits that identifies: (1) the type of permit; and (2) the name, address, and telephone number of the permitting jurisdictions or lead agencies.
 - The schedule the Contractor will follow in applying for and obtaining the permits.

The list of permits and the schedule for obtaining them will be discussed at the Kick-off meeting (subtask 1.2), and a timetable for submitting the updated list, schedule, and copies of the permits will be developed. The impact on the project if the permits are not obtained in a timely fashion or are denied will also be discussed. If applicable, permits will be included as a line item in progress reports and will be a topic at CPR meetings.

- If during the course of the Agreement additional permits become necessary, then provide the CAM with an *Updated List of Permits* (including the appropriate information on each permit) and an *Updated Schedule for Acquiring Permits*.
- Send the CAM a Copy of Each Approved Permit.
- If during the course of the Agreement permits are not obtained on time or are denied, notify the CAM within 5 days. Either of these events may trigger a CPR meeting.

Deliverables:

- Permit Status Letter *(if applicable)*
- Updated List of Permits (*if applicable*)
- Updated Schedule for Acquiring Permits (*if applicable*)
- Copy of each Approved Permit (*if applicable*)

Subtask 1.8 Subcontracts

The goals of this subtask are to: (1) procure subcontracts required to carry out the tasks under this Agreement; (2) enforce subcontractor Agreement provisions and ensure that the subcontracts are consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and in the event of failure of the subcontractor to satisfactorily perform services, recommend a solution to resolve the problem; (3) ensure subcontractors submit quality deliverables.

The Contractor shall:

- Manage and coordinate subcontractor activities in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.
- The Contractor is responsible for the quality of all subcontractor work and the CAM will assign all work to the Contractor.

- Incorporate this Agreement by reference into each subcontract.
- Include any required Energy Commission flow-down provisions in each subcontract, in addition to a statement that the terms of this Agreement will prevail if they conflict with the subcontract terms.
- If required by the CAM, submit a draft of each *Subcontract* for each subcontractor required to conduct the work under this Agreement.
- If required by the CAM, Submit a final copy of the executed subcontract.
- If the Contractor decides to add new or replace subcontractors, they shall:
 - o Comply with the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement.
 - Notify and receive written approval from the CAM prior to adding any new subcontractors (see the discussion of subcontractor additions in the terms and conditions).

Deliverables:

• Subcontracts (draft and final if required by the CAM)

WORK AUTHORIZATIONS

Subtask 1.9 Work Authorizations

The goal of this subtask is to develop and manage all technical and budgetary aspects of WAs in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement for work to be performed under Task 3.

The Contractor shall:

- Help prepare WAs in accordance with the contract requirements.
 - The WA format and content shall be specified by the CAM.
 - The WA end date should be no later than 60 days prior to the term end date of the Agreement. This allows the Contractor time to complete closeout activities for all WAs and to prepare the Final Report.
 - Submit all required *WA Documents* to the CAM.
- Administer WAs
 - o Establish and maintain contractual agreements with entities performing work.
 - Develop project schedules.
 - Manage subcontractor activities in accordance with the Agreement terms and conditions.
 - Provide oversight and first-level review of reports and documentation, and comment on the content of deliverables.
 - Review and approve all WA invoices.
 - Provide audit and accounting services for all WAs.
 - Immediately report any significant variances affecting performance of WAs and recommend mitigation actions for consideration by the Project Manager and CAM. Examples of significant variances include the inability to submit deliverables by key WA due dates, unavailability of key personnel that will effect timely submittal of deliverables,

and key technical issues that would require change in scope, redirection of the effort, or discontinuation of the project.

- $\circ\,$ Coordinate with the CAM to close out completed WAs and remaining unallocated balances.
- Monitor and track each WA and the Overall Agreement.
 - Provide updated *WA Project Schedules,* as needed, and determine if each WA is on schedule and deliverables are satisfactory.
 - o Determine the fiscal status of each WA and the overall Agreement.
 - Prevent cost overruns.
 - Track the start, progress, and closure of each WA.

Deliverables:

- WA Documents
- Updated WA Project Schedules

TECHNICAL TASKS

TASK 2 PROPOSAL REVIEWS

The goal of this task is to review and evaluate project proposals (for grants, loans, or contracts) submitted for EPIC Program solicitations to verify the technical merit and need, technical approach, impacts and benefits to California Investor-Owned Utility (IOU) ratepayers, team qualifications, technical and financial capabilities and resources, budget and cost effectiveness, loaded versus unloaded rates, and assessment of the company's financial strength and stability. The CAM will provide the Contractor with a Sample Proposal Evaluation Criteria for an example of the criteria to be evaluated for the energy project technical proposal reviews. The Contractor will not assist in the scoring of proposals.

Activities under Task 2 are on an as-needed basis. Assignments for Task 2 do not require a WA, but must be authorized in writing by the CAM before any work can officially begin. Technical Advisors need to be familiar with the applicable EPIC investment plans and laws when reviewing project proposals.

All work performed under Task 2 must be completed and approved by the due dates as specified for each project approved by the CAM. Work assignments under Task 2 must have an end date no later than 60 days prior to the Agreement term end date.

Subtask 2.1 - Prepare Technical Reviews

The goal of this subtask is to provide assistance with technical reviews of project proposals (grants or contracts) on an as-needed basis per the CAMs written request. The Contractor will assist the Energy Commission's Evaluation Committee by providing a written assessment on whether the technical and cost components of a project proposal meet the Proposal Evaluation Criteria relevant to a particular solicitation. The specific degree of effort for each request may vary but there will be no guarantee of work for the Contractor or any subcontractor under this

task. Additionally, work cannot be guaranteed for each request submitted by the CAM if adequate expertise is not available within the necessary time-frame.

The Contractor shall:

- Provide, in response to CAM requests, a draft *Team List of Technical Advisors* with relevant subject-matter expertise for a particular proposal, their current resumes, a cover letter briefly describing their qualifications specific to the proposed work, and estimated work hours needed. The CAM will coordinate with the Contractor to finalize the *Team List of Technical Advisors*.
- Once agreement has been reached on the draft *Team List of Technical Advisors*, submit the final team list to the CAM. The CAM will provide written approval of the final *Team List of Technical Advisors*.
- Prepare and provide written *Technical Reviews of Proposals*. Review proposals and provide written comments or completed forms on the technical and cost components of proposals. Reviews should focus on how well a proposal meets the scope and requirements of the solicitation, and the strengths and weaknesses of a proposal based on the relevant Proposal Evaluation Criteria.
- Respond to Energy Commission questions in regards to proposal reviews.

The CAM shall:

- Provide the Contractor with a written list of Area of Expertise, total number of proposals to be reviewed and expected timeline needed to review proposals for a particular solicitation.
- Review the proposed team of Technical Advisors and coordinate with the Contractor to finalize the team members and estimated work hours, as necessary.
- Provide the Contractor with the solicitation manual, including proposal evaluation criteria, proposals, and any technical review forms to be completed for each proposal review.

Deliverables:

- Team List of Technical Advisors (Draft and Final)
- Technical Reviews of Proposals (including proposal review forms if applicable)

Subtask 2.2 Evaluate Project Financing

The goal of this subtask is to provide support in reviewing financial documents, and prepare a *Risk and Debt Assessment Report* summarizing various companies' financial stability and ability to complete the proposed project and/or meet match fund requirements. To the extent possible, the Energy Commission does not want to receive confidential information under this Agreement; therefore, Contractor shall NOT include any financial data or records in the *Risk and Debt Assessment Report*. However, should the Energy Commission need any of the underlying information that led to statements in the *Reports*, and if any of this information is confidential, the Energy Commission and Contractor will work out an appropriate arrangement. For example, the Energy Commission could send someone to view the information, or Contractor can follow the process in the terms and conditions for submitting confidential information.

The Contractor Shall:

- Review Financial Documents.
- Review tax and cash flow analyses and conduct financial legal review.
- Review risk assessment of the reliability, safety and performance of various companies based on their financial status.
- Create and submit a *Risk and Debt Assessment Report* to include Contractor's assessment of the company's financial health, including a determination of whether or not the company is at risk for bankruptcy. These *Reports* will only contain public information.

Deliverables:

• Risk and Debt Assessment Report

TASK 3 CROSS-CUTTING PROGRAM SUPPORT

The goal of this task is to provide a variety of technical support activities under the EPIC Program.

Activities under this task are on an as-needed basis and the project scope will vary for each work request. Support will be provided through written WAs that define the SOW consisting of goals and objectives, tasks, deliverables, and project schedule; and include a detailed budget. All work under Task 3 shall only be undertaken when authorized by the CAM through a WA.

All work performed under Task 3 must be completed and approved by the due dates as specified in each WA approved by the CAM and PM. Work authorizations under Task 3 must have an end date no later than 60 days prior to the Agreement term end date.

Subtask 3.1 Technical Review Assistance

The goal of this subtask is to provide assistance with review of technology assessments, including participation in panels, workshops and related meetings.

The Contractor shall:

- Review technology transfer plans developed by EPIC project awardees resulting from EPIC agreements and make suggestions for improvements to increase marketability and commercialization of the funded technology. Prepare and provide *Technology Transfer Plan Reviews*.
- Review production readiness plans developed by EPIC project awardees resulting from EPIC agreements and make recommendations for improvements to increase marketability and cost competitiveness of the technology and submit *Production Readiness Plan Reviews*.
- Submit *Technical Assessments for Energy Commission Reports* after conducting technical assessments of technology and energy development issues for possible inclusion in Energy Commission reports.

- Prepare and provide *Presentation Materials for Meetings* to be used by the Contractor's team and Energy Commission staff's for participation in independent review panels, workshops, and other meetings relating to technology and energy development issues.
- Participate in independent review panels, workshops, and other meetings relating to technology and energy development issues. Prepare and provide *Meeting Summaries, Results and Recommendations* resulting from the meetings.

Deliverables:

- Technology Transfer Plan Reviews
- Production Readiness Plan Reviews
- Technical Assessments for Energy Commission Reports
- Presentation Materials for Meetings
- Meeting Summaries, Results and Recommendations

Subtask 3.2 Prepare Feasibility Studies

The goal of this subtask is to assist the Energy Commission with objectively defining the strengths and weaknesses of Energy Commission's proposed research or program directions by conducting studies which include resources required, costs and values, barriers and other relevant criteria to determine the prospects for success.

The Contractor shall:

• Prepare and provide *Feasibility Study Reports* that provide sufficient information to make informed decisions about further pursuit of proposed projects or programs. The information required will be specified by the CAM, in consultation with the PM, and may include but not be limited to: analysis of critical energy infrastructures and energy resources; energy resource and energy demand compatibility assessment; technology assessment; lab and field testing; technology comparisons; economic and financial analysis; institutional considerations; technical and environmental considerations; and time schedules.

Deliverables:

• Feasibility Study Reports

Subtask 3.3 Appraisal of Equipment

The goal of this subtask is to assist the Energy Commission with appraising the value of equipment, transferring and storing equipment previously used in EPIC projects.

The Contractor shall:

- Conduct independent appraisals for the salvage, competitive sale, removal, and storage of equipment previously used in EPIC projects.
- Develop and provide an *Equipment Appraisal Report*, which shall include but not be limited to: itemized list of equipment and description, value of equipment, cost of moving, requirements for sale, hazardous material analysis.

• Prepare and provide *Documentation on Transferring Equipment*, which shall include but not be limited to: itemized list of equipment and description, value of equipment, cost of transportation, method of transportation, pick-up and delivery locations and date.

Deliverables:

- Equipment Appraisal Report
- Documentation on Transferring Equipment

Subtask 3.4 Develop and Edit Technical and Outreach Material

The goal of this subtask is to assist the Energy Commission in developing and editing a wide range of materials suitable for EPIC Program events, presentations, web posting, informational materials, and reporting EPIC program activities and project results to the CPUC, IOUs, legislators, stakeholders, and the public.

The Contractor shall:

- Develop and edit *Program Materials* on EPIC program activities and technical projects consistent with the Energy Commission Style Guide, reference manuals, or other requirements as specified by the Energy Commission. *Program Materials* may include but not be limited to: informational reports, technical reports, case studies, presentations, graphic design materials, photographic materials, brochures, project fact sheets, press releases, and newsletter articles. *Program Materials* may be made available for distribution or presentation at workshops, conferences, press releases, other public meetings, and web posting.
- Assist Energy Commission staff with technical editing of *Program Materials* for EPIC technical reports.
- Produce short *Project Videos* that are suitable for web posting.

Deliverables:

- Program Materials
 - Informational Reports
 - Technical Reports
 - Case Studies
 - Presentations
 - Graphic Design Materials
 - o Photographic Materials
 - o Brochures
 - Project Fact Sheets
 - Press Releases
 - Newsletter Articles
- Project Videos

Subtask 3.5 Webcast

The goal of this subtask is to assist the Energy Commission with webcast activities during EPIC Program events.

The Contractor shall:

- Broadcast live online audio and video streaming to the Internet for webcast presentations of conferences, workshops, meetings, and other activities
- Provide archival streaming services
- Provide *Window Media Files* of streamed proceedings
- Archive all proceedings

Deliverables:

• Window Media Files

EXHIBIT A – ATTACHMENT A-1 SCHEDULE OF DELIVERABLES AND DUE DATES

	A	AGREEMENT SCHEDULE				
Task/Subtask Number	Task/Subtask Name	Deliverable(s)	Due Date			
1 AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT						
DELIVERABLE		1				
1.1	Deliverables	None				
MEETINGS	L					
1.2	Kick-off Meeting		As determined by the CAM			
		Updated Agreement (<i>if applicable</i>)	7 days after determination of the need to update the documents			
		CAM Deliverable: Kick-off Meeting Agenda	7 days prior to the kick-off meeting			
1.3	Critical Project Review Meetings and Briefings		As determined by the CAM			
		CPR Report(s)Task DeliverablesBriefing Notes	 15 days prior to CPR meeting 15 days prior to CPR meeting 7 days after CPR meeting 			
		 CAM Deliverables: CPR Agenda List of Expected CPR Participants Schedule for Providing a Progress Determination Program Determination Stop Work Order Termination Notice 	 5 days prior to CPR meeting 5 days prior to CPR meeting 15 days after CPR meeting As indicated in the Schedule for Providing a Progress Determination 1 day 30 days 			
1.4	Final Meeting		No later than 30 days prior to the Agreement end date			
REPORTS AND		 Meeting Agreements Schedule for completing closeout activities 	 7 days after the Final Meeting 7 days after the Final Meeting 			
1.5	Progress Reports	Monthly Progress Reports	10 days after the first of each			
1.0	and Invoices	Monthly Invoices	 To days after the first of each month 10 days after the first of each month 			

Task/Subtask Number	Task/Subtask Name	Deliverable(s)	Due Date
1.6	Final Reports		
1.61	Final Report Outline	Draft Final Report OutlineFinal Report Outline	 6 months prior to the end of the Agreement term As determined by the CAM
		 CAM Deliverables: Style Manual Comments of Draft Final Report Outline Approval of Final Report Outline 	 2 months prior to the final report outline due date 10 days after receipt of the Draft Final Report Outline 10 days after receipt of the Final Report Outline
1.6.2	Final Report	Draft Final ReportFinal Report	 4 months prior to Agreement end date 2 months prior to Agreement end date
		CAM Deliverables: Comments on Draft Final Report	30 days after receipt of the Draft Final Report
PERMITS AND	SUBCONTRACTS	· · · · ·	
1.7	Permits	 Permit Status Letter (<i>if applicable</i>) Updated List of Permits (<i>if applicable</i>) Updated Schedule for Acquiring Permits (<i>if applicable</i>) Copy of each Approved Permit (<i>if applicable</i>) 	 2 days prior to the kick-off meeting (<i>if applicable</i>) 10 days after determination of the need for a new permit 7 days after receipt of each permit
1.8	Subcontracts	 Draft Subcontracts (<i>if required by the CAM</i>) Final Subcontracts (<i>if required by the CAM</i>) 	As determined by the CAMAs determined by the CAM
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1.9	Work Authorizations	WA DocumentsUpdated Project Schedules	As determined by the CAM

TECHNICAL TASKS						
2	PROPOSAL REVIEWS					
2.1	Prepare Technical Reviews	 Draft List of Technical Advisors Final List of Technical Advisors Technical Reviews of Proposals 	 5 days after receipt of written request by CAM 2 days after receipt of comments by CAM 10 days after receipt of the proposals, or as determined by the CAM 			
2.2	Evaluate Project Financing	Risk and Debt Assessment Report	As determined by the CAM			
3	CROSS-CUTTING	PROGRAM SUPPORT				
3.1	Technical Review Assistance	To be determined via WA	To be determined via WA			
3.2	Prepare Feasibility Studies	To be determined via WA	To be determined via WA			
3.3	Appraisal of Equipment	To be determined via WA	To be determined via WA			
3.4	Develop and Edit Technical and Outreach Material	To be determined via WA	To be determined via WA			
3.5	Webcast	To be determined via WA	To be determined via WA			

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION - RE: ASPEN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement Request Form; and

RESOLVED, that the Energy Commission approves Agreement 300-14-002 with **Aspen Environmental Group** for a **\$3,000,000** contract to provide technical support for the Research and Development Division's EPIC program. Work will be assigned to the contractor on an "as needed" basis; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or his/her designee shall execute the same on behalf of the Energy Commission.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on June 10, 2015.

AYE: [List of Commissioners] NAY: [List of Commissioners] ABSENT: [List of Commissioners] ABSTAIN: [List of Commissioners]

> Harriet Kallemeyn, Secretariat