

# MEMORANDUM

## ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area

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DT: November 30, 2016

TO: ABAG Executive Board

FM: Jennifer K. Berg, Senior Program Manager (Energy)

RE: Proposal to Department of Community Services and Development for Low-Income Weatherization Program

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### Summary

The Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) has issued a Request for Proposals for Regional Administration for the Low-Income Weatherization Program. ABAG, together with a team of other public agencies and non-profit organizations intends to submit a proposal to be the Administrator for Region 2, which includes disadvantaged communities in the ABAG territory. The award notifications will be made on December 30, 2016. The maximum contract allocation is \$5.7 million for 15 months.

**Action:** Ratify the submittal of the proposal to CSD in an amount not to exceed \$5.7 million for regional administration of the LIWP, and authorize the ABAG Executive Director to enter negotiations and execute the necessary agreements, if approved.

### Background

CSD is a state department under the California Health and Human Services Agency. The mission of CSD is to reduce poverty for Californians by leading the development and coordination of effective and innovative programs.

The Low-Income Weatherization Program (LIWP) is an energy efficiency program administered by CSD to install a variety of weatherization measures, solar photovoltaics (PV) and solar water heater systems on low-income households located in disadvantaged communities (DACs). DACs have been identified by the California Environmental Protection Agency through CalEnviroScreen 2.0.

With program oversight and direction provided by the California Air Resources Board, CSD and a network of Regional Administrators will make services available for the dual purposes of reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions and providing specified co-benefits to qualified households and the communities in which they reside. LIWP is part of the California Climate Investments funded by proceeds from the Cap-and-Trade auctions conducted quarterly by the Air Resources Board and maintained in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

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ABAG is applying to be the Administrator of LIWP for Region 2, which includes DACs located in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Monterey and Santa Cruz. The maximum award contract is \$5.7 million.

ABAG has teamed with the following agencies on this proposal:

- Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
- San Francisco Department of the Environment
- Community Energy Services Corporation
- Central Coast Energy Services
- Rising Sun Energy
- San Jose Conservation Corp. and Charter School
- Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission

ABAG's role as the Regional Administrator is to form an organizational structure, coordinate all members of the team and marshal the resources needed to ensure the LIWP goals of reducing GHG emissions by installing cost-effective, Qualifying Measures in single family dwellings located in identified DACs within the region are met. In addition to installing energy efficiency measures and solar PV, the program also includes workforce development targeted at residents living with the DACs.

This proposal for weatherization projects within the low income community builds on ABAG's expertise and leadership as the administrator of the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN), which already includes energy efficiency programs for market rate residential customers.

The term of the contract is 18 months with an option for an extension.

cc: Brad Paul, Acting Executive Director