

Justification for Amendment #2 to revise ICF's staff hours for the Manufacturers' Vehicle Attribute Survey and Analyses Contract Agreement (600-10-004)

The purpose of Amendment #2 is to allow more analyst time than originally envisioned for conducting additional review of the expanded scenario results for this contract. Currently, the contract requires results for up to 12 forecasting scenarios and all the scenarios involve some changes to the model. Recently, the end term of this contract was extended to June 30, 2012, as allowed per Amendment #1, to ensure the Energy Commission effectively incorporates the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Low-Emission Vehicle (LEV) 3 rulemaking into the Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) review process. The rulemaking is expected to be adopted by ARB in November 2011.

However, due to a combination of unanticipated contractor's staff time requirements and the expected incorporation of ARB's rulemaking, more analyst time is required than originally envisioned. In addition, to avoid errors from incomplete program debugging, the contractor is having analysts go through the outputs for each scenario and convert them to Dynasim format. Therefore, revising the staff hours in the contract for analytical purposes will ensure that LEV 3 forecasts are considered in California's LEV policy process.