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## GRANT REQUEST FORM (GRF) CEC-270 (Revised 10/2015)

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5. CEQA Documentation						A
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# Exhibit A SCOPE OF WORK

#### **TECHNICAL TASK LIST**

Task #	CPR Meeting	Task Name
1		ADMINISTRATION
2	Х	DOCUMENTATION & COORDINATION
3		PROJECT CONCEPT ANALYSIS
4		PLAN DEVELOPMENT
5		TOOLKIT DEVELOPMENT & DISTRIBUTION

#### **GLOSSARY**

Specific terms and acronyms used throughout this scope of work are defined as follows:

Term/ Acronym	Definition
ARFVTP	Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program
CAM	Commission Agreement Manager
CPR	Critical Project Review
Energy Commission	California Energy Commission
Kern EV Blueprint	Kern EV Blueprint Plan for Electrification
Recipient	Kern Council of Governments

#### **Background:**

Assembly Bill (AB) 118 (Nùñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007), created the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP). The statute authorizes the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) to develop and deploy alternative and renewable fuels and advanced transportation technologies to help attain the state's climate change policies. AB 8 (Perea, Chapter 401, Statutes of 2013) re-authorizes the ARFVTP through January 1, 2024, and specifies that the Energy Commission allocate up to \$20 million per year (or up to 20 percent of each fiscal year's funds) in funding for hydrogen station development until at least 100 stations are operational.

The ARFVTP has an annual budget of approximately \$100 million and provides financial support for projects that:

- Reduce California's use and dependence on petroleum transportation fuels and increase the use of alternative and renewable fuels and advanced vehicle technologies.
- Produce sustainable alternative and renewable low-carbon fuels in California.
- Expand alternative fueling infrastructure and fueling stations.
- Improve the efficiency, performance and market viability of alternative light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicle technologies.

- Retrofit medium- and heavy-duty on-road and non-road vehicle fleets to alternative technologies or fuel use.
- Expand the alternative fueling infrastructure available to existing fleets, public transit, and transportation corridors.
- Establish workforce training programs and conduct public outreach on the benefits of alternative transportation fuels and vehicle technologies.

On December 14, 2017, the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) released a Grant Solicitation and Application Package entitled "Electric Vehicle (EV) Ready Communities Challenge Solicitation" under the ARFVTP. This competitive grant solicitation was for Phase I of an expected two phase effort for EV ready communities. Phase I planning blueprints will identify the actions and milestones needed to proceed towards implementation of an EV ready community. In response to GFO-17-604, the Recipient submitted application #11 which was proposed for funding in the Energy Commission's Notice of Proposed Awards on February 22, 2017 2018. GFO-17-604 and Recipient's application are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement in their entirety.

In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of the Solicitation and the terms of the Recipient's Application, the Solicitation shall control. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the Recipient's Application and the terms of Commission's Award, the Commission's Award shall control. Similarly, in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and the Recipient's Application, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

#### **Problem Statement:**

Kern County is challenged by poor air quality and barriers to the deployment of emission reduction technologies. According to the CalEnviroScreen, 81-90% of the County qualifies as Disadvantaged Area Communities (DACs). DACs generally lack private investment and a capacity to develop clean transportation projects. Nonprofits and governments are overwhelmed and capital-restrained in their efforts to support emission reduction efforts.

## **Goals of the Agreement:**

The goal of this Agreement is to propose a comprehensive and replicable blueprint that puts Kern County on a pathway to achieve its 2018 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy greenhouse gas emission reduction goals at an accelerated rate through high-impact transportation electrification projects.

## **Objectives of the Agreement:**

The objectives of this Agreement are to:

- Develop an education and outreach strategy to engage stakeholders
- Document existing emission reduction and transportation electrification goals, as well as steps taken to achieve them
- Identify potential transportation electrification projects in Kern County communities
- Develop a methodology to analyze and then rank specific electrification projects based on superior economic, environmental and technical performance with a weighting towards DACs
- Using the blueprint rubric, decide from the list of projects identified the most optimal transportation electrification projects based on the economic, environmental and technical analyses and present as an appendix to the Kern EV Blueprint Plan for Electrification (Kern EV Blueprint)

- Showcase financial and business models as well as cooperative strategies in the Kern EV Blueprint and amongst the identified projects
- Produce a blueprint plan toolkit with scoring rubrics, document templates and lessons learned summaries for other communities

#### **TASK 1 ADMINISTRATION**

### Task 1.1 Attend Kick-off Meeting

The goal of this task is to establish the lines of communication and procedures for implementing this Agreement. The Commission Agreement Manager (CAM) shall designate the date and location of this meeting and provide an agenda to the Recipient prior to the meeting.

## The Recipient shall:

- Attend a "Kick-Off" meeting with the CAM, the Commission Agreement Officer (CAO), and a representative of the Energy Commission Accounting Office. The Recipient shall bring their Project Manager, Agreement Administrator, Accounting Officer, and any others determined necessary by the Recipient or specifically requested by the CAM to this meeting.
- Discuss the following administrative and technical aspects of this Agreement:
  - Agreement Terms and Conditions
  - o Critical Project Review (Task 1.2)
  - Match fund documentation (Task 1.6) No reimbursable work may be done until this documentation is in place.
  - Permit documentation (Task 1.7)
  - Subcontracts needed to carry out project (Task 1.8)
  - The CAM's expectations for accomplishing tasks described in the Scope of Work
  - An updated Schedule of Products and Due Dates
  - Monthly Progress Reports (Task 1.4)
  - Technical Products (Product Guidelines located in Section 5 of the Terms and Conditions)
  - Final Report (Task 1.5)

#### **Recipient Products:**

- Updated Schedule of Products
- Updated List of Match Funds
- Updated List of Permits

## **CAM Product:**

Kick-Off Meeting Agenda

## Task 1.2 Critical Project Review (CPR) Meetings

CPRs provide the opportunity for frank discussions between the Energy Commission and the Recipient. The goal of this task is to determine if the project should continue to receive Energy Commission funding to complete this Agreement and to identify any needed modifications to the tasks, products, schedule or budget.

The CAM may schedule CPR meetings as necessary, and meeting costs will be borne by the Recipient.

## A CPR meeting is planned to be held at the completion of Task 2 and additional meetings may be scheduled as needed.

Meeting participants include the CAM and the Recipient and may include the Commission Agreement Officer, the Fuels and Transportation Division program lead, other Energy Commission staff and Management as well as other individuals selected by the CAM to provide support to the Energy Commission.

#### The CAM shall:

- Determine the location, date, and time of each CPR meeting with the Recipient.
   These meetings generally take place at the Energy Commission, but they may take place at another location.
- Send the Recipient the agenda and a list of expected participants in advance of each CPR. If applicable, the agenda shall include a discussion on both match funding and permits.
- Conduct and make a record of each CPR meeting. Prepare a schedule for providing the written determination described below.
- Determine whether to continue the project, and if continuing, whether or not
  modifications are needed to the tasks, schedule, products, and/or budget for the
  remainder of the Agreement. Modifications to the Agreement may require a
  formal amendment (please see section 8 of the Terms and Conditions). If the
  CAM concludes that satisfactory progress is not being made, this conclusion will
  be referred to the Lead Commissioner for Transportation for his or her
  concurrence.
- Provide the Recipient with a written determination in accordance with the schedule. The written response may include a requirement for the Recipient to revise one or more product(s) that were included in the CPR.

- Prepare a and submit to the CAM a CPR Report for each CPR that discusses the progress of the Agreement toward achieving its goals and objectives. This report shall include recommendations and conclusions regarding continued work of the projects. This report shall be submitted along with any other products identified in this scope of work. The Recipient shall submit these documents to the CAM and any other designated reviewers at least 15 working days in advance of each CPR meeting.
- Present the required information at each CPR meeting and participate in a discussion about the Agreement.

#### **CAM Products:**

- Agenda and a list of expected participants
- Schedule for written determination
- Written determination

### **Recipient Product:**

CPR Report(s)

### **Task 1.3 Final Meeting**

The goal of this task is to closeout this Agreement.

## The Recipient shall:

 Meet with Energy Commission staff to present the findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The final meeting must be completed during the closeout of this Agreement.

This meeting will be attended by, at a minimum, the Recipient, the Commission Grants Office Officer, and the CAM. The technical and administrative aspects of Agreement closeout will be discussed at the meeting, which may be two separate meetings at the discretion of the CAM.

The technical portion of the meeting shall present an assessment of the degree to which project and task goals and objectives were achieved, findings, conclusions, recommended next steps (if any) for the Agreement, and recommendations for improvements. The CAM will determine the appropriate meeting participants.

The administrative portion of the meeting shall be a discussion with the CAM and the Grants Officer about the following Agreement closeout items:

- What to do with any equipment purchased with Energy Commission funds (Options)
- Energy Commission's request for specific "generated" data (not already provided in Agreement products)
- Need to document Recipient's disclosure of "subject inventions" developed under the Agreement
- "Surviving" Agreement provisions
- Final invoicing and release of retention
- Prepare a schedule for completing the closeout activities for this Agreement.

#### **Products:**

- Written documentation of meeting agreements
- Schedule for completing closeout activities

#### **Task 1.4 Monthly Progress Reports**

The goal of this task is to periodically verify that satisfactory and continued progress is made towards achieving the objectives of this Agreement on time and within budget.

The objectives of this task are to summarize activities performed during the reporting period, to identify activities planned for the next reporting period, to identify issues that may affect performance and expenditures, and to form the basis for determining whether invoices are consistent with work performed.

## The Recipient shall:

- Prepare and submit to the CAM a Monthly Progress Report which summarizes all Agreement activities conducted by the Recipient for the reporting period, including an assessment of the ability to complete the Agreement within the current budget and any anticipated cost overruns. Each progress report is due to the CAM within 10 days of the end of the reporting period. The recommended specifications for each progress report are contained in Section 6 of the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.
- In the first Monthly Progress Report and first invoice, document and verify match expenditures and provide a synopsis of project progress, if match funds have been expended or if work funded with match share has occurred after the notice of proposed award but before execution of the grant agreement. If no match funds have been expended or if no work funded with match share has occurred before execution, then state this in the report. All pre-execution match expenditures must conform to the requirements in the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

#### **Product:**

Monthly Progress Reports

## Task 1.5 Final Report

The goal of the Final Report is to assess the project's success in achieving the Agreement's goals and objectives, advancing science and technology, and providing energy-related and other benefits to California.

The objectives of the Final Report are to clearly and completely describe the project's purpose, approach, activities performed, results, and advancements in science and technology; to present a public assessment of the success of the project as measured by the degree to which goals and objectives were achieved; to make insightful observations based on results obtained; to draw conclusions; and to make recommendations for further projects and improvements to the FTD project management processes.

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

- Prepare and submit to the CAM an Outline of the Final Report, if requested by the CAM.
- Prepare and submit to the CAM a Final Report following the latest version of the Final Report guidelines which will be provided by the CAM. The CAM shall provide written comments on the Draft Final Report within fifteen (15) working days of receipt. The Final Report must be completed at least 60 days before the end of the Agreement Term.

Submit one bound copy of the Final Report with the final invoice.

#### **Products:**

- Outline of the Final Report, if requested
- Draft Final Report
- Final Report

### Task 1.6 Identify and Obtain Matching Funds

The goal of this task is to ensure that the match funds planned for this Agreement are obtained for and applied to this Agreement during the term of this Agreement.

The costs to obtain and document match fund commitments are not reimbursable through this Agreement. Although the Energy Commission budget for this task will be zero dollars, the Recipient may utilize match funds for this task. Match funds shall be spent concurrently or in advance of Energy Commission funds for each task during the term of this Agreement. Match funds must be identified in writing and the associated commitments obtained before the Recipient can incur any costs for which the Recipient will request reimbursement.

- Prepare and submit to the CAM a letter documenting the match funding committed to this Agreement and submit it to the CAM at least 2 working days prior to the kick-off meeting. If no match funds were part of the proposal that led to the Energy Commission awarding this Agreement and none have been identified at the time this Agreement starts, then state such in the letter. If match funds were a part of the proposal that led to the Energy Commission awarding this Agreement, then provide in the letter a list of the match funds that identifies the:
  - Amount of each cash match fund, its source, including a contact name, address and telephone number and the task(s) to which the match funds will be applied.
  - Amount of each in-kind contribution, a description, documented market or book value, and its source, including a contact name, address and telephone number and the task(s) to which the match funds will be applied. If the in-kind contribution is equipment or other tangible or real property, the Recipient shall identify its owner and provide a contact name, address and telephone number, and the address where the property is located.
- Provide a copy of the letter of commitment from an authorized representative of each source of cash match funding or in-kind contributions that these funds or contributions have been secured. For match funds provided by a grant a copy of the executed grant shall be submitted in place of a letter of commitment.
- Discuss match funds and the implications to the Agreement if they are reduced or not obtained as committed, at the kick-off meeting. If applicable, match funds will be included as a line item in the progress reports and will be a topic at CPR meetings.
- Provide the appropriate information to the CAM if during the course of the Agreement additional match funds are received.

 Notify the CAM within 10 days if during the course of the Agreement existing match funds are reduced. Reduction in match funds must be approved through a formal amendment to the Agreement and may trigger an additional CPR meeting.

#### **Products:**

- A letter regarding match funds or stating that no match funds are provided
- Copy(ies) of each match fund commitment letter(s) (if applicable)
- Letter(s) for new match funds (if applicable)
- Letter that match funds were reduced (if applicable)
- Monthly progress report line item reporting match funds contributed

## Task 1.7 Identify and Obtain Required Permits

The goal of this task 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. Although the Energy Commission budget for this task will be zero dollars, the Recipient shall budget match funds for any expected expenditures associated with obtaining permits. Permits must be identified in writing and obtained before the Recipient can make any expenditure for which a permit is required.

## The Recipient shall:

- Prepare and submit to the CAM a letter documenting 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 there are no permits required at the start of this Agreement, then state such in the letter. If it is known at the beginning of the Agreement that permits will be required during the course of the Agreement, provide in the letter:
  - o A list of the permits that identifies the:
    - Type of permit
    - Name, address and telephone number of the permitting jurisdictions or lead agencies
  - The schedule the Recipient will follow in applying for and obtaining these permits.
- Discuss the list of permits and the schedule for obtaining them at the kick-off
  meeting and develop a timetable for submitting the updated list, schedule and the
  copies of the permits. The implications to the Agreement 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 the Progress Reports and will be a topic
  at CPR meetings.
- If during the course of the Agreement additional permits become necessary, provide the appropriate information on each permit and an updated schedule to the CAM.
- As permits are obtained, send a copy of each approved permit to the CAM.
- If during the course of the Agreement permits are not obtained on time or are denied, notify the CAM within 5 working days. Either of these events may trigger an additional CPR.

#### **Products:**

- Letter documenting the permits or stating that no permits are required
- A copy of each approved permit (if applicable)

- Updated list of permits as they change during the term of the Agreement (if applicable)
- Updated schedule for acquiring permits as changes occur during the term of the Agreement (if applicable)
- A copy of each final approved permit (if applicable)

#### Task 1.8 Obtain and Execute Subcontracts

The goal of this task is to ensure quality products and to procure subcontractors required to carry out the tasks under this Agreement consistent with the Agreement Terms and Conditions and the Recipient's own procurement policies and procedures. It will also provide the Energy Commission an opportunity to review the subcontracts to ensure that the tasks are consistent with this Agreement, and that the budgeted expenditures are reasonable and consistent with applicable cost principles.

## The Recipient shall:

- Manage and coordinate subcontractor activities.
- Submit a draft of each subcontract required to conduct the work under this Agreement to the CAM for review.
- Submit a final copy of the executed subcontract.
- If Recipient decides to add new subcontractors, then the Recipient shall notify the CAM.

#### **Products:**

- Letter describing the subcontracts needed, or stating that no subcontracts are required
- Draft subcontracts
- Final subcontracts

#### **TECHNICAL TASKS**

#### **TASK 2 DOCUMENTATION & COORDINATION**

The goal of this task is to document progress towards transportation electrification goals, and solicit project concepts in collaboration with stakeholders.

### The Recipient shall:

- Develop and submit to the CAM an Outreach Strategy including presentations, webinars and articles to engage stakeholders including community-basedorganizations, industry and local governments through all stages of the project.
- Convene Informal Working Group of stakeholders that includes, but is not limited to, local jurisdictions/planning agencies, utilities industry, and community leaders.
- Document actions or steps supporting electrification already adopted in Kern.
- Identify progress made to achieving existing transportation electrification goals.
- Create and submit to the CAM List of Project Concepts.

## **Products:**

- Roster of working group and meeting agendas or summaries
- Documentation of electrification actions already undertaken and current progress
- Outreach Strategy and Materials
- List of Project Concepts

### A CPR Meeting is scheduled to be held at the completion of Task 2 as stated in Task 1.2

#### **TASK 3 PROJECT CONCEPT ANALYSIS**

The goal of this task is to develop an agreed upon methodology and rank projects identified in Task 2 based on their cost-effectiveness, economic or environmental impact on the region's DACs, and ability to spur additional deployment efforts.

## The Recipient shall:

- Develop a rubric or methodology for analyzing systems (transport and sitespecific charging infrastructure projects) that offer the best mix of economic, environmental and technical performance specific to the region and DACs specifically.
- Consider innovative charging options such curbside, solar mobile and streetlamp chargers as well as electric mobility options.
- Consider regional destination based charging as well as inter-regional travel along major corridors.
- Emphasize the needs of multi-unit dwellings and single-family units that lack garages or dedicated parking or adequate charging infrastructure.
- Inform analysis with vehicle usage and driving patterns.
- Location host/customer type.
- Engage utilities to address grid delivery, reliability and resiliency concerns.
- Utilize industry benchmarking data for charger usage, vehicle registration information, regional traffic models, U.S. Department of Energy tools such as GREET, and technical performance data specific to individual chargers, load management systems and other technologies.
- Create and submit to the CAM a Project Selection Methodology Report.
- Create and submit to the CAM High-Impact Projects Concepts Report to include, but not be limited to, project costs, potential funding sources and site maps.

#### **Products:**

- Project Selection Methodology Report
- High-Impact Projects Concepts Report

#### **Task 4 PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

The goal of this task is to, using goals identified in Task 2 and findings from Task 3, publish a Kern EV Blueprint Plan which will outline a plan to accelerate transportation electrification with locally relevant financial and business models, and provide at least twelve electrification projects selected based on Task 3.

- Work with local economic development and training groups to identify workforce development strategies to support project.
- Engage financial institutions and other stakeholders to identify financial and business models needed to accelerate deployment as well as additional tools or data for future planning.

- Based on analysis of financial and business models as well as systems, analyze
  possible timelines for electrification across major transportation sectors in the
  region.
- Ensure constancy with other regional planning efforts and programs related to emissions reduction, vehicle miles traveled reduction, renewable energy, workforce training, and economic development.
- Create and submit to the CAM the Draft Kern EV Blueprint Plan, that describes methods, test plans, results of testing, and analysis for data, conclusions and recommendations for future study.
- Create and submit to the CAM the Final Kern EV Blueprint Plan, that describes methods, test plans, results of testing, and analysis for data, conclusions and recommendations for future study.

#### **Products:**

- Draft Kern EV Blueprint Plan
- Final Kern EV Blueprint Plan

#### Task 5 TOOLKIT DEVELOPMENT & DISTRIBUTION

The goal of this task is to distribute the Kern EV Blueprint and a Blueprint Toolkit to be used by other regions to avoid duplication of efforts.

### The Recipient shall:

- Create and submit to the CAM a Kern EV Blueprint Toolkit to include, but not be limited to, lessons learned, templates and project guides.
- Leverage the stakeholder group and partners to distribute statewide to local jurisdictions, planning agencies and other stakeholder groups.
- Consult with adjacent blueprint planning groups to ensure consistency between regions.
- Document the outreach and distribution of the Kern EV Blueprint Plan Toolkit to include, but not be limited to, the number of organizations reached and any presentations and/or webinars given.

#### **Products:**

Kern EV Blueprint Plan Toolkit

Kern EV Blueprint Plan Toolkit Distribution Results

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**RESOLUTION NO: 18-0509-13d** 

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## STATE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION - RE: KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Energy Commission approves Agreement ARV-17-045 with the Kern Council of Governments for a \$200,000 grant to develop a comprehensive and replicable EV blueprint plan that will place Kern County on a pathway to achieve its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals at an accelerated rate through high-impact transportation electrification projects; and

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

## <u>CERTIFICATION</u>

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 May 9, 2018.

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

Cody Goldthrite, Secretariat