



**CALIFORNIA  
ENERGY COMMISSION**



**California Energy Commission  
November 08, 2023 Business Meeting  
Backup Materials for Agenda Item No 03b:  
Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc. (IREC)**

The following backup materials for the above-referenced agenda item are available in this PDF packet as listed below:

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Contract Request Form
3. Scope of Work

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**STATE ENERGY RESOURCES**  
**CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION: Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc. (IREC)**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the CEC approves agreement 100-23-005 with IREC for a \$5,000 sponsorship contract to support the research and implementation of the 2022 National Solar Jobs Census, including California-specific data; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC 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 CEC held on November 08, 2023.

AYE:  
NAY:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

Dated:

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Kristine Banaag  
Secretariat



## CONTRACT REQUEST FORM (CRF)

### A. New Agreement Number

**IMPORTANT:** New Agreement # to be completed by Contracts, Grants, and Loans Office.

New Agreement Number: 100-23-005

### B. Division Information

1. Division Name: Commissioners' Offices
2. Agreement Manager: Ken Rider
3. MS-32
4. Phone Number: (916) 661-8218

### C. Contractor's Information

1. Contractor's Legal Name: Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc.
2. Federal ID Number: 52-1089260

### D. Title of Project

Title of project: Solar Job Census 2022 Sponsorship

### E. Term and Amount

1. Start Date: 11/08/2023
2. End Date: 11/07/2024
3. Amount: \$5,000

### F. Business Meeting Information

1. Operational agreement to be approved by Executive Director? No
2. Are the ARFVTP agreements \$75K and under delegated to Executive Director? No
3. The Proposed Business Meeting Date: 11/08/2023
4. Consent or Discussion? Consent
5. Business Meeting Presenter Name: N/A
6. Time Needed for Business Meeting: N/A
7. The email subscription topic is: N/A

#### Agenda Item Subject and Description:

Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc. Proposed resolution approving agreement 100-23-005 with Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc. (IREC) for a \$5,000 sponsorship contract to support the research and implementation of the 2022 National Solar Jobs Census, including California-specific data. (ERPA Funding) Contact: Ken Rider

### G. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance

#### 1. Is Agreement considered a "Project" under CEQA?

No.

If yes, skip to question 2.

If no, complete the following (PRC 21065 and 14 CCR 15378) and explain why Agreement is not considered a "Project":



Agreement will not cause direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment because Agreement is for a sponsorship report only. This will involve no physical work or construction.

**2. If Agreement is considered a “Project” under CEQA answer the following questions.**

**a) Agreement IS exempt?**

N/A.

Statutory Exemption?

N/A.

If yes, list PRC and/or CCR section number(s) and separate each with a comma. If no, enter “None” and go to the next question.

PRC section number: N/A.

CCR section number: N/A.

Categorical Exemption?

N/A.

If yes, list CCR section number(s) and separate each with a comma. If no, enter “None” and go to the next question.

CCR section number: N/A.

Common Sense Exemption? 14 CCR 15061 (b) (3)

N/A.

If yes, explain reason why Agreement is exempt under the above section. If no, enter “Not applicable” and go to the next section.

N/A.

**b) Agreement IS NOT exempt.**

**IMPORTANT:** consult with the legal office to determine next steps.

N/A.

If yes, answer yes or no to all that applies. If no, list all as “no” and “None” as “yes”.

Additional Documents	Applies
Initial Study	No
Negative Declaration	No
Mitigated Negative Declaration	No
Environmental Impact Report	No
Statement of Overriding Considerations	No
None	Yes

**H. Subcontractors**

List all Subcontractors listed in the Budget (s). Insert additional rows if needed. If no subcontractors to report, enter “No subcontractors to report” and “0” to funds. **Delete** any unused rows from the table



Subcontractor Legal Company Name	Budget
No subcontractors to report	\$0

### I. Key Partners

List all key partner(s). Insert additional rows if needed. If no key partners to report, enter "No key partners to report." **Delete** any unused rows from the table.

Key Partner Legal Company Name
No key partners to report

### J. Budget Information

Include all budget information. Insert additional rows if needed. If no budget information to report, enter "N/A" for "Not Applicable" and "0" to Amount. **Delete** any unused rows from the table.

Funding Source	Funding Year of Appropriation	Budget List Number	Amount
ERPA	2023-24	100.002	\$5,000

**TOTAL Amount:** \$5,000

R&D Program Area: N/A.

Explanation for "Other" selection N/A.

Reimbursement Contract #: N/A.

Federal Agreement #: N/A.

### K. Contractor's Contact Information

#### 1. Contractor's Administrator/Officer

Name: Scott Townley

Address: 125 Wolf Road, Suite 100

City, State, Zip: Albany, NY 12205

Phone: (202) 412-9028

E-Mail: scott@irecusa.org

#### 2. Contractor's Project Manager

Name: Avery Palmer

Address: 125 Wolf Road, Suite 100

City, State, Zip: Albany, NY 12205

Phone: (202) 302-2765

E-Mail: averyp@irecuse.org

### L. Selection Process Used



There are three types of selection process. List the one used for this CRF.

Selection Process	Additional Information
Competitive Solicitation #	Not Applicable
Non Competitive Bid ( <i>Attach DGS-GSPD-09-007</i> <a href="https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Forms">https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Forms</a> )	Not Applicable
Exempt	Exempt co-sponsorship

**M. Contractor Entity Type**

Contractor Entity Type	Yes or No?
Private Company ( <i>including non-profits</i> )	Yes
CA State Agency ( <i>including UC and CSU</i> )	No
Government Entity ( <i>i.e. city, county, federal government, air/water/school district, joint power authorities, university from another state</i> )	No

**N. Is Contractor a certified Small Business (SB), Micro Business (MB) or Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE)?**

No

**O. Civil Service Considerations**

a. Not Applicable (Agreement is with a CA State Entity or a membership/co-sponsorship)?  
Yes.

b. Public Resources Code 25620, et seq., authorizes the Commission to contract for the subject work. (PIER) N/A.

c. The Services Contracted: N/A.

If no, go to the next question. If yes, which of the following applies to the contract? More than one can apply, list each answer choice, and separate them with a comma:

- are not available within civil service
- cannot be performed satisfactorily by civil service employee
- are of such a highly specialized or technical nature that the expert knowledge, expertise, and ability are not available through the civil service system

The following applies to the contract: N/A.

d. The Services are of such an urgent, temporary, or occasional nature that the delay to implement under civil service would frustrate their very purpose?



N/A.

**Justification:**

This sponsorship will enable the Energy Commission to participate in helping promote solar energy technologies, which is a vital tool to mitigate climate change.

**P. Payment Method**

1. Is the payment method Reimbursement, Advanced Payment, or Other?

Reimbursement.

If Other, explain: N/A.

2. If Reimbursement, is it in arrears based on Itemized Monthly, Itemized Quarterly, Flat Rate, or One-time?

One-time.

**Q. Retention**

Is Agreement subject to retention? No.

If Yes, Will retention be released prior to Agreement termination? N/A.

**R. Justification of Rates**

The total sponsorship amount of \$5,000 is consistent with prior co-sponsorship agreements with IREC. Sponsorship rates are based on the fact that California is very large and very expensive to survey. California's solar market is the largest in the country and its workforce represents nearly 30% of the entire U.S. solar jobs market. Thus, this pricing is commensurate with the level of effort required to produce statistically significant data points at the granular level for such an enormous state. The CEC's contribution helps ensure that California leaders use IREC's highest quality numbers in understanding market drivers and potential for an important growing sector of the economy.

**S. Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program (DVBE)**

Provide requested additional information.

1. Exempt (Interagency/Other Government Entity) N/A.

2. Meets DVBE Requirements DVBE N/A.

Amount: \$ N/A DVBE %: N/A

3. Is the Contractor Certified DVBE or Subcontracting with a DVBE? If subcontracting with a DVBE, provide the name of the DVBE company. If none applies, enter "Not Applicable".

N/A.

4. Contractor selected through CMAS or MSA with no DVBE participation N/A.

5. Requesting DVBE Exemption (attach CEC 95) Yes.

**T. Miscellaneous Agreement Information**



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Contract Request Form  
CEC-94 (Revised 04/2023)

1. Will there be Work Authorizations? No.
2. Is the contractor providing confidential information? No.
3. Is the contractor going to purchase equipment? No.
4. What is the check frequency of the progress reports? Monthly, Quarterly, or Other? If Other, please provide explanation.

Other. N/A. Sponsorship agreement.

5. Will a final report be required? No.
6. Is the Agreement, with amendments, longer than three years? If yes, why?

No.

**U. The following items should be attached to this CRF (as applicable)**

List all items that should be attached to this CRF by entering "Yes" or "No".

Item Number	Item Name	Attached
1	Exhibit A, Scope of Work/Schedule	Yes
2	Exhibit B, Budget Detail	Yes
3	DGS-GSPD-09-007, NCB Request	No
4	CEC 95, DVBE Exemption Request	Yes
5	Awardee CEQA Documentation	No
6	Resumes	No
7	CEC 105, Questionnaire for Identifying Conflicts	Yes

**Approved By**

Individuals who approve this form must enter their full name and approval date in the MS Word version.

**Agreement Manager:** Ken Rider

**Approval Date:** 10/10/2023

**Office Manager:** Katerina Robinson

**Approval Date:** 10/10/2023

**Deputy Director:**

**Approval Date:**



## **EXHIBIT A**

### **Scope of Work**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this agreement is to formalize the California Energy Commission's sponsorship of the *National Solar Jobs Census 2022*. The Interstate Renewable Energy Council's *Solar Jobs Census Report* is the most rigorous survey-based count of solar workers in the United States. First conducted in 2010, it is considered the definitive resource on solar jobs. The California Energy Commission's sponsorship contribution will be acknowledged on the website of the *National Solar Jobs Census 2022* report. The Interstate Renewable Energy Council will publish an in-depth factsheet on solar jobs in California to accompany the release of the report.