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**EXHIBIT A**

**Scope of Work described in the RFQ**

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**EXHIBIT B**

**Budget Detail and Payment Provisions**

1. **CONDITIONS FOR PAYMENT**

- A. No payment shall be made in advance of services rendered.
- B. For services satisfactorily rendered, and upon receipt and approval of invoices, the Energy Commission agrees to compensate the Contractor for actual allowable expenditures incurred in accordance with Exhibit B. The rates in Exhibit B are rate caps, or the maximum amount allowed to be billed. The Contractor can only bill for actual expenses incurred for hours worked **at the Contractor's and subcontractor's actual labor rates**, not to exceed the rates specified in Exhibit B.
- C. The Contractor is not allowed to charge profit, fees or mark-ups on any subcontracted budget item, including lower tier subcontracted amounts. Subcontractors are not allowed to profit from their subcontractors' costs.
- D. Each request for payment is subject to the Energy Commission Agreement Manager's (CAM) approval.
- E. Payments shall be made to the Contractor for undisputed invoices. An undisputed invoice is an invoice submitted by the Contractor for services rendered, and for which additional evidence is not required to determine its validity. The invoice will be disputed if all deliverables due for the billing period have not been received and approved, if the invoice is inaccurate, or if it does not comply with the terms of this Agreement. If the invoice is disputed, Contractor will be notified via a Dispute Notification Form within 15 working days of receipt of the invoice.
- F. Payment will be made in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act, Government Code Chapter 4.5, commencing with Section 927, which requires payment of properly submitted, undisputed invoices within 45 days of receipt or automatically pay late payment penalties.
- G. Final invoice must be received by the Energy Commission no later than 30 calendar days after the Agreement termination date.
- H. The State will pay for State or local sales or use taxes on the services rendered or equipment, parts or software supplied to the Energy Commission pursuant to this Agreement. The State of California is exempt from Federal excise taxes, and no payment will be made for any taxes levied on employee's wages.
- I. No payment will be made for costs identified in Contractor invoices that have or will be reimbursed by another source, including but not limited to a Government Entity agreement or subcontract or other procurement methods.

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2. **PAYMENT TERMS**

- In Arrears
- Itemized
- Monthly

3. **INVOICING PROCEDURES**

- A. Invoices shall be submitted in duplicate not more frequently than monthly. The following certification shall be included on each invoice and signed by an authorized official of the Contractor:

*I certify that this invoice is correct and proper for payment, and reimbursement for these costs has not and will not be received from any other sources, including but not limited to a government entity contract, subcontract or other procurement method.*

- B. The Energy Commission will accept computer generated or electronically transmitted invoices, provided the Contractor sends a paper copy the same day to the Energy Commission. The date of "invoice receipt" shall be the date the Energy Commission receives the paper copy.

Send invoices to:

California Energy Commission  
Accounting Office, MS-2  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

- C. An invoice shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following.
- 1) Agreement number, date prepared and billing period.
  - 2) The Work Authorization number.
  - 3) The Contractor's actual fully loaded hourly labor rates by individual and number of hours worked during the reporting period. Identify actual, agreement and billed amounts.
  - 4) Other direct operating expenses, including equipment, travel, miscellaneous and materials, etc.
  - 5) Subcontractor expenditures.
  - 6) An indication of whether a subcontractor is a California Certified Small Business or a Certified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise.
  - 7) Identify the specific task(s) and/or the categories of expenditures under the applicable Work Authorization.
  - 8) Consistent with the applicable Work Authorization budget provide current billing, previously billed, budgeted amounts and balance of funds.
  - 9) If applicable, the match fund expenditures.
  - 10) All invoices must be accompanied by the following documentation to support the expenditure:

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- a) Subcontractor invoices which shall include items 1-9 above for corresponding information, if any, identified in the budget detail (e.g., if the budget detail lists hourly labor rates, then the subcontractor's invoice would include hourly labor rates).
- b) Receipts for travel expenses.
- c) Receipts for materials, miscellaneous, and/or equipment.
- d) A report that documents the progress of the work during the billing period; and
- e) Any other deliverables due during the billing period.

#### 4. **RETENTION**

The Energy Commission shall retain from each invoice ten per cent (10%) of that invoice, excluding equipment invoices. The retained amount shall be held and released only upon approval that work has been satisfactorily completed and the Final Report (if required) has been received and approved. The Contractor must submit a separate invoice for the retained amount. Retained funds may be withheld by the Energy Commission to compensate or credit for amounts that were paid in error, or amounts that were paid but exceed the actual allowable incurred costs.

Retention may be released upon completion of a work authorization as each is considered a separate and distinct piece of work (i.e. the work authorization is a stand-alone piece of work and could be completed without other work authorizations). A work authorization for administration or management of the Agreement and/or subcontractors is not considered separate and distinct and retention will not be released early. Retention for the administrative/management work authorization will be released upon completion and approval of all Agreement final deliverables.

#### 5. **TRAVEL AND PER DIEM RATES**

The Contractor shall be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses using the Energy Commission Contractor Travel Rates. The Contractor must pay for travel in excess of these rates. The Contractor may obtain current rates from the Energy Commission's Web Site at: [http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/TRAVEL\\_PER\\_DIEM.PDF](http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/TRAVEL_PER_DIEM.PDF).

- A. Before Contractor incurs travel costs and travels under this Agreement, CAM shall provide written authorization in a Work Authorization.
- B. The Energy Commission will reimburse travel expenses from the Contractor's office location. For purposes of payment, the Contractor's office location shall be considered the office location where the Contractor's employees or, if applicable, the employees of a subcontractor with responsibilities for this Agreement are permanently assigned.
- C. Travel receipts and documentation of travel expenses, including travel meals and incidentals, shall be submitted with invoices requesting reimbursement from the Energy Commission. The documentation must be listed by trip and include dates and times of departure and return.

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6. **BUDGET CONTINGENCY CLAUSE**

It is mutually agreed that if the Budget Act of the current year and/or any subsequent years covered under this Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for the work identified in Exhibit A, this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect. In this event, the State shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to the Contractor or to furnish any other consideration under this Agreement and the Contractor shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of this Agreement.

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, the State shall have the option to either: cancel this Agreement with no liability occurring to the State, or offer an Agreement amendment to the Contractor to reflect the reduced amount.

7. **RATES & CLASSIFICATIONS: CHANGES IN CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL OR SUBCONTRACTOR PERSONNEL**

This section contains provisions allowing rate and classification changes without a formal amendment. Exhibit D contains the rules for adding or replacing personnel and subcontractors listed in the Agreement. When a Contractor makes personnel and subcontractor changes in accordance with Exhibit D that do not require a formal amendment, the following rules explain the rates and classifications for which the Contractor can invoice. Changes outside of these rules require a formal amendment to the Agreement.

A. **New Personnel**

If Contractor or a subcontractor adds new personnel after the Agreement has been executed, the Contractor shall submit the new personnel's resume and proposed job classification/rate, consistent with classifications/rates within the respective budget, to CAM for review and approval. If the Agreement budget includes a job classification with the person identified as "To Be Determined", and a person is later identified, this person is considered to be new personnel. The new personnel shall not provide services until the CAM approves the new personnel request in writing and notifies the Energy Commission Agreement Officer (CAO). Any work performed by these new personnel prior to CAM approval is at Contractor's expense; the Energy Commission will not reimburse Contractor for work performed by these new personnel that occurs prior to CAM approval.

B. **Labor Rates & Classifications**

The Agreement budget identifies individuals and/or job classifications and the maximum rates that the Contractor can invoice for them. The Contractor shall only invoice for the actual rates up to the maximum amount listed. Contractor can only increase rates or add new job classifications to the Agreement through a formal amendment to this Agreement.

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1. Contractor Changes: Addition or Replacement of Personnel

a) Labor Rates

If the Contractor adds a new person to a job classification listed in the Contractor's budget or replaces a person listed in the Contractor's budget, the Contractor can only invoice for the new person's actual rate up to the maximum amount listed for that classification in the Contractor's budget. The Contractor cannot use for its personnel a rate of a subcontractor.

b) Classifications

Additions or replacement of personnel can only be made within existing job classifications identified in the Contractor's budget. The Contractor cannot use for its personnel a job classification of a subcontractor. The new person must be invoiced within job classifications that already exist in the budget for the Contractor. If the Contractor wishes to add a new job classification to the Agreement (for instance to bring in a new person or possibly promote a person) this will require a formal amendment to the Agreement.

c) Promotions

Contractor personnel listed in the Contractor's budget can be moved to a higher-paying job classification listed in the Contractor's budget with prior written approval of the CAM and the appropriate Division Deputy Director. The written approval must be submitted to the CAO.

2. Subcontractor Changes: Addition or Replacement of Personnel

a) Labor Rates

If a subcontractor adds a new person to a job classification listed in the subcontractor's budget or replaces a person listed in the subcontractor's budget for that subcontractor, the subcontractor can only invoice for the new person's actual rate up to the maximum amount listed for that classification in the subcontractor's budget. The subcontractor cannot use for its personnel a rate of another subcontractor or of the Contractor.

b) Classifications

Additions or replacement of personnel can only be made within existing job classifications identified in the subcontractor's budget. The subcontractor cannot use for its personnel a job classification of another subcontractor or of the Contractor. The new person must be invoiced within job classifications that already exist in the budget for the subcontractor. If the subcontractor wishes to add a new job classification to the Agreement (for instance to bring in a new person or possibly promote a person) this will require a formal amendment to the Agreement.

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c) Promotions

Subcontractor personnel listed in the subcontractor's budget can be moved to a higher-paying job classification listed in the subcontractor's budget with prior written approval of the CAM and the appropriate Division Deputy Director. The written approval must be submitted to the CAO.

C. Changes in Assigned Personnel Dollars

Contractor may move dollars allocated for a specific person (employee or subcontractor) to another person listed in an Agreement or Work Authorization budget. However such changes cannot change the amount of the budget for the labor category. If a change in personnel will result in a change in the dollar amount of the labor category, then the Agreement or Work Authorization must be amended.

8. **BUDGET REALLOCATION**

Any movement of funds from one category to another must be done through an amendment to the Work Authorization.

9. **ALLOWABLE COSTS**

The Energy Commission will allow for travel and per diem costs; however, Contractor's travel time will not be reimbursable. Only active time spent on project work is reimbursable.

The Energy Commission will only reimburse:

- labor costs to perform work
- travel (hotel, airfare, rental car, parking, etc.) and per diem costs (meals), according to State travel rules

The Energy Commission will not reimburse:

- the Contractor's travel time to/from project sites or to/from meetings
- any other costs such as binders, printing, courier service, etc. This type of expense should be included in the Contractor's loaded hourly rate.

10. **ENERGY CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE ACT (ECAA) FUNDING**

Funding for this Agreement is contingent upon available funding in the Energy Conservation Assistance Act Account pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 25416(d). If the energy Commission determines that available funding for this Agreement is less than the amount of this Agreement, the Energy Commission may amend this Agreement to reflect the available amount.

11. **BUDGET DETAIL**

Budget detail is contained in the Attachments to this Exhibit.

The attached Budget Rates are to be used when drafting Work Authorizations. Each Work Authorization will identify specific costs for each category.

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**EXHIBIT D**

Special Terms and Conditions

1. **AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT**

- A. Contractor may change Project Manager but the Energy Commission reserves the right to approve any substitution of the Project Manager.
- B. The Energy Commission may change the Energy Commission Agreement Manager (CAM) at any time and will send a written notice to the Contractor signed by the Energy Commission Agreement Officer (CAO).
- C. Energy Commission staff will be permitted to work side by side with Contractor's staff to the extent and under conditions that may be directed by the CAM. In this connection, Energy Commission staff will be given access to all data, working papers, etc., which Contractor may seek to utilize.
- D. Contractor will not be permitted to utilize Energy Commission personnel for the performance of services, which are the responsibility of Contractor unless the CAM previously agrees to such utilization in writing and an appropriate adjustment in price is made. No charge will be made to Contractor for the services of Energy Commission employees while performing, coordinating or monitoring functions.
- E. If the Schedule of Deliverables and Due Dates needs to be revised after the execution of the Agreement, the revised dates cannot extend beyond the term end date of the Agreement. Contractor shall work with the CAM to agree on the new deliverable due dates. The CAM shall issue the revised Schedule of Deliverables and Due Dates to the Contractor and the CAO. Although the dates can be revised, the deliverables cannot be changed through this process.

2. **STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE**

Contractor shall be responsible in the performance of Contractor's/subcontractor's work under this Agreement for exercising the degree of skill and care required by customarily accepted good professional practices and procedures. Any costs for failure to meet these standards, or otherwise defective services, which require reperformance, as directed by CAM or its designee, shall be borne in total by the Contractor/subcontractor and not the Energy Commission. In the event the Contractor/subcontractor fails to perform in accordance with the above standard the following will apply. Nothing contained in this section is intended to limit any of the rights or remedies which the Energy Commission may have under law.

- A. Contractor/subcontractor will reperform, at its own expense, any task, which was not performed to the reasonable satisfaction of the CAM. Any work reperformed pursuant to this paragraph shall be completed within the time limitations originally set forth for the specific task involved. Contractor/subcontractor shall work any overtime required to meet the deadline for the task at no additional cost to the Energy Commission.

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- B. The Energy Commission shall provide a new schedule for the reperformance of any task pursuant to this paragraph in the event that reperformance of a task within the original time limitations is not feasible.
- C. If the Energy Commission directs the Contractor not to reperform a task; the CAM and Contractor shall negotiate a reasonable settlement for satisfactory services rendered. No previous payment shall be considered a waiver of the Energy Commission's right to reimbursement.

3. **SUBCONTRACTS**

Contractor shall enter into subcontracts with the following firms and/or individuals and shall manage the performance of the subcontractors.

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**OR**

No Subcontractors are named for this Agreement. If subcontractors are needed to perform any portion of this Agreement, the following criteria must be met and Contractor shall manage the performance of the subcontractors.

**AND**

- A. Nothing contained in this Agreement or otherwise, shall create any contractual relationship between the State and any subcontractors, and no subcontractors and no subcontract shall relieve Contractor of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. Contractor agrees to be as fully responsible to the State for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors and/or persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by Contractor. Contractor's obligation to pay its subcontractors is an independent obligation from the State's obligation to make payments to Contractor. As a result, the State shall have no obligation to pay or to enforce the payment of any monies to any subcontractor.
- B. Contractor shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining contractual agreements with and the reimbursement of each of the subcontractors for work performed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Contractor shall be responsible for scheduling and assigning subcontractors to specific tasks in the manner described in this Agreement; coordinating subcontractor accessibility to Energy Commission staff, and submitting completed products to the CAM.
- C. Contractor shall not allow any subcontractor to assign any portion of a subcontract related to this Agreement to a third party or subsequent tier subcontractor (lower tier subcontractor) without first obtaining the written consent of the CAM and following the procedures below "Process for New Subcontractors".

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- D. All subcontracts entered into pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to examination and audit by the Bureau of State Audits for a period of three (3) years after final payment under the Agreement.
- E. Upon request by the CAM or CAO, Contractor shall provide copies of all contractual agreements with subcontractors and lower tier subcontractors.
- F. Contractors who are subcontracting with University of California or California State University may use the terms and conditions negotiated by the Department of General Services with University of California/California State University for their subcontracts. Contractors who are subcontracting with the Department of Energy's (DOE) Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and the Sandia National Laboratories may use the terms and conditions negotiated with the Department of General Services. Contractors who are subcontracting with all other DOE laboratories may use the terms and conditions negotiated by the Energy Commission with DOE for their subcontracts.
- G. Upon the termination of any subcontract or lower tier subcontract, Contractor shall notify the CAM and CAO immediately in writing.
- H. In addition to any other flow-down provisions required by this Agreement, all subcontracts shall contain the following: 1) the audit rights and non-discrimination provision stated in the General Terms and Conditions (Exhibit C) and in D above; 2) further assignments shall not be made to any lower tier subcontractor without written consent of the CAM; and 3) the confidentiality provisions in the Reports paragraph of this Agreement.
- I. Process for New Subcontractors
- The Energy Commission reserves the right to replace a subcontractor, request additional subcontractors, and approve additional subcontractors requested by Contractor. A replaced subcontractor and an added subcontractor are both defined as a "new" subcontractor. Such changes shall be subject to the following conditions:
- 1) The new subcontractor shall be selected using either: (a) A competitive bid process with written evaluation criteria by obtaining three or more bids and advertising the work to a suitable pool of subcontractors including without limitation: California Contracts Register; Contractor's mailing lists; mass media; professional papers or journals; posting on websites; and telephone or email solicitations; or (b) Non-competitive bid (sole source) process with a specific subcontractor.
  - 2) Contractor may also need to comply with Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise requirements for the proposed subcontractor.
  - 3) When a new subcontractor is proposed the CAM shall complete and submit to the CAO a "Subcontractor Addition" form. The proposed subcontract can

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be executed only after the CAO approves the Subcontractor Addition form. This form identifies the new subcontractor and bidding method used (competitive or non-competitive), the tasks the new subcontractor will be performing and the following shall be attached: resumes and completed Energy Commission budget forms.

- 4) Labor Rates & Classifications: Personnel of new subcontractors must fit within a classification and be equal to or less than a rate already listed in the Agreement budget and the rate cannot exceed the subcontractor's actual rate. Adding classifications and/or higher rates for the new subcontractor other than ones currently listed in the Agreement requires a formal amendment.
- 5) Other Direct Operating Expenses: The new subcontractor may charge other direct operating expenses (such as material or equipment) as already identified in the Agreement budget. No new types of operating expenses are allowed to be charged by the new subcontractor. Adding new types of operating expenses for the new subcontractor requires a formal amendment.

4. **DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DVBE) REQUIREMENTS**

A. Reporting

If Contractor made a commitment to achieve DVBE participation for this Agreement, then Contractor must within 60 days of receiving final payment under this Agreement, certify in a report to the CAO: (1) the total amount the Contractor received under this Agreement; (2) the name and address of the DVBE(s) that participated in the performance of the Agreement; (3) the amount each DVBE received from the Contractor; (4) that all payments under the Agreement have been made to the DVBE(s); and (5) the actual percentage of DVBE participation that was achieved. A person or entity that knowingly provides false information shall be subject to a civil penalty for each violation. Military & Veterans Code section 999.5(d).

B. Substitution of DVBE

Contractor shall use each DVBE identified in its proposal or listed in this Agreement. Contractor understands and agrees that if DVBE(s) were identified in its Statement of Qualifications or listed in this Agreement, award of this Agreement is based in part on its commitment to use the DVBE subcontractor(s). If Contractor believes an identified DVBE must be replaced or substituted, Contractor shall inform CAM and CAO in writing of the reason for the DVBE replacement. A DVBE subcontractor may only be replaced by another DVBE subcontractor and must be approved by the Department of General Services. Military and Veterans Code section 999.5 (e). Contractor shall complete revised DVBE certification forms (provided by the CAO) identifying the new DVBE.

C. Amendment

This Agreement shall be amended if: a DVBE must be substituted and DGS has given approval, if required; or there are changes to the scope of work that impact the

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DVBE subcontractor(s) identified in the Statement of Qualifications or listed in this Agreement.

D. Grounds for Termination; Damages; Penalties

Failure of Contractor to seek substitution and adhere to the DVBE participation level identified in the proposal or listed in this Agreement may be cause for: termination of this Agreement, recovery of damages under rights and remedies due to the State; and penalties as outlined in Military and Veterans Code section 999.9 and Public Contract Code section 10115.10.

E. DVBE Name for this Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. PROCESS FOR OFFERING WORK**

If the Energy Commission or Contractor requires the replacement of a person listed in the Agreement to provide a particular service, or requires that a new person is added, the Contractor shall:

- 1) First offer the work to qualified persons already listed in this Agreement (either an employee of Contractor or a subcontractor).
- 2) If there is no available qualified person listed in this Agreement who can perform the work, then Contractor shall provide documentation from all the persons who were offered and declined the work to the CAM. Then, Contractor may request to add a new person to the Agreement in accordance with Exhibit B, Rates & Classifications: Changes in Contractor Personnel or Subcontractor Personnel. A person added to the Agreement is thereafter treated as a person listed in this Agreement and can be offered future work without first offering it to originally listed people.
- 3) If the person to be replaced or substituted was identified in the Agreement as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) firm, refer to the DVBE provision above for changes to DVBEs.
- 4) If the person added is a new subcontractor, Contractor shall use the process outlined in the Subcontracts provision, Process for New Subcontractors.

**6. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

The Energy Commission shall, upon completion of this Agreement, prepare a performance evaluation of the Contractor. Upon filing an unsatisfactory evaluation with the Department of General Services, Office of Legal Services (DGS) the Energy Commission shall notify and send a copy of the evaluation to the Contractor within 15 days. The Contractor shall have 30 days to prepare and send statements to the Energy Commission and the DGS defending his or her performance. The Contractor's statement shall be filed with the evaluation in the Energy Commission's Contract file and with DGS for a period of 36 months and shall not be a public record.

**7. REPORTS**

- A. **Progress and Final Reports:** Contractor shall prepare progress reports summarizing all activities conducted by Contractor to date on a schedule as

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provided in Exhibit A. At the conclusion of this Agreement, Contractor shall prepare a comprehensive Final Report, on a schedule as provided in Exhibit A.

- B. **Title:** Contractor's name shall only appear on the cover and title page of reports as follows:

California Energy Commission  
Project Title  
Contractor Number  
By (Contractor)

- C. **Ownership:** Each report shall become the property of the Energy Commission.
- D. **Non-disclosure:** Contractor will not disclose data or disseminate the contents of the final or any progress report without written permission of the CAM, except as provided in F, below. Permission to disclose information on one occasion or at public hearings held by the Energy Commission relating to the same shall not authorize Contractor to further disclose and disseminate the information on any other occasion. Contractor will not comment publicly to the press or any other media regarding its report, or the Energy Commission's actions on the same, except to Energy Commission staff, Contractor's own personnel involved in the performance of this Agreement, or at a public hearing, or in response to questions from a legislative committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event any public statement is made by the Energy Commission or any other party, based on information received from the Energy Commission as to the role of Contractor or the content of any preliminary or final report, Contractor may, if it believes the statement to be incorrect, state publicly what it believes is correct.
- E. **Confidentiality:** No record which has been designated as confidential, or is the subject of a pending application of confidentiality, shall be disclosed by the Contractor, Contractor's employees or any tier of subcontractors, except as provided in 20 California Code of Regulations, Sections 2506 and 2507, unless disclosure is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction (20 California Code of Regulations, Sections 2501, et seq.). At the election of the CAM, Contractor, Contractor's employees and any subcontractor shall execute a "Confidentiality Agreement," supplied by the CAM or CAO. Each subcontract shall contain provisions similar to the foregoing related to the confidentiality and nondisclosure of data.
- F. **Disclosure:** Ninety days after any document submitted by the contractor is deemed by the CAM to be a part of the public records of the State, Contractor may, if it wishes to do so at its own expense, publish or utilize a report or written document but shall include the following legend:

**"LEGAL NOTICE"**

**"This report was prepared as a result of work sponsored by the California Energy Commission. It does not necessarily represent the views of the Energy Commission, its employees, or the State of California. The Energy Commission, the State of California, its employees, contractors, and subcontractors make no warranty, express or implied, and assume no legal**

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**liability for the information in this report; nor does any party represent that the use of this information will not infringe upon privately owned rights."**

**8. CONTRACT DATA, OWNERSHIP RIGHTS**

- A. "Data" as used in this Agreement means recorded information, regardless of form or characteristic, of a scientific or technical nature. It may, for example, document research or experimental, developmental or engineering work, or be usable or be used to define a design or process, or to support a premise or conclusion asserted in any deliverable document required by this Agreement. The data may be graphic or pictorial delineations in media, such as drawings or photographs, data or information, etc. It may be in machine form, such as punched cards, magnetic tape or computer printouts, or may be retained in computer memory.
- B. "Deliverable data" is that data which, under the terms of this Agreement, is required to be delivered to the Energy Commission and shall belong to the Energy Commission.
- C. "Proprietary data" is such data as the Contractor has identified in a satisfactory manner as being under Contractor's control prior to commencement of performance of this Agreement, and which Contractor has reasonably demonstrated as being of a proprietary nature either by reason of copyright, patent or trade secret doctrines in full force and effect at the time when performance of this Agreement is commenced. The title to "proprietary data" shall remain with the Contractor throughout the term of this Agreement and thereafter. The extent of the Energy Commission access to, and the testimony available regarding, the proprietary data shall be limited to that reasonably necessary to demonstrate, in a scientific manner to the satisfaction of scientific persons, the validity of any premise, postulate or conclusion referred to or expressed in any deliverable for this Agreement.
- D. "Generated data" is that data, which a Contractor has collected, collated, recorded, deduced, read out or postulated for utilization in the performance of this Agreement. Any electronic data processing program, model or software system developed or substantially modified by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement at the Energy Commission's expense, together with complete documentation thereof, shall be treated in the same manner as "generated data." "Generated data" shall be the property of the Energy Commission, unless and only to the extent that it is specifically provided otherwise in this Agreement.
- E. As to "generated data" which is reserved to Contractor by the express terms hereof, and as to any pre-existing or "proprietary data" which has been utilized to support any premise, postulate or conclusion referred to or expressed in any deliverable hereunder, Contractor shall preserve the same in a form which may be introduced as evidence in a court of law at Contractor's own expense for a period of not less than three years after receipt by the Energy Commission of the Final Report herein.
- F. Before the expiration of the three years, and before changing the form of or destroying any data, Contractor shall notify the Energy Commission of any

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contemplated action and the Energy Commission may, within thirty (30) days after notification, determine whether it desires the data to be preserved. If the Energy Commission so elects, the expense of further preserving data shall be paid for by the Energy Commission. Contractor agrees that the Energy Commission may at its own expense, have reasonable access to data throughout the time during which data is preserved. Contractor agrees to use its best efforts to furnish competent witnesses or to identify competent witnesses to testify in any court of law regarding data.

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

If public hearings on the scope of work are held during the period of the Agreement, Contractor will make available to testify the personnel assigned to this Agreement. The Energy Commission will reimburse Contractor for compensation and travel of the personnel at the Agreement rates for the testimony which the Energy Commission requests.

10. **DISPUTES**

In the event of an Agreement dispute or grievance between Contractor and the Energy Commission, both parties may follow the procedure detailed below. Contractor shall continue with the responsibilities under this Agreement during any dispute.

A. First Level Dispute Resolution

The Contractor shall first discuss the problem informally with the CAM. If the problem cannot be resolved at this stage, the Contractor must direct the grievance together with any evidence, in writing, to the CAO. The grievance must state the issues in the dispute, the legal authority or other basis for the Contractor's position and the remedy sought. The CAO and the Program Office Manager must make a determination on the problem within ten (10) working days after receipt of the written communication from the Contractor. The CAO shall respond in writing to the Contractor, indicating a decision and explanation for the decision. Should the Contractor disagree with the CAO decision, the Contractor may appeal to the second level.

B. Second Level Dispute Resolution

The Contractor must prepare a letter indicating why CAO's decision is unacceptable, attaching to it the Contractor's original statement of the dispute with supporting documents, along with a copy of the CAO's response. This letter shall be sent to the Energy Commission's Executive Director within ten (10) working days from receipt of the CAO's decision. The Executive Director or designee shall meet with the Contractor to review the issues raised. A written decision signed by the Executive Director or designee shall be returned to the Contractor within twenty (20) working days of receipt of the Contractor's letter. The Executive Director may inform the Energy Commission of the decision at an Energy Commission business meeting. Should the Contractor disagree with the Executive Director's decision, the Contractor may appeal to the Energy

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Commission at a regularly scheduled business meeting. Contractor will be provided with the current procedures for placing the appeal on an Energy Commission Business Meeting Agenda.

**11. TERMINATION**

The parties agree that because the Energy Commission is a state entity it is necessary for the Energy Commission to be able to terminate, at once, upon the default of Contractors and to proceed with the work required under the Agreement in any manner the Energy Commission deems proper. Contractor specifically acknowledges that the unilateral termination of the Agreement by the Energy Commission under the terms set forth below is an essential term of the Agreement, without which the Energy Commission would not enter into the Agreement. Contractor further agrees that upon any of the events triggering the unilateral termination of the Agreement by the Energy Commission, the Energy Commission has the sole right to terminate the Agreement, and it would constitute bad faith of the Contractor to interfere with the immediate termination of the Agreement by the Energy Commission.

This Agreement may be terminated for any reason set forth below.

**A. With Cause**

In the event of any breach by the Contractor of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Energy Commission may, without prejudice to any of its legal remedies, terminate this Agreement for cause upon five (5) days written notice to the Contractor. In such event, the Energy Commission shall pay Contractor only the reasonable value of the services theretofore rendered by Contractor, as may be agreed upon by the parties or determined by a court of law, but not in excess of the Agreement maximum payable. "Cause" includes without limitation:

- 1) Failure to perform or breach of any of the terms or covenants at the time and in the manner provided in this Agreement; or
- 2) Contractor is not able to pay its debts as they become due and/or Contractor is in default of an obligation that impacts his ability to perform under this Agreement; or
- 3) It is determined after notice and hearing by the Energy Commission or the Executive Director that gratuities were offered or given by the Contractor or any agent or representative of the Contractor, to any officer or employee of the Energy Commission, with a view toward securing an Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to awarding or amending or making a determination with respect to performance of the Agreement; or
- 4) Significant change in Energy Commission policy such that the work or product being funded would not be supported by the Energy Commission; or
- 5) Reorganization to a business entity unsatisfactory to the Energy Commission; or

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- 6) The retention or hiring of subcontractors, or the replacement or addition of personnel that fail to perform to the standards and requirements of this Agreement.

B. Without Cause

The Energy Commission may, at its option, terminate this Agreement without cause in whole or in part, upon giving thirty (30) days advance notice in writing to the Contractor. In such event, the Contractor agrees to use all reasonable efforts to mitigate the Contractor's expenses and obligations hereunder. Also, in such event, the Energy Commission shall pay the Contractor for all satisfactory services rendered and expenses incurred within 30 days after notice of termination which could not by reasonable efforts of the Contractor have been avoided, but not in excess of the maximum payable under this Agreement.

12. **WAIVER**

No waiver of any breach of this Agreement shall be held to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach. All remedies afforded in this Agreement shall be taken and construed as cumulative, that is, in addition to every other remedy provided therein or by law. The failure of the Energy Commission to enforce at any time any of the provisions of this Agreement, or to require at any time performance by Contractor of any of the provisions, shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of those provisions, nor in any way affect the validity of this Agreement or any part of it or the right of the Energy Commission to thereafter enforce each and every such provision.

13. **CAPTIONS**

The clause headings appearing in this Agreement have been inserted for the purpose of convenience and ready reference and do not define, limit, or extend the scope or intent of the clauses.

14. **PRIOR DEALINGS, CUSTOM OR TRADE USAGE**

In no event shall any prior course of dealing, custom or trade usage modify, alter, or supplement any of these terms.

15. **NOTICE**

Legal notice must be given using any of the following delivery methods: U.S. Mail, overnight mail, or personal delivery, providing evidence of receipt to the person identified in Exhibit F of this Agreement for legal notices. Delivery by fax or e-mail is not considered legal notice for the purpose of this clause. This clause is not intended to apply to normal, daily communication between the parties related to progress of the work. This clause applies to situations where notice is required to be given by this Agreement or the parties are asserting their legal rights and remedies.

Notice shall be effective when received, unless a legal holiday for the State commences on the date of the attempted delivery. In which case, the effective date shall be postponed until the next business day.

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16. **STOP WORK**

The CAO may, at any time, by written notice to Contractor, require Contractor to stop all or any part of the work tasks in this Agreement. Stop Work Orders may be issued for reasons such as a project exceeding budget, standard of performance, out of scope work, delay in project schedule, misrepresentations and the like.

- A. Compliance. Upon receipt of such stop work order, Contractor shall immediately take all necessary steps to comply therewith and to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to work stopped.
- B. Equitable Adjustment. An equitable adjustment shall be made by the Energy Commission based upon a written request by Contractor for an equitable adjustment. Such adjustment request must be made by Contractor within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the stop work notice.
- C. Revoking a Stop Work Order. Contractor shall resume the stopped work only upon receipt of written instructions from the CAO canceling the stop work order.

17. **INTERPRETATION OF TERMS**

This Agreement shall be conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the solicitation, if applicable. The Contractor's Statement of Qualifications is not attached, but is expressly incorporated by reference into this Agreement. In the event of conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and the solicitation or Statement of Qualifications, this Agreement shall be considered controlling.

18. **AMENDMENTS**

This Agreement may be amended through a formal amendment process to make changes, pursuant to 20 California Code of Regulations section 2566, including without limitation;

- Increases in total Agreement amount,
- Extending the Agreement end date,
- Modifying tasks,
- Adding or modifying terms and conditions.

19. **DISCRIMINATION and HARASSMENT TRAINING**

All employees of Contractor and any subcontractor who provide service under this Agreement and maintain work space at the Energy Commission shall take annual training on the prevention of discrimination and harassment. The Energy Commission shall provide the online training course at no charge to Contractor or subcontractors. However, Contractor and subcontractors shall not invoice for the time spent taking the course. Contractor shall ensure that all employees of Contractor and any subcontractor who provide service under this Agreement and represent the Energy Commission in public hearings and workshops, but do not maintain office space at the Energy Commission, receive training on prevention of discrimination and harassment.

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**Additional Provisions**

1. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

A. Information Considered Confidential

If applicable, all Contractor information considered confidential at the commencement of this Agreement is designated in the Attachment to this Exhibit.

B. Confidential Deliverables: Labeling and Submitting Confidential Information

Prior to the commencement of this Agreement, if applicable, the parties have identified in the Attachment to this Exhibit, specific Confidential Information to be provided as a deliverable. All such confidential deliverables shall be marked, by the Contractor, as "Confidential" on each page of the document containing the Confidential Information and presented in a sealed package to the Commission Agreement Officer. (Non-confidential deliverables are submitted to the Accounting Office.) All Confidential Information will be contained in the "confidential" volume: no Confidential Information will be in the "public" volume.

C. Submittal of Unanticipated Confidential Information as a Deliverable

The Contractor and the Energy Commission agree that during this Agreement, it is possible that the Contractor may develop additional data or information not originally anticipated as a confidential deliverable. In this case, Contractor shall follow the procedures for a request for designation of Confidential Information specified in 20 CCR 2505. The Energy Commission's Executive Director makes the determination of confidentiality. Such subsequent determinations may be added to the list of confidential deliverables in the Attachment to this Exhibit.

D. **Disclosure of Confidential Information**

Disclosure of Confidential Information by the Energy Commission may only be made pursuant to 20 CCR 2506 and 2507. All confidential data, records or deliverables that are legally disclosed by the Contractor or any other entity become public records and are no longer subject to the above confidentiality designation.

2. **WORK AUTHORIZATIONS**

A. Process

1. The Energy Commission Agreement Manager (CAM), with the assistance of the Contractor shall prepare Work Authorizations (WA) directing the work of the Contractor. The CAM will provide the WA format.

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2. The WA shall be signed by the Contractor's authorized individual and by the CAM. In addition to the CAM, the WA may also be signed by Energy Commission staff serving as Project Manager for the individual WA. The CAM shall sign after the Contractor.
3. The WA becomes effective when the CAM signs the WA. No work shall begin until the WA is approved and signed by both parties.
4. The CAM shall file each signed WA with the Energy Commission Agreement Officer (CAO) before payment is approved for the WA.

B. Content of WA

Each WA shall include:

1. Agreement Number
2. WA Number
3. WA Title
4. Effective Date (date signed by the CAM, indicating Contractor may begin work)
5. End Date
6. Objective or goal of the WA
7. Detailed scope of work and tasks
8. What task the WA falls within the Agreement
9. Schedule/Due dates and Deliverables
10. Contact Information
11. Category budget for the costs identified as allowable in Agreement budget.

C. Work Authorization Budgets

1. Category Budget.

Each WA shall contain a category budget. CAM shall allocate a total budget to each WA. WA budgets are divided into categories such as:

- Total labor amount
- Subcontracted amount
- Travel and per diem total amount
- Other direct or miscellaneous costs, including rental charges/fees, with details of specific item, quantity, rate and cost.
- Other items as required by CAM, as allowed by the Agreement Budget

NOTE: these categories are examples only. The WA budget shall contain the actual budget categories.

Contractor may spend the category budget up to the maximum amounts allocated for each category in the WA. Contractor shall not exceed the budgeted amount for each category unless the WA is amended. Contractor shall not exceed budgeted rate caps in the Agreement budget See Exhibit B, Budget Reallocation.

2. Non-Labor Direct Costs, such as travel, materials or equipment. The Agreement will include the Contractor's mark-ups, if any, to non-labor direct costs. Work authorization budgets will include non-labor direct cost details that are allowable and reimbursable for that specific work authorization. Non-labor direct costs will

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only be included in a work authorization budget if considered appropriate to the specific work authorization scope of work by the CAM.

- D. **Payment**  
Payment for services is based upon an approved category budget in each WA. Any costs or expenses incurred by the Contractor or any subcontractor that have not been identified in the WA shall be borne by the Contractor.
- E. **Costs**  
The actual cost of an approved, completed WA shall not exceed the authorized amount of the WA budget. If, in the performance of the WA, the Contractor or CAM determines that the total cost might exceed the WA budget amount, Contractor or CAM shall immediately notify the other. Upon such notification, the CAM may:
1. Amend the WA scope of work to accomplish the work within the budget; or
  2. Amend the WA to augment the budget; or
  3. Direct the Contractor to complete the work for the budgeted amount without changes to the scope of work; or
  4. Terminate the WA.
- F. **Amendments..**
1. An amendment of the WA is required for the following changes, including but not limited to:
    - Changes to the scope of work (i.e. new or changed work)
    - Adding Funds
    - Extending the Term
    - Exceeding the amount allocated to a specific category (i.e. labor or travel).
    - Adding new job classifications to the WA (job classification must already be included in Agreement budget)
  2. Amendments shall be approved and signed using the same process as the original WA.
  3. Amendments must be made prior to the termination date of the original WA or as amended.
- G. **Changes without Amendment**  
CAM may make the following changes to the WA without an amendment upon prior written notification to Contractor:
1. Changes to deliverable due dates, as long as the due dates do not go beyond the end term of the WA.
  2. Minor scope of work changes that only correct grammatical errors or reference mistakes.
  3. Adding people within existing job classifications to perform service under the WA
- H. **Stop Work**  
The Energy Commission reserves the right to require the Contractor to stop or suspend work on any WA. The CAM, in consultation with the CAO, shall provide notice in writing to the Contractor of the date work is stopped or suspended. Costs

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incurred up to that date shall be reimbursed in accordance with the Stop Work clause in Exhibit D.

I. Termination of WA

The CAM, in consultation with the CAO, may terminate the WA without cause with 30 days written notice to Contractor. Costs incurred up to that date shall be reimbursed in accordance with the termination clause in Exhibit D.

J. Incorporated into Agreement

Each WA shall be incorporated into this Agreement. However, it is understood and agreed by both parties that all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall remain in force with the inclusion of any such WA. A WA shall in no way constitute an independent Agreement, nor in any way amend or supersede any of the other provisions of this Agreement.

K. Information Technology

Work Authorizations may be reviewed by the Energy Commission's Information Technology Services Branch to determine if any information technology (IT) activities or acquisitions are included in the Work Authorization. If it is determined the Work Authorization includes IT activities or acquisitions the Energy Commission's Chief Information Officer or designee must approve the Work Authorization before it can be executed. Activities under the Agreement that could impact the Energy Commission IT systems include, but are not limited to using GIS software to produce maps.

**3. RIGHTS OF PARTIES IN COPYRIGHTS, PHYSICAL WORKS OF ART AND FINE ART**

The Contractor; by signing this Agreement, expressly grants to the Energy Commission for all copyrightable material, work of art and original work of authorship first produced, composed or authored in the performance of this Agreement a royalty-free, paid-up, non-exclusive, irrevocable, nontransferable, worldwide license to produce, translate, publish, use, dispose of, reproduce, prepare derivative works based on, distribute copies of, publicly perform, or publicly display a work of art or fine art, and to authorize others to produce, translate, publish, use, dispose of, reproduce, prepare derivative works based on, distribute copies of, publicly perform, or publicly display a work of art or fine art.

Contractor, by signing this Agreement, expressly conveys to the Energy Commission all ownership of the physical works of art and fine art produced under this Agreement. Contractor agrees it does not reserve any rights to the physical works of art and fine art produced under this Agreement.

Contractor shall obtain these same rights for the Energy Commission from all subcontractors and others who produce copyrightable material, works of art, or works of fine art under this Agreement. Contractor shall incorporate these paragraphs, modified appropriately, into its agreements with subcontractors. No subcontract shall be entered into without these rights being assured to the Energy Commission from the subcontractor.

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**4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- A. Contractor agrees to continuously review new and upcoming projects in which members of the Contractor team may be involved for potential conflicts of interest. Contractor shall inform the CAM as soon as a question arises about whether a potential conflict may exist. The CAM and Commission's Chief Counsel's Office shall determine what constitutes a potential conflict of interest. The Energy Commission reserves the right to redirect work and funding on a project if the Commission's Chief Counsel's Office determines that there is a potential conflict of interest.
- B. If any individual working under this Agreement is a consultant subject to the requirements and restrictions of the Political Reform Act (Government Code, sections 81000 et seq.), the Contractor shall submit an economic interest statement (Fair Political Practices Commission's Form 700) from each employee or subcontractor whom is a consultant as required by the Political Reform Act. Consultants must report all financial interests required under Category 1 of the Energy Commission's Conflict of Interest Code (Title 20, California Code of Regulations, sections 2401 and 2402.)

The Form 700 shall be filed in person at, or mailed to, the following address (e-mails and faxes are not acceptable):

Energy Commission Filing Officer – Form 700 Filing  
Selection & Equal Employment Opportunity Office  
1516 9th St., MS 52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**5. PROVIDING SERVICES OUTSIDE THE AGREEMENT**

For purposes of this paragraph, the following definition applies:

"Program Participant" means an entity that has applied or is eligible to apply to the Bright Schools or Energy Partnership Programs. These entities include schools, school districts, county offices of education, state special schools, universities and colleges, cities, counties, special districts, joint powers authorities, public care institutions and hospitals. Eligible entities for Bright Schools and Energy Partnership Programs may change from time to time. Contractor shall check the Energy Commission technical assistance website in order to determine if a particular type of entity is eligible for Bright Schools or Energy Partnership Programs.

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/financing.html>

**A. Responding to Publicly-Posted Solicitations from Program Participants**

Contractor and its subcontractors shall have the right to respond to publicly-advertised solicitations issued by Program Participants for engineering/energy consulting work. The Contractor and subcontractors may enter into other contracts with Program Participants directly, so long as such contracts are based on a competitive selection process or any selection process authorized by law, and are not duplicative of tasks specified in work authorizations under this Agreement.

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**B. Marketing to and Communications with Program Participants**

1. Contractor and its subcontractors shall not:
  - Leverage the Agreement between the Energy Commission and Contractor related to services provided under this Agreement to market or solicit for work verbally or in writing directly to Program Participants during the term of this Agreement. This means that Contractor and its subcontractors will not use the contractual relationship between Energy Commission and Contractor as a means to secure contracts with Program Participants.
  - Make a representation to a Program Participant that the Energy Commission will approve or fund a Bright Schools or Energy Partnership Program application.
  - Use the Energy Commission logo or name without express written permission from the Energy Commission.
2. Contractor and its subcontractors may:
  - Receive communications from Program Participants who are seeking contractors for future engineering/energy consulting work.
  - Market or solicit for work verbally or in writing to Program Participants during the term of this Agreement, so long as the communication does not mention the relationship with the Energy Commission's Agreement.

**6. ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES**

Contractor acknowledges that as part of its Statement of Qualifications in response to RFQ-18-402, Contractor made certain estimates of professional staff availability for providing services under this Agreement. To the extent there are notable deviations to availability of resources by virtue of additional workload from other contracts or changes in staff composition, Contractor shall promptly notify Energy Commission of changes that could potentially reduce or alter the availability estimates provided previously. Energy Commission needs an assurance throughout the term of the Agreement that the Contractor and subcontractors have the resources to provide timely and prompt services under this contract.

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**Agreement Contacts**

<p><b>Commission Agreement Manager:</b></p> <p>(Name) California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street, MS- Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone (916) XXX-XXXX Fax # (916) e-mail: _____@energy.ca.gov</p>	<p><b>Contractor Project Manager:</b></p> <p>(Name) (Contractor Name) Address  Phone: Fax: e-mail:</p>
<p><b>Confidential Deliverables/Products</b></p> <p>California Energy Commission Contracts, Grants and Loans Office 1516 Ninth Street, MS-18 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (916) 654-4381 Fax: (916) 654-4423</p>	<p><b>Contractor Contract Administrator/Officer:</b></p> <p>(Name) (Contractor Name) Address  Phone: Fax: e-mail:</p>
<p><b>Invoices, Progress Reports and Non-Confidential Deliverables to:</b></p> <p>California Energy Commission Accounting Office 1516 Ninth Street, MS-2 Sacramento, CA 95814</p>	<p><b>Remittance for Payment:</b></p> <p>(Name) (Contractor Name) Address  Phone: Fax: e-mail:</p>
<p><b>Commission Legal Notices:</b></p> <p>Adrienne Winuk, Manager California Energy Commission Contracts, Grants and Loans Office 1516 Ninth Street, MS-18 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (916) 654-4379 Fax: (916) 654-4423 e-mail: <a href="mailto:adrienne.winuk@energy.ca.gov">adrienne.winuk@energy.ca.gov</a></p>	<p>(contractor legal person)</p>