**California Automated Permit Processing (CalAPP) Program**

**ATTACHMENT 2 – Terms and Conditions**

1. **Background and Authority for this Grant**

California Senate Bill 129 (2021) included an appropriation to the California Energy Commission (CEC) to support a grant program for cities, counties, or cities and counties to establish online solar permitting.

1. **Documents Incorporated by Reference and Priority**

Incorporated by reference into this agreement are the following documents:

1. Grant Funding Opportunity (GFO) 21-402.
2. Recipient’s application to CalAPP.

As between and the incorporated documents and the remainder of this Agreement, the rest of this Agreement takes priority in case of a conflict.

1. **Budget, Invoices, and Payments**
2. The CEC is only obligated to reimburse the Recipient for paid costs that are (1) incurred during the Agreement Term; (2) invoiced within the required timeframes of this Agreement; (3) not more than this Agreement’s budget; and (4) reasonable, actual, and allowable expenses under this Agreement.
3. Recipient acknowledges that the funds under this Agreement have a liquidation date of June 30, 2027, a legal timeframe after which the CEC has no authority to pay the funds. In addition, it takes the CEC administrative time to review, approve, work with the Recipient to correct any errors in, and request the State Controller’s Office to pay invoices. Accordingly, Recipient acknowledges that if it does not submit accurate invoices by March 30, 2027, for all amounts due under the Agreement, it risks not receiving payment, and relinquishes all rights to such payments should the CEC not pay it by the liquidation date. Recipient acknowledges that time is of the essence in invoicing by March 30, 2027, for all amounts due under this Agreement.

The Recipient may request payment from the Energy Commission at any time during the term of this Agreement after successful adoption of a qualifying solar permitting platform as verified by the CEC, but no more frequently than monthly. Recipient must use the CAM provided template invoice spreadsheet.

1. If invoicing for in-house staff time, the template invoice spreadsheet must identify the employee’s name, hours worked, and billing rate to be included as a reimbursable expense.
2. Unallowable costs include:

* Software not related to the adoption of a qualifying online, automated permitting platform.
* Any costs incurred or activities conducted prior to entering into a grant agreement with the Energy Commission or incurred after the grant agreement has ended.
* Typically excluded items such as food and beverages.
* Advertising costs.
* Fines and penalties.
* Permit processing fees charged by operator of an online platform.
* All other costs not identified as allowable.
* Unreasonable amounts or rates.

1. **Certification**

By signing this Agreement, Recipient hereby certifies that all funds received pursuant to this Agreement shall be spent exclusively for its CalAPP project in compliance with this Agreement. The Recipient further certifies that it shall comply with all applicable laws in performing this Agreement.

1. **Nondiscrimination Statement of Compliance**

During the performance of this Agreement, the Recipient and its subcontractors will not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, sexual orientation, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition, age, marital status, or denial of family care leave. The Recipient and its subcontractors will ensure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment.

The Recipient and its subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code Sections 12990 et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 11000 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4.1 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part of it as if set forth in full. The Recipient and its subcontractors will give written notice of their obligations under this section to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other Agreement.

The Recipient shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this section in all subcontracts to perform work under this Agreement.

1. **Drug-Free Workplace Certification**

By signing this Agreement, the Recipient certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that it will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Government Code Section 8350 et seq.) and will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited, and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations as required by Government Code Section 8355(a).
2. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program as required by Government Code Section 8355(b) to inform employees about all of the following:

• The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

• The person’s or organization’s policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

• Any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

• Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.

1. Provide, as required by Government Code Section 8355(c), that every employee who works on the proposed project:

• Will receive a copy of the company's drug-free policy statement; and

• Will agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment on the project.

In addition to any other rights and remedies available to the CEC, failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the Agreement or termination of the Agreement or both, and the Recipient may be ineligible for any future state awards if the CEC determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Recipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

1. **Americans With Disabilities Act**

By signing this Agreement, the Recipient assures the CEC that it complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12101, et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA.

1. **Accounting and Audit**

The Recipient will keep separate, complete, and correct accounting of the costs involved in completing the Agreement. The Recipient agrees that the CEC, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Agreement. The Recipient agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after the Agreement ends in any way. The Recipient agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, the Recipient agrees to include a similar right of the CEC, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representative, to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to performance of this Agreement. These rights and responsibilities are in addition to and not restrictive of those in Section 16. Access to Sites and Records.

1. **Public Works**

The Recipient is responsible for complying with all applicable laws, which can include public works requirements under the Labor Code. Recipient acknowledges acceptance of Agreement funds may trigger public works laws (Labor Code Section 1720 et seq.), a requirement of which is to pay prevailing wages, applying to its entire project. If the project is public works then it is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. By signing this Agreement, Recipient certifies that it shall comply with all applicable Public Works laws and requirements.

1. **Intellectual Property**

As between the Recipient and the CEC, the Recipient owns all intellectual property it or its subcontractors create under this Agreement. The CEC has a no-cost, non-exclusive, transferable, irrevocable, royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual license to use, publish, translate, modify, and reproduce all intellectual property, such as the products identified in Section 2. above, for governmental purposes the Recipient or its subcontractors create under this agreement. The Recipient shall include a provision securing these rights for the CEC in all of its subcontractor agreements related to performance of this Agreement.

1. **Amendment**

No amendment or variation of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by both the Recipient and CEC.

1. **Governing Law**

This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of California as to interpretation and performance.

1. **Independent Capacity**

In the performance of this Agreement, Recipient and its agents, subcontractors, and employees will act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents of the CEC or the State of California.

1. **Severability**

If any provision of this Agreement is unenforceable or held to be unenforceable, all other provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

1. **Waiver**

No waiver of any breach of this Agreement constitutes waiver of any other breach. All remedies in this Agreement will be taken and construed as cumulative, meaning in addition to every other remedy provided in the Agreement or by law.

1. **Access to Sites and Records**

The Recipient shall provide during the Agreement and for at least 3 years after the Agreement ends in any way to the CEC or its representatives reasonable access to all project sites and to all records related to this Agreement. These rights and responsibilities are in addition to and not restrictive of those in Section 8. Accounting and Audit.

1. **Termination Without Cause**

The CEC may terminate this Agreement without cause upon giving written notice to the Recipient. In this event, the Recipient will use all reasonable efforts to mitigate its expenses and obligations.

1. **Third-Party Beneficiary**

The Recipient shall in every subcontract under this Agreement include a provision indicating the CEC is a third-party beneficiary to the agreement.

1. **Survival of Terms**

The following terms survive this Agreement no matter how the agreement ends, such as by its own terms or via termination:

* 8. Accounting and Audit
* 9. Public Works
* 10. Intellectual Property
* 12. Governing Law
* 14. Severability
* 15. Waiver
* 16. Access to Sites and Records
* 18. Third-Party Beneficiary