



AMBAG Board of Directors Agenda

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

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Voting members must attend the physical meeting to count toward quorum.

DATE: June 12, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

**LOCATION: Monterey Bay Air Resources District, Board Room, 3rd Floor
24580 Silver Cloud Court
Monterey, CA 93940**

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AMBAG Board of Directors meeting online:**

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On September 13, 2022, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 2449 (Rubio). The new amendments to the Brown Act go into effect on January 1, 2023. AB 2449 provides alternative teleconference procedures to allow members of the AMBAG Board of Directors to participate remotely under very limited circumstances.

Persons who wish to address the AMBAG Board of Directors on an item to be considered at this meeting are encouraged to submit comments in writing at info@ambag.org by Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 5 PM. The subject line should read "Public Comment for the June 12, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting." The agency clerk will read up to 3 minutes of any public comment submitted. If you have any questions, please contact Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board at aflores@ambag.org or at 831-883-3750 Ext. 300.

AMBAG Board Member(s) Meeting Remotely:

Manu Koenig: 5200 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

831-234-3922

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AB 2449 VOTE ON “JUST “ AND “EMERGENCY” CAUSE

Recommended Action: APPROVE

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

Receive oral report.

4. ROLL CALL

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
(A maximum of two minutes on any subject not on the agenda)**

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- President Carbone

Receive oral report.

B. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Recommended Action: DIRECT

- Director McCarthy

Receive a report from Director McCarthy on the May 17, 2024 SAC meeting. The next meeting is scheduled on August 16, 2024.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

Receive a report from Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Recommended Action: APPROVE

Note: Actions listed for each item represents staff recommendation. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, take any action on the items listed in the consent agenda.

A. Draft Minutes of the May 8, 2024 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

- Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board

Approve the draft minutes of the May 8, 2024 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting. (Page 7)

B. AMBAG Areawide Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

- Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

Accept the clearinghouse monthly newsletter. (Page 13)

C. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

- Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager

Accept the AMBAG Sustainability Program update. (Page 19)

D. Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study

- Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager

Accept the Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study and direct AMBAG staff to close out the Department of Conservation Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Planning Grant. (Page 23)

E. Integrated Land Use Model and Development Monitoring Framework Tool Consultant Agreement Amendment No. 1

- Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator

Approve the Integrated Land Use Model and Development Monitoring Framework Tool Contract Amendment Number One with Manhan Group, LLC containing a revised scope of work, budget, and extension to FY 2026-2027 ending on June 30, 2027. (Page 27)

F. Auditing and Consulting Services Agreement

- Diane Eidam, Retired Annuitant

Approve a five-year agreement for audit and consulting services with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the agreement. (Page 65)

G. Website Support Services Contract

- Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator

Approve a five-year agreement for website support services with Planetaria Media and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the agreement. (Page 103)

H. Information Technology Support Services Contract

- Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator

Approve a five-year agreement for information technology support services with Monterey Computer Corporation (MCC) and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the agreement. (Page 133)

I. Extension of Legal Services Contract

- Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance & Administration

Approve a one-year extension of the current contract for legal services and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the contract. (Page 163)

J. Financial Update Report

- Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance & Administration

Accept the financial update report which provides an update on AMBAG's current financial position and accompanying financial statements. (Page 169)

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

11. ADMINISTRATION

A. Letter to California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara Regarding Homeowners Insurance Issues in the AMBAG Region

Recommended Action: APPROVE

- Maura Twomey, Executive Director

Approve a letter to California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara requesting that the Insurance Commission address ongoing issues regarding homeowners insurance accessibility in the AMBAG region and the state. (Page 175)

12. PLANNING

A. Draft 2024 Title VI Program

Recommended Action: INFORMATION

- Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

Staff will provide an overview of the Draft 2024 Title VI Program, which has been released for public comment and review through July 12, 2024. The Final 2024 Title VI Program is scheduled to be adopted by the Board of Directors in September 2024. (Page 179)

13. ADJOURNMENT

REFERENCE ITEMS:

- A. 2024 AMBAG Meeting Schedule (Page 183)
- B. Acronym Guide (Page 185)

NEXT MEETING:

Date: August 14, 2024

Location: MBARD Board Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting: 5:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting: 6:00 PM

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**

May 8, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, President Mary Ann Carbone presiding, convened at 6:02 p.m. May 8, 2024 at the MBARD Board Room, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AB 2449 VOTE ON ‘EMERGENCY’ CAUSE

None.

4. ROLL CALL

<u>AMBAG Board of Directors</u>			
PRESENT:			
Agency	Representative	Agency	Representative
Capitola	Kristen Brown	County of Monterey	Mary Adams
Carmel	Karen Ferlito	County of Monterey	Glenn Church
Del Rey Oaks	John Uy	County of Santa Cruz	Felipe Hernandez
Greenfield	Robert White	County of San Benito	Mindy Sotelo
King City	Carlos Victoria		
Marina	Brian McCarthy	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Monterey	Alan Haffa	Caltrans, District 5	Orchid Monroy-Ochoa
Pacific Grove	Luke Coletti	MBARD	Richard Stedman
Salinas	Steve McShane	MST	Lisa Rheinheimer
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	SCCRTC	Mitch Weiss
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	TAMC	Todd Muck
Santa Cruz	Scott Newsome		
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm		
Soledad	Anna Velazquez		
ABSENT:			
Gonzales	Scott Funk	<u>Ex-Officio Members:</u>	
Hollister	Dolores Morales	3CE	Catherine Stedman
Monterey	Alan Haffa	MPAD	Mary Ann Leffel
Seaside	Alex Miller	SBtCOG	Binu Abraham
Watsonville	Vanessa Quiroz-Carter	SC Metro	Corey Aldridge
County of Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig		
County of San Benito	Dom Zanger		

Others Present: Beth Jarosz, PRB; Hanna Kornfeld; Jack; Dawn Hayes, MBNMS; Diane Eidam, Retired Annuitant; Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager; Heather Adamson, Director of Planning; Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling; Jessica Lu, Planner; Elizabeth Lippa, Administrative Assistant; Will Condon, Associate Planner; Regina Valentine, Senior Planner; Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator; Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board; and Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

President Carbone awarded Director McShane with a certificate for his service and dedication to AMBAG.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Finance Committee

President Carbone reported that the Executive/Finance Committee approved the consent agenda that included 1) Minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting 2) list of warrants as of March 31, 2024; and 3) accounts receivable as of March 31, 2024. The Executive/Finance Committee also received a report on the financials from Maura Twomey, Executive Director.

B. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Director McCarthy stated that the next SAC meeting is scheduled on May 17, 2024 and he will be in attendance.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

AMBAG in partnership with the City of Watsonville, City of Santa Cruz, Ecology Action, Regeneration Pajaro Valley, and Civic Well was awarded a regional resilience grant from the State Office of Planning and Research to create a Monterey Bay Adaptation & Resilience Implementation and Funding Plan. The goal of the project is to coordinate climate adaptation implementation and funding to achieve priority adaptation goals and equitably build capacity for resilience to climate impacts across the Monterey Bay. The funding will allow us to create detailed implantation plans for selected climate adaptation measures. This makes us more competitive for funding programs, as well, as building partnerships with jurisdictions and local nonprofits.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft Minutes of the April 10, 2024 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting

The draft minutes of the April 10, 2024 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting were approved.

B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

The AMBAG Clearinghouse monthly newsletter was accepted.

C. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

The Sustainability Program update was accepted.

D. Formal Amendment No. 11 to the Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): FFY 2022-23 to FFY 2025-26

The Formal Amendment No. 11 to the Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP): FFY 2022-23 to FFY 2025-26 was approved.

E. Draft Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2023-24 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

The Draft Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2023-24 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget was approved.

F. Financial Update Report

The financial update report was accepted.

Motion made by Director Uy, seconded by Director Freeman to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

None.

11. ADMINISTRATION

A. Draft FY 2024-25 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget

Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling gave a presentation on the draft FY 2024-25 OWP and Budget. The FY 2024-2025 OWP is 1) a federally required document to receive federal funds; 2) covers all AMBAG work programs and activities; 3) used as a project management tool by staff; 4) implements Federal Planning Emphasis Areas; and 5) implements the AMBAG Board adopted priorities; a) Modeling and Research, b) Planning and Forecasts; c) Sustainable Development Strategies; and d) Collaborative Planning and Implementation. After adoption by the AMBAG Board, the State is expected to approve the FY 2024-25 OWP and budget on May 31, 2024 and the expected Federal approval date is on June 30, 2024. The FY 2024-25 funding highlights are 1) balanced budget pursuant to AMBAG by-laws; 2) no change to the total member dues; 3) revenues by source are (a) Federal: \$3,472,054; (b) State: \$11,867,391; and (c) Local: \$1,297,711; (d) total is \$16,637,156. The draft FY 2024-25 expenditure highlights include 1) maintaining current year staff level; 2) continuation of current grant funded project; 3) General Fund expenditures include costs that are not eligible for Federal reimbursement (a) interests and fees; and (b) cash match to meet federal/state grant requirements; and 4) use of toll credits to match federal funds, preserves General Fund. Brief discussion followed.

Motion made by Director Uy, seconded by Director Freeman to approve the FY 2024-25 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work program (OWP) and Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

12. PLANNING

A. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Project Award Recommendations

Will Condon, Associate Planner gave a presentation on the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Project Award Recommendations. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), which provides funds for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions, defined as carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from on-road highway sources. The State is expected to receive a total of \$550 million over five years. The AMBAG region will receive \$6.83 million over five years. The evaluation process included 1) AMBAG issued call for projects for CRP funding on March 2, 2024 and applications were due on April 2, 2024; 2) AMBAG received six project applications; 3) projects were evaluated by AMBAG staff using Board adopted project selection criteria; and 4) all six CRP project applications are consistent with CRP goals, and therefore recommended for CRP funding. The six CRP projects recommended for funding are 1) Capitola Community Center ZEV Infrastructure; 2) Sand City Multiuse Trail and Bike Lane Improvement Project; 3) CSUMB University Police Department Electric Vehicle and EV Charger; 4) King City Citywide Electric Vehicle Charging Station Project; 5) MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit; and 6) Santa Cruz METRO's Zero Emission Intercity Transit Service Expansion Project. Brief discussion followed.

Motion made by Director Brown, seconded by Director Victoria to approve the projects recommended for award for the Carbon Reduction Program and authorize staff to negotiate and execute contracts with the agencies consistent with the CRP guidelines. Motion passed unanimously.

B. AMBAG Complete Streets Policy

Regina Valentine, Senior Planner gave a presentation on the AMBAG Complete Streets Policy. Complete streets prioritize the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles.

Motion made by Director Uy, seconded by Director Hernandez to adopt the final Complete Streets Policy. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Draft 2026 Regional Growth Forecast Update

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning and Beth Jarosz, PRB gave a presentation on the draft 2026 Regional Growth Forecast (RGF). The recent updates to the regional forecast include new information about group quarters at jurisdiction and region levels, resulted in minor changes to existing population and subtle changes to the projected population. Examples include 1) correction to reflect 2020 Census group quarters data for Sand City; 2) revisions to 2024 projects on farmworker housing in Greenfield and King City not counted in the 2023 Department of Finance estimates; and 3) input from universities about anticipated future student growth and plans for student housing. Next steps include 1) additional one-on-one meetings to discuss the draft subregional growth forecast; 2) complete subregional allocation; 3) accept the final draft 2026 RGF, including subregional forecast for planning purposes; and 4) AMBAG modeling staff will work with local jurisdictions to use RGF data to update the traffic analysis zones (TAZs) for the regional travel demand model. Brief discussion followed.

D. Public Draft Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study

Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Director gave a presentation on the Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study. Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study is 1) funded by a California Department of Conservation Sustainable Agriculture Lands Conservation (SALC) grant; 2) created a geospatial carbon model that calculates the carbon stored in natural and working lands of the Monterey Bay Area; 3) engaged member jurisdictions and partner agencies/organizations; and 4) identified strategies to enhance climate resilience and maintain carbon stock. Mr. Berteaud reported that the study includes an inventory of natural and working lands carbon stock in the AMBAG region by jurisdiction, a carbon forecast, and a list of adaptation and mitigation strategies each with recommended implementation actions. The goal of the study is to empower stakeholders to consider the health of natural and working lands as a part of long-range planning as well as provide an opportunity for cities and counties to further integrate natural and working land GHG mitigation strategies as part of their climate action planning process. Brief discussion followed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Mary Ann Carbone, President

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

DRAFT AMBAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE & VOTING RECORD
BOARD MEETING DATE: May 8, 2024

Attendance (X= Present; AB= Absent) Voting (Y= Yes; N=No; A=Abstain)						
MEMBER	AMBAG REP	Attendance	Item 9	Item 11.A	Item 12.A	Item 12.B
Capitola	Kristen Brown	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Karen Ferlito	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Del Rey Oaks	John Uy	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gonzales	Scott Funk	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greenfield	Robert White	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hollister	Dolores Morales	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
King City	Carlos Victoria	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marina	Brian McCarthy	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Monterey	Alan Haffa	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Grove	Luke Coletti	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Salinas	Steve McShane	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
San Juan Bautista	John Freeman	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sand City	Mary Ann Carbone	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Santa Cruz	Scott Newsome	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Scotts Valley	Derek Timm	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Seaside	Alex Miller	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Soledad	Anna Velazquez	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Watsonville	Vanessa Quiroz-Carter	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Monterey	Mary Adams	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
County Monterey	Glenn Church	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
County Santa Cruz	Manu Koenig	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Santa Cruz	Felipe Hernandez	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
County San Benito	Mindy Sotelo	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
County San Benito	Dom Zanger	AB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(* = Board Member(s) arrived late or left early, therefore, did not vote on the item. Please refer the minutes)



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: AMBAG Areawide Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter

MEETING DATE: June 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors accept the May 2024 Clearinghouse monthly newsletter.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Since March 12, 1984, under adopted State Clearinghouse Procedures, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) was designated the regional agency responsible for clearinghouse operations in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties. These procedures implement Presidential Executive Order 12372 as interpreted by the “State of California Procedures for Intergovernmental Review of Federal Financial Assistance and Direct Development Activities.” They also implement the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 as interpreted by CEQA Guidelines.

The purpose of the Clearinghouse is to provide all interested parties within the Counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz notification of projects for federal financial assistance, direct federal development activities, local plans and development projects and state plans that are proposed within the region. These areawide procedures are intended to be coordinated with procedures adopted by the State of California.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no direct financial impact. Staff time for monitoring clearinghouse activities is incorporated into the current AMBAG Overall Work Program and budget.

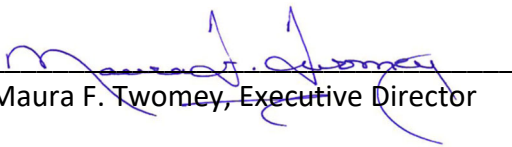
COORDINATION:

Notices for the Clearinghouse are sent by lead agencies to AMBAG. Interested parties are sent email notifications twice a month with the newsletter attached.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Monthly Newsletter - Clearinghouse items May 1 – 31, 2024.

APPROVED BY:


Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Attachment 1

AMBAG REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE

The AMBAG Board of Directors will review these items on 6/12/2024

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

20240503

Mission Union School Water System Improvements Project

Mission Union School District

Sandra Shreve
(831) 678-3524

Notice of Intent (NOI)

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

The proposed project consists of installing a new well with a deeper well screen interval to reach deeper groundwater that is not affected by nitrate contamination. The proposed project also includes a new potable water storage tank, backup generator, and water booster pump system. The existing well would be demolished as part of the proposed project.

Project Location:

Monterey County
Soledad

Parcel: 165031008000

Public hearing information:

N/A

Public review period ends **Saturday, June 29, 2024**

California Department of Transportation

Matt C. Fowler

(805) 779-0793

Notice of Intent (NOI)

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Rehabilitate pavement and 14 culverts within a 12.8-mile-long section by diamond grinding, concrete panel replacement, cold planing, asphalt overlay, dig outs, cut and cover, and pipe jacking. Replace non-standard metal beam guardrail and end treatments, replace sign panels that do not use the Type XI reflective backing, install 14 traffic count stations, install one vehicular detection system, place vegetation-control crushed shale, and construct shoulder backing.

Project Location:

Monterey County

Bradley

Parcel: NA

Public hearing information:

To be determined if requests for a meeting are made

Public review period ends **Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

20240501

**John Street and Abbott Street Mixed Use
Development Project**

City of Salinas
Robert Latino
(831) 758-7206

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

The John Street & Abbott Street Mixed Use Development Project would facilitate mixed use development on a 22.74-acre site located southeast of the John Street and Abbott Street intersection. The project would involve construction of a 70,000 square-foot hotel with 111 guest rooms, 242 residential units for 232,800 square feet of residential uses, 107,900 square feet of retail use, and 30,900 square feet of office use for a total of 478,800 square feet of new development. The project would be constructed in seven phases occur over 9 to 10 years. The 14 parcels that make up the project site would be reconfigured into 9 parcels. Construction of the hotel would occur in the first phase. Future development in remaining phases would include multi-story mixed-use buildings, retail and office buildings, and multi-family residential buildings. The project would also include upsizing of the adjacent sewer line beneath Abbott Street to provide increased capacity to the project site.

Project Location:

Monterey County
Salinas

Parcel: Multiple

Public hearing information:

Council Chamber Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Ave, Salinas

5/15/2024 4:00 PM

Public review period ends **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

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More detailed information on these projects is available by calling the contact person for each project or through AMBAG at (831) 883-3750. Comments will be considered by the AMBAG Board of Directors in its review. All comments will be forwarded to the applicants for response and inclusion in the project application. If substantial coordination or conflict issues arise, the Clearinghouse can arrange meetings between concerned agencies and applicants.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager

SUBJECT: AMBAG Sustainability Program Update

MEETING DATE: June 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Directors accept this report.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

AMBAG Sustainability Program Elements

Energy Efficiency Program Development

AMBAG is a founding member of the Rural and Hard to Reach (RHTR) working group, which was created in 2015 to promote the deployment of energy efficiency resources to California's rural communities. In the past two years AMBAG staff has been working with RHTR partners to create a Regional Energy Network (REN). RENs are entities which submit business plans to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to obtain ratepayer funds and implement energy efficiency programs.

In June 2021, RHTR partners executed a memorandum of understanding for the development of the RuralREN. RHTR partners submitted a motion for the creation of the RuralREN as well as the RuralREN 2023-2031 strategic business plan to the CPUC in March 2022. In June 2022, Commissioner Shiroma issued a ruling which determined that the RuralREN motion should be considered on the same timeline, and in the same proceeding as the 2024-2031 business plans from existing energy efficiency portfolio administrators. On June 29, 2023, the CPUC issued Decision D.23.06.055 which included approval of RuralREN, and its business plan, with a 2024-2027 budget of \$84 million and an 2028-2031 preliminary budget of \$93 million. AMBAG is now working with RuralREN partners to engage in the regulatory process to clarify the governance structure and the geographic territory of the RuralREN. Once this process is completed AMBAG will work with partners to launch programs, which is expected in early 2025.

Planning Excellence!

Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study

On December 6, 2021, the California Department of Conservation awarded AMBAG a \$250,000 Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) program planning grant to fund the creation of a Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study.

The Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study project seeks to create an inventory of natural and working lands carbon stock in the AMBAG region and forecast its evolution based on different climate change and land use scenarios, as well as the implementation of different adaptation and mitigation strategies. This project will empower the Monterey Bay region to consider the health of natural and working lands as a part of long-range planning as well as provide an opportunity for cities and counties to further integrate natural and working land GHG mitigation strategies as part of their climate action planning process.

In the past month AMBAG staff worked with Ascent Environmental Inc. to incorporate the comments received on the public draft of the Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study in preparation of releasing the final study.

Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Framework (Monterey Bay EV CAR Framework)

On August 31, 2023, the California Department of Transportation awarded AMBAG and Ecology Action a \$750,000 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (STPG) climate adaptation planning grant to fund the creation of a Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Framework.

The Monterey Bay EV CAR Framework will create a roadmap in the Monterey Bay Area for assessing current charging infrastructure vulnerability to climate change and create strategies that ensure the build-out of EV charging infrastructure increases equity and resiliency in the face of climate change. This project will empower the Monterey Bay region to integrate climate and equity considerations as part of long-range EV infrastructure planning.

In the past month AMBAG staff worked with Ecology Action staff to onboard an equity and outreach consultant. AMBAG staff also continued to gather the data necessary to complete the Monterey Bay EV CAR Framework.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no alternatives to discuss as this is an informational report.

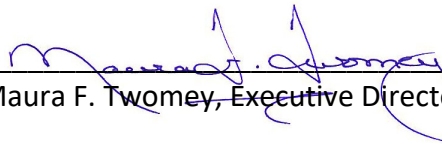
FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The budget is fully funded under a SALC planning grant, SB1 Planning Funds, and a Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning Grant. All funding is programmed in the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.

COORDINATION:

AMBAG staff is coordinating with the RuralREN partners, local jurisdictions, and local community stakeholders.

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager

SUBJECT: Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study

MEETING DATE: June 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study and direct AMBAG staff to close out the the Department of Conservation Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Planning Grant.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

On December 6, 2021, the California Department of Conservation awarded AMBAG a \$250,000 Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) program planning grant to fund the creation of a Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study.

The study includes an inventory of natural and working lands carbon stock in the AMBAG region by jurisdiction, a carbon forecast, and a list of adaptation and mitigation strategies each with recommended implementation actions. The goal of the study is to empower stakeholders to consider the health of natural and working lands as a part of long-range planning as well as provide an opportunity for cities and counties to further integrate natural and working land GHG mitigation strategies as part of their climate action planning process.

Carbon Stock Inventory

In order to estimate the existing carbon stock in the study area for a baseline year of 2020, an analysis of the carbon stored both above ground in the vegetation and below ground, in soils, was conducted.

There are 117 million metric tons of carbon (MMT C) held in the natural and working lands within study area, Monterey County has the most stored carbon estimated at approximately 68 MMT C. In comparison, Santa Cruz County was estimated to hold

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approximately 26 MMT C, and San Benito County was estimated to hold approximately 23 MMT C. If the carbon stored in the natural and working lands was to be released into the atmosphere, it would generate approximately 429 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e). By comparison, the yearly 2019/2020 GHG emissions calculated for the region as part of the 2045 MTP/SCS were approximately 4 million metric tons of CO₂e.

Carbon Stock Forecast

After preparing the carbon stock inventory, forecast scenarios were used to estimate the 2045 carbon stock in Monterey Bay based on the natural and working lands modeling conducted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for the 2022 Scoping Plan. The study evaluated two scenarios: The Business as usual (BAU) scenario, which assumes that the land management practices in place from 2001 through 2014 continue through 2045, and the 2022 Scoping Plan scenario, which is the scenario that CARB selected to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045. Under this Scoping Plan Scenario significant investment is made in the natural and working lands, and a large amount of acres throughout the region receive yearly treatments from 2025 to 2045. Under a BAU scenario, there is a decrease in carbon stored in the study area of approximately 2.2 MMT C, or 1.9 percent, while under a scoping plan scenario there is a decrease of 1.8 MMT C or 1.5 percent. This corresponds to a release of 8 million metric tons of CO₂e and 6.7 million metric tons of CO₂e respectively. These numbers are estimates of change over time, and these changes in carbon stock may happen over time, or suddenly, as would be the case with a wildfire or flooding event.

Natural and working lands Climate adaptation and mitigation strategies.

The study team conducted extensive research across the region and state to develop a list of strategies that were appropriate and scalable in the Monterey Bay Area. These strategies are intended to locally support the implementation of the treatments listed in the CARB 2022 scoping plan. Stakeholders and subject matter experts were then consulted to assist in refining strategies and implementation actions through a series of focus group and stakeholder working group meetings held in 2023 and 2024.

Each strategy lists a number of implementation actions below it, each listing stakeholders or group of stakeholders that could take a leadership role, examples of current local efforts, and barriers to implementation. These strategies and implementation actions are created to help our region plan and collaborate to treat a specific number of acres every year with carbon stock enhancing activities, in order to achieve the desired outcome of implementing the carbon stock values under the 2022 scoping plan scenario.

Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study The draft study was released for a 30-day public review period in April 2024. The close of the public comment period was May 20, 2024. AMBAG received detailed comments on the draft study from stakeholders who had participated in the stakeholder

working group process. Staff incorporated the comments and feedback from stakeholders into the final study. Attachment 1 includes the final Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study. The full final report as well as its appendices can also be downloaded from: <https://ambag.org/plans/monterey-bay-natural-and-working-lands-climate-mitigation-and-resiliency-study>

All grant funds are expected to be expended by the end of June. With Board acceptance, AMBAG staff will work with the California Department of Conservation to close out the grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Planning activities for the Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study are funded with a Department of Conservation SALC grant, SB 1 planning funds, and local match. All funding is programmed in the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.

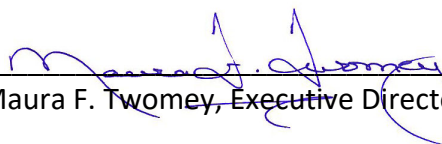
COORDINATION:

AMBAG staff is coordinating with local jurisdictions and local community stakeholders.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study (separately enclosed)

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator

SUBJECT: Integrated Land Use Model and Development Monitoring Framework Tool – Consultant Agreement Amendment No. 1

MEETING DATE: June 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Integrated Land Use Model and Development Monitoring Framework Tool Contract Amendment 1 with Manhan Group, LLC containing a scope of work, budget, and extension to FY 2026-2027 ending on June 30, 2027.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

AMBAG requires land use modeling and monitoring tools to support our modeling efforts for use in our next cycle of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) which began in 2023. The amendment to our existing contract would allow staff to engage the consultant with on-call maintenance agreement through the duration of the MTP/SCS cycle and final model packaging. Consultant would provide technical assistance on an as needed basis to construct scenarios as an instrument in our modeling process. Additionally, the consultant would provide technical support for the software tool.

An extension of the contract term to June 30, 2027 is needed, along with the revised scope of work to support AMBAG in our scenario planning, and additional funds of \$25,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

No alternatives are available.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The funding to conduct the work is budgeted in the FY 2024-2025 OWP and Budget.

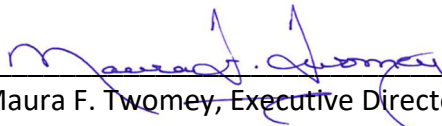
COORDINATION:

The draft Agreement has been reviewed by AMBAG's legal counsel, Don Freeman.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft Agreement with Manhan Group, LLC for Amendment No. 1.

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

**Attachment 1
AMENDMENT 1
AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 13th day of June 2024, by and between the **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments**, hereinafter called "**AMBAG**," and the **Manhan Group, LLC**, hereinafter called "**CONTRACTOR**."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties, AMBAG is charged with maintaining a level of Integrated Land Use Model and Development Monitoring Framework Tool; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG needs to obtain certain technical and/or specialized services of an independent contractor to assist AMBAG in the most economical manner; and

WHEREAS, the CONTRACTOR is qualified and experienced and has necessary technical and personnel resources to provide such Integrated Land Use Model and Development Monitoring Framework Tool; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its annual Overall Work Program (OWP), AMBAG will be engaged in many activities and projects that will require certain analysis using Integrated Land Use Model and Development Monitoring Framework Tool to complete the goals of AMBAG; and

NOW, THEREFORE, AMBAG and CONTRACTOR for the considerations hereinafter set forth, mutually agree as follows:

THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. SCOPE OF WORK.

Consultant shall perform those services as specified in detail in Exhibit "A," entitled "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline and Budget," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

2. TERM.

A. The term of this Contract shall be from the date of its execution until the completion of the work contemplated by this Contract and its final acceptance by AMBAG unless terminated earlier as provided herein. CONTRACTOR shall complete all tasks **on or before June 30, 2027** unless otherwise extended by written authorization.

B. Services performed under this Contract shall commence only upon written Notice to Proceed by AMBAG to CONTRACTOR.

This Contract includes the following Exhibits:

Exhibit A. Project Tasks/Services, Timeline and Budget

Exhibit B. Debarment and Suspension Certification

Exhibit C. Federal Tax Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Exhibit D: Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Information Form

Exhibit E: Certifications

3. SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE.

The services of CONTRACTOR are to be completed according to the schedule set out in Exhibit "A," entitled "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. CONTRACTOR will diligently proceed with the agreed Scope of Services and will provide such services in a timely manner in accordance with the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget."

4. CHANGE IN TERMS

- A. This contract may be amended or modified only by mutual written agreement of the parties.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall only commence work covered by an amendment after the amendment is executed and written notification to proceed has been provided by AMBAG.

5. COORDINATION/STAFFING

- A. CONTRACTOR shall assign **Colby Brown, as Project Manager** to personally participate in said project. AMBAG also retains the right to approve any substitution of the Project Manager. No portion of the work included in this Contract shall be subcontracted, except as provided herein, without the prior, written authorization of the AMBAG.
- B. Services described in the Scope of Work shall be performed by Contractor's staff, Subcontractor(s) or other members of the project team, hereinafter referred to as "Subcontractor(s)," listed in the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

6. COMPENSATION

- A. AMBAG shall pay CONTRACTOR for services in the Project Tasks/Services as shown in Exhibit A. The proposed costs and are subject to budget approval by the AMBAG Board of Directors. In no event shall compensation as described in Exhibit A exceed (\$505,000 total) without prior written consent of AMBAG.

- B. CONTRACTOR will be reimbursed for hours worked at the hourly rates specified in CONTRACTORs Cost Proposal (Exhibit A) for all work performed included in the Project Tasks/Services (Exhibit A). The specified hourly rates shall include direct salary costs, employee benefits, overhead, and fee. These rates are not adjustable for the performance period set forth in this contract.
- C. In addition, CONTRACTOR will be reimbursed for incurred (actual) direct costs other than salary costs that are in the cost proposal and identified in the cost proposal and in the executed contract.
- D. Reimbursement for transportation and subsistence costs shall not exceed the rates as specified in the approved Cost Proposal.
- E. CONTRACTOR will be reimbursed, as promptly as fiscal procedures will permit. Invoices shall be submitted monthly for work for which the CONTRACTOR is billing, or upon completion the Contract. Invoices shall detail the work performed on each task/milestone. Invoices shall follow the format stipulated for the approved Cost Proposal and shall reference this contract number and project title.
- F. CONTRACTOR shall not commence performance of work or services until this contract has been approved by AMBAG and written notification to proceed has been issued by AMBAG. No payment will be made prior to approval of any work, or for any work performed prior to approval of this contract.
- G. It is mutually understood between the parties that funding for this contract is contingent on State Budget passage and federal and state funding as well as reimbursement from Caltrans.

7. INVOICING

- A. Invoices for services must be presented to AMBAG no later than the fifteenth day of each month for the month prior. CONTRACTOR shall submit an invoice to AMBAG stating the amount due for such services on a monthly basis throughout the duration of the project. Said monthly invoicing shall reflect the task worked on, the percentage of the task completed, and the total dollar amount for the task in comparison to the invoiced amount based upon the percentage of the task then completed. AMBAG shall reimburse the CONTRACTOR as promptly as its fiscal procedures permit, upon receipt of itemized invoices submitted in accordance with this Contract. Payment of the invoices will be made to CONTRACTOR after acceptance of work product and approval by AMBAG and upon reimbursement by the State of California. AMBAG will withhold 10% of each invoice until fully reimbursed by the State of California. Such reimbursements shall be based upon actual eligible costs incurred by the CONTRACTOR consistent with the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," Exhibit A. No interest or carrying charges shall accrue to CONTRACTOR by reason of delayed payment.
- B. Prompt Payment to Subcontractor(s): A CONTRACTOR shall pay any Subcontractor(s) for satisfactorily completed work no later than ten (10) days of

receipt of each payment from AMBAG. The ten (10) day period is applicable unless a longer period is agreed to in writing. Any delay or postponement of payment over thirty (30) days may take place only for good cause and with AMBAG's prior written approval. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies otherwise available to the CONTRACTOR or Subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the CONTRACTOR, deficient Subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a Subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE Subcontractor.

- C. Invoicing Format and Content: All invoices submitted to AMBAG for payment shall be sent directly to:

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
ATTN: Accounts Payable
P.O. 2453
Seaside, CA 93955

1. The invoice shall be entitled "Invoice" or otherwise clearly identify that the document is an Invoice, and shall contain the following information:
 - i. AMBAG's "Bill To" information as stated in the above paragraph;
 - ii. Invoice number and/or billing number specified by CONTRACTOR. The invoice number must be unique for each invoice submitted;
 - iii. Invoice date;
 - iv. Billing period specified with beginning and ending dates. The beginning date must not be sooner than the Notice to Proceed date of the Contract, or within any previous billing dates;
 - v. Percent of Task Completed;
 - vi. Total amount due for the billing period;
 - vii. Total Contract Value (as identified in 4A. above); and
 - viii. AMBAG Project Manager

8. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

It is mutually understood between the parties that this contract may have been written before ascertaining the availability of funds or appropriation of funds, for the mutual benefit of both parties, in order to avoid program and fiscal delays that would occur if the contract were executed after that determination was made.

This contract is valid and enforceable only, if sufficient funds are made available to AMBAG for the purpose of this contract. In addition, this contract is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, conditions, or any statute enacted by the Congress,

State Legislature, or AMBAG governing board that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this contract in any manner.

It is mutually agreed that if sufficient funds are not appropriated, this contract may be terminated or amended to reflect any reduction in funds.

AMBAG has the option to void the contract under the termination clause, or by mutual agreement to amend the contract to reflect any reduction of funds.

9. CONTRACT COMPLETION RETAINER

CONTRACTOR is prohibited from holding retainage from Subcontractor(s). Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with AMBAG's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating CONTRACTOR to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code, if applicable. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the CONTRACTOR in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the CONTRACTOR, deficient Subcontractor(s) performance, and/or noncompliance by Subcontractor(s). This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE Subcontractor(s).

10. SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE

Payment for services under this Contract is contingent upon AMBAG's determination that the performance of the CONTRACTOR has been satisfactory and beneficial to AMBAG in the sole discretion of the Executive Director.

11. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The CONTRACTOR warrants that he/she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the CONTRACTOR; to solicit or secure this contract; and that he/she has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award, or formation of this contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, AMBAG shall have the right to annul this contract without liability, or at its discretion; to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

12. OWNERSHIP, CONFIDENTIALITY AND USE OF WORK PRODUCTS

A. Ownership of any reports, data, studies, surveys, charts, memoranda, and any other documents, which are developed, compiled, or produced as a result of this Contract, whether or not completed, shall vest with AMBAG. AMBAG reserves a royalty-free,

nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use the data.

- B. AMBAG shall receive copyright and ownership to all data and materials delivered under this contract upon formal acceptance, except for those data and materials that are subject to ownership or copyright of others prior to the execution of this contract. No distribution of the original or derived works shall be made prior to acceptance by AMBAG unless specified in the task order or authorized by the contracting officer. The contractor may maintain copyright and ownership of all original or derived works which are not required submittals under this contract.
- C. Methodology and materials developed under this Contract are the property of AMBAG and may be used by AMBAG as it sees fit, including the right to revise or publish the same without limitation. CONTRACTOR shall not be liable for use of such methodology, materials, software logic, and systems for purposes other than that for which it is developed.
- D. Subject to the California Public Records Act, all Work Products and Related Work Materials including Intellectual Property shall be held confidential by CONTRACTOR. Nothing furnished to CONTRACTOR, which is otherwise known to CONTRACTOR or is generally known, or has become known, to the related industry shall be deemed confidential.
- E. The CONTRACTOR shall not use, release, reproduce, distribute, publish, adapt for future use or otherwise use Work Products and Related Work Materials for purposes other than the performance of the Scope of Work, nor authorize others to do so, without prior written permission of AMBAG Legal Counsel; nor shall such materials be disclosed to any person or entity not connected with the performance of the work. CONTRACTOR shall also safeguard such confidential materials from unauthorized disclosure, using the same standard of care to avoid disclosure, as the CONTRACTOR treats its confidential information, but in no case less than reasonable care.
- F. All equipment, including, but not limited to, computer hardware, printing and duplication equipment, multimedia equipment, software tools and programs, and upgrade packages to existing equipment, procured in whole or part by funds provided under this Contract, are the property of AMBAG. AMBAG shall determine the disposition of all such property upon completion or termination of this Contract.
- G. AMBAG may utilize any Work Products or Related Work Materials provided by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Contract, in any manner which AMBAG deems appropriate without additional compensation to CONTRACTOR.

13. TERMINATION

A. Termination of Convenience of AMBAG

AMBAG may terminate this Contract at any time by giving notice to the CONTRACTOR of such termination (including the effective termination date) at least thirty (30) calendar days before the effective date of such termination. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents and other materials as described

in this Contract, at the option of AMBAG, become AMBAG's property. If this Contract is terminated by AMBAG, as provided herein, AMBAG's only obligation shall be the payment of fees and expenses incurred prior to the termination date, for work deemed satisfactory and a benefit to AMBAG, in accordance with the cost provisions of this Contract.

B. Termination for Cause

If through any cause, the CONTRACTOR shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or if the CONTRACTOR violates any of the covenants, terms, or stipulations of this Contract, AMBAG shall thereupon have the right to terminate the Contract by giving not less than ten (10) calendar days written notice to the CONTRACTOR of the intent to terminate and specifying the effective date thereof. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, reports or other materials prepared by the CONTRACTOR under this Contract shall, at the option of CONTRACTOR, become AMBAG's property.

14. DISPUTES

AMBAG and CONTRACTOR are fully committed to working with each other throughout the Term of this Agreement and agree to communicate regularly with each other at all times so as to avoid and minimize disputes. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR agree to act in good faith to prevent and resolve potential sources of conflict before they escalate into a question or controversy. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR each commit to resolving such dispute in an amicable, professional, and expeditious manner and agree to use the following procedure for resolving the dispute: (a) either party may give notice to the other of the dispute and will meet within three (3) business days to attempt to resolve the dispute; (b) a meeting or meetings shall be promptly between the representatives of the parties regarding the dispute to attempt in good faith to negotiate a resolution of the dispute; (c) if within thirty (30) days after a dispute has arisen, the parties have not succeeded in negotiating a resolution of the dispute, they agree to submit the dispute to mediation; (d) the mediator shall be jointly selected by the parties, or failing agreement on the selection of a mediator within thirty (30) days after the parties fail to negotiate an informal resolution of any dispute, the mediator shall be a retired judge or justice selected by the supervising judge of the Civil Division of the Monterey County California Superior Court. In any mediation conducted pursuant to this section, the provision of the California Evidence Code section 1152 shall be applicable to limit the admissibility of evidence disclosed by the parties in the course of the mediation; and € if the parties are not successful in resolving the dispute through the mediation, then the parties agree that the dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration to a single arbitrator in accordance with the existing Rules of Practice of Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS) within thirty (30) days of the close of mediation as declared by the mediator.

15. AMENDMENT OF SCOPE OF WORK

The parties may amend the Scope of Work subject to mutual prior written modification of the Contract.

16. CORRECTION OF WORK

The performance of services or acceptance of information furnished by CONTRACTOR shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from obligation to correct any defective, inaccurate or incomplete work subsequently discovered and all such work shall be remedied by the CONTRACTOR on demand without cost to AMBAG.

17. DELAYS AND EXTENSIONS

Time is of the essence concerning performance of this Contract; however, the CONTRACTOR will be granted time extensions for delays beyond the Contractor's control. Time extensions will be equal to the length of the delay or as otherwise agreed upon in writing between the CONTRACTOR and AMBAG.

18. RETENTION OF RECORDS/AUDITS

For the purpose of determining compliance with Public Contract Code 10115, et seq. and Title 21, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 21, Section 2500 et seq., when applicable and other matters connected with the performance of the contract pursuant to Government Code 8546.7; CONTRACTOR, subcontractor, and AMBAG shall maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of the contract, including but not limited to, the costs of administering the contract. All parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the contract period and for three years from the date of final payment under the contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until AMBAG, Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Reference 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).

The State of California, Office of the State Controller, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), FHWA, or any duly authorized representative of the Federal or State Government shall have access to any books, records, and documents of CONTRACTOR and its certified public accountants (CPA) work papers that are pertinent to the contract and indirect cost rates (ICR) for audit, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and copies thereof shall be furnished if requested.

19. SUBCONTRACTING

In accordance with Government Code Section 7550, CONTRACTOR agrees to state in a separate section of any filed report the numbers and dollars amounts of all contracts and subcontracts relating to preparation of the report.

- A. Nothing contained in this contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between AMBAG and any subcontractor(s), and no subcontract shall relieve CONTRACTOR of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. CONTRACTOR agrees to be as fully responsible to AMBAG for the acts and omissions of its subcontractor(s) and of 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 subcontractor(s) is an independent obligation from AMBAG'S obligation to make payments to the CONTRACTOR.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization and no portion of the work pertinent to this contract shall be subcontracted without written authorization by AMBAG, except that, which is expressly identified in the contract.

20. ASSIGNMENT

The Contract shall not be assigned by the CONTRACTOR, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of AMBAG.

21. INDEMNIFICATION

To the full extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, hold harmless, release and defend AMBAG (with legal counsel acceptable to AMBAG), its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, damages, disability, losses, expenses including attorney's fees and other defense costs and liabilities of any nature that may be asserted by any person or entity including CONTRACTOR, in whole or in part, arising out of Contractor's activities hereunder, including the activities of other persons employed or utilized by CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Contract (including design defects and regardless of AMBAG's approval, use or acceptance of the work or work product hereunder) excepting liabilities due to the admitted or adjudicated sole negligence or willful misconduct of AMBAG. If the adjudicated or admitted sole negligence or willful misconduct of AMBAG has contributed to a loss, CONTRACTOR shall not be obligated to indemnify AMBAG for the proportionate share of such loss caused by such sole negligence or willful misconduct. This indemnification obligation is not limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages or compensation payable by or for CONTRACTOR under Worker's Compensation, disability or other employee benefit acts or the terms, applicability or limitations of any insurance held or provided by CONTRACTOR and shall continue to bind the parties after termination/completion of this Contract.

22. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- A. CONTRACTOR'S signature affixed herein, and dated, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that CONTRACTOR has, unless exempt, complied with, the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code Section 12990 and Title 2, California Administrative Code, Section

8103. During the performance of this Contract, CONTRACTOR and its subcontractor(s) shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of family care leave. CONTRACTOR and subcontractor(s) shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. CONTRACTOR and subcontractor(s) shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 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 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Contract by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.

CONTRACTOR and its subcontractor(s) shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement(s).

CONTRACTOR shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under this contract.

In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with regulations relative to Title VI (nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation – Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21 - Effectuation of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act). Title VI provides that the recipients of federal assistance will implement and maintain a policy of nondiscrimination in which no person in the state of California shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of or subject to discrimination under any program or activity by the recipients of federal assistance or their assignees and successors in interest.

The CONTRACTOR, with regard to the work performed by it during the Contract shall act in accordance with Title VI. Specifically, the CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractor(s), including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The CONTRACTOR shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the U.S. DOT's Regulations, including employment practices when the Contract covers a program whose goal is employment.

- B. Equal Employment Opportunity - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:
 - 1. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations,

"Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. The CONTRACTOR agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

2. Age - In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 623 and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the CONTRACTOR agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
3. Disabilities - In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, the CONTRACTOR agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
4. The CONTRACTOR also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

23. FEDERAL CHANGES

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Contract between Purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

24. ENERGY CONSERVATION

The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

25. NO OBLIGATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- A. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to AMBAG, CONTRACTOR, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.
- B. The CONTRACTOR agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the Subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

26. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

- A. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the CONTRACTOR to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- B. The CONTRACTOR also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the CONTRACTOR, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- C. The CONTRACTOR agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the Subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

27. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

CONTRACTOR'S signature affixed herein, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the CONTRACTOR has complied with Title 2 CFR, Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (nonprocurement)", which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to AMBAG.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be considered in determining CONTRACTOR responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to whom exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of action.

Exceptions to the Federal Government Excluded Parties List System maintained by the General Services Administration are to be determined by the Federal Highway Administration.

By signing and submitting the contract, the CONTRACTOR shall certify those clauses described in the "Debarment and Suspension Certification," Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference and shall comply with all relevant conditions as set forth in the CONTRACT.

28. CONTRACTS INVOLVING FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements apply to the Contractor and its employees that administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government under any contract:

- A. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. Among other things, the CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain the express consent of the Federal Government before the CONTRACTOR or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. The CONTRACTOR understands that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to those individuals involved, and that failure to comply with the terms of the Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying contract.
- B. The CONTRACTOR also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

29. INSURANCE/NOTIFICATION

Prior to the beginning, and throughout the duration, of the work, CONTRACTOR shall maintain insurance in conformance with the requirements set forth below. CONTRACTOR will use existing coverage to comply with these requirements. If that existing coverage does not meet the requirements set forth here, it will be amended to do so. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the insurance coverage and policy limits set forth in this section constitute the minimum amount of coverage required. Any insurance proceeds in excess of the limits and coverage required in this contract and which is applicable to a given loss, will be available to AMBAG.

CONTRACTOR is covered by, and agrees to maintain, general liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage arising directly from its negligent acts or omissions with limits as specified below. Certificates of insurance shall be provided to AMBAG prior to commencement of work by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, protect, defend and name AMBAG, its public officials, officers and employees as additional insured on the Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Insurance and hold harmless from any loss, damage or liability arising directly from any negligent act or omission by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or liability arising from any act or omission by AMBAG, its officials, officers or employees.

CONTRACTOR shall provide the following types and amounts of insurance:

- A. Commercial General Liability Insurance using Insurance Services Office "Commercial General Liability" policy form CG 00 01, with an edition date prior to 2004, or the exact equivalent. Coverage for an additional insured shall not be limited to its vicarious liability. Defense costs must be paid in addition to limits. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for all covered losses and no less than \$2,000,000 general aggregates.
- B. Workers' Compensation on a state-approved policy form providing statutory benefits as required by law with employer's liability limits no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for all covered losses.
- C. Business Auto Coverage on ISO Business Auto Coverage form CA 00 01 including owned, non-owned and hired autos, or the exact equivalent. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000 per accident, combined single limit. If CONTRACTOR owns no vehicles, this requirement may be satisfied by a non-owned auto endorsement to the general liability policy described above. If CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR'S employees use personal autos in any way on this project, CONTRACTOR shall obtain evidence of personal auto liability coverage for each such person.
- D. Errors and Omissions Liability CONTRACTOR shall provide evidence of professional liability insurance on a policy form appropriate to Contractor's profession. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000/claim.
- E. Certificate of Insurance CONTRACTOR shall file a certificate of insurance completed and filed with AMBAG within fifteen (15) days of execution of this Contract and prior to engaging any operation or activities set forth in this Contract. The foregoing policies shall provide that no cancellation, major change in coverage, or expiration by insurance company or insured during the term of this contract shall

occur without thirty (30) days written notice to AMBAG prior to the effective date of such cancellation or change in coverage.

- F. All such insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, or, if the policy is not written on an occurrence basis, such policy with the coverage required herein shall continue in effect for a period of two (2) years after completion of the contract.
- G. The Commercial General Liability and Business Auto insurance policies shall provide an endorsement naming AMBAG, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers as Additional Insured, and shall further provide that such insurance is primary insurance to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by AMBAG and that the insurance of the Additional Insured shall not be called upon to contribute to a loss covered by the insurance AMBAG.

30. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CONTRACTOR shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with AMBAG that may have an impact upon the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing AMBAG project. CONTRACTOR shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing AMBAG project, which will follow.

CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder. CONTRACTOR further covenants that in the performance of this Contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

CONTRACTOR shall at all times avoid conflicts of interest, or the appearance or perceived conflicts of interest, in the performance of this contract. CONTRACTOR shall file statements of financial interest on forms provided by AMBAG to the extent and at the times required by AMBAG's Conflict of Interest Code and applicable law.

CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that it does not now have, nor shall it acquire any financial or business interest that would conflict with the performance of services under this contract.

31. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

If AMBAG determines CONTRACTOR comes within the definition of CONTRACTOR under the Political Reform Act (Government Code §87100), CONTRACTOR shall complete and file and shall require any other person doing work under this Contract to complete and file a "Statement of Economic Interest" with AMBAG disclosing CONTRACTOR and/or such other person's financial interests.

32. MERGER

This Contract shall constitute the entire Contract between the parties and shall supersede any previous contracts, whether verbal or written, concerning the same subject matter. No

modification of this Contract shall be effective unless and until evidence by a writing is signed by both parties.

33. DEFAULT

If CONTRACTOR should fail to perform any of his obligations hereunder, within the time and in the manner herein provided or otherwise violate any of the terms of this Contract, AMBAG may terminate this Contract by giving CONTRACTOR written notice of such termination, stating the reason for such termination. In such event, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to receive as full payment for all services satisfactorily rendered and beneficial to AMBAG and expenses incurred hereunder, an amount which bears the same ratio to the total fees specified in the contract as the services satisfactorily rendered hereunder by CONTRACTOR bear to the total services otherwise required to be performed for such total fee; provided, however, that AMBAG may withhold payments not yet made to CONTRACTOR for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due AMBAG from CONTRACTOR is determined.

34. NO WAIVER OF BREACH/TIME

The waiver by AMBAG of any breach of any term or promise contained in this Contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term or provision or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term or promise contained in this Contract. Time is of the essence in carrying out the duties hereunder.

35. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed to create and the parties do not intend to create any rights in third parties.

36. ATTORNEYS' FEES, APPLICABLE LAW AND FORUM

In the event either party brings an action or proceeding for damages arising out of the other's performance under this Contract or to establish the right or remedy of either party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as part of such action or proceeding, whether or not such action or proceeding is prosecuted to judgment. This Contract shall be construed and interpreted according to California law, and any action to enforce the terms of this Contract or for the breach thereof shall be brought and tried in the County of Monterey.

37. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The parties intend that CONTRACTOR, in performing the services specified herein, shall act as an independent contractor and shall have control of the work and the manner in which it is performed. CONTRACTOR is not to be considered an agent or employee of AMBAG and is not entitled to participate in any pension plan, insurance, bonus or similar benefits

AMBAG provides its employees. In the event AMBAG exercises its right to terminate this Contract, CONTRACTOR expressly agrees that he/she shall have no recourse nor right of appeal under rules, regulations, ordinances or laws applicable to employees.

38. TAXES

CONTRACTOR agrees to file tax returns and pay all applicable taxes on amounts paid pursuant to this Contract and shall be solely liable and responsible to pay such taxes and other obligations, including, but not limited to, state and federal income and FICA taxes. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold AMBAG harmless from any liability which it may incur to the United States or to the State of California as a consequence of CONTRACTOR'S failure to pay, when due, all such taxes and obligations.

39. FEDERAL TAX FORMS

Prior to issuing the initial claim under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall submit Federal Tax Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification to the following address:

**Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
ATTN: Accounts Payable
P.O. 2453
Seaside, CA 93955**

or by FAX to: (831) 883-3755. Unless AMBAG receives a completed Tax Form W-9, payments for services performed under this CONTRACT shall be subject to federal backup withholding.

40. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. CONTRACTOR shall study and comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations affecting the CONTRACTOR and his/her work hereunder. CONTRACTOR represents and warrants to AMBAG that CONTRACTOR has and will keep in effect during the term of this Contract all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatsoever nature which are legally required for CONTRACTOR to practice Contractor's profession and to do the work hereunder.

B. CONTRACTOR agrees to abide by the requirements of the Immigration and Control Reform Act pertaining to assuring that all employees of CONTRACTOR performing any services under this Contract have a legal right to work in the United States of America, that all required documentation of such right to work is inspected, and that INS Form 1-9 (as it may be amended from time to time) is completed and on file for each employee. CONTRACTOR shall make the required documentation available upon request to AMBAG for inspection.

C. CONTRACTOR warrants that this contract was not obtained or secured through rebates kickbacks or other unlawful consideration, either promised or paid to any AMBAG employee. For breach or violation of this warranty, AMBAG shall have the right in its discretion; to terminate the contract without liability; to pay only for the value of the work actually performed; or to deduct from the contract price; or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback or other unlawful consideration.

41. FEDERAL AND STATE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES CERTIFICATION (43 CFR PART 18)

By signing this CONTRACT, the CONTRACTOR certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that no State or Federal funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any state or federal agency; a Member of the State Legislature or United States Congress, an officer or employee of the Legislature or Congress; or any employee of a Member of the Legislature or Congress, in connection with the awarding of any state or federal contract; the making of any state or federal grant, the making of any state or federal loan; the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any state or federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency; a Member of Congress; an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress; in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement; CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The CONTRACTOR also agrees by signing this Contract that it will require that the language of this certification be included in all subcontracts funded wholly or in part by any funds provided herein and which exceed \$100,000 and that all such Subcontractor(s) shall certify and disclose accordingly.

42. CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

A. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to the requirements contained in AMBAG's annual Certification and Assurances (FHWA and FTA "Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification") submitted as part of AMBAG's OWP, pursuant to 23 CFR 450.334 and 23 U.S.C. 134. This Certification shall be published annually in AMBAG's

OWP. Such requirements shall apply to CONTRACTOR to the same extent as AMBAG and may include, but are not limited to:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VI Assurance executed by California under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;
 2. Pub. Law 105-178, 112 Stat. 107 and any successor thereto, regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded projects (Sec. 105(f), Pub. L. 970424, 96 Stat. 2100, 49 CFR part 26); and
 3. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) implementing regulations (49 CFR 27, 37, and 38).
- B. CONTRACTOR shall additionally comply with the requirements contained in the annual FTA "Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance," including "Certifications and Assurances Required of Each Applicant" and the "Lobbying Certification" in compliance with 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53; published annually in AMBAG's OWP. Such assurances shall apply to CONTRACTOR to the same extent as AMBAG, and include but are not limited, the following areas:
1. Standard Assurances
 2. Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters for Primary Covered Transactions
 3. Drug Free Work Place Agreement
 4. Intergovernmental Review Assurance
 5. Nondiscrimination Assurance
 6. DBE Assurance
 7. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability
 8. Certification and Assurances required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall require its Subcontractor(s) to comply with these Certifications, and agrees to furnish documentation to AMBAG to support this requirement that all of its contracts with Subcontractor(s) contain provisions requiring adherence to this section in its entirety.

43. COST PRINCIPLES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- A. CONTRACTOR agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to determine the cost allowability of individual items.
- B. CONTRACTOR also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

- C. Any costs for which payment has been made to CONTRACTOR that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 2 CFR, Part 200 and 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by CONTRACTOR to AMBAG.

44. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)

- A. The CONTRACTOR, subrecipient, or subcontractor(s) shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The CONTRACTOR shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of State or United States Department of Transportation (DOT) assisted contracts or in the administration of AMBAG's DBE Program. Failure by the CONTRACTOR to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy, as AMBAG deems appropriate, which may include but is not limited to:
 - 1. Withholding monthly progress payments
 - 2. Assessing sanctions
 - 3. Liquidated damages
 - 4. Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible
- B. The contractor must make available to the Caltrans contract manager a copy of all DBE subcontracts upon request.
- C. The contractor must utilize the specific DBEs listed to perform the work and supply the materials for which each is listed unless the contractor obtains authorization from Caltrans. Unless the Department provides prior authorization approving a request for termination or substitution of a listed DBE, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or materials unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBEs.
- D. It is the policy of AMBAG, Caltrans, and DOT, that the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, shall have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. The CONTRACTOR and its Subcontractor(s) shall comply with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and with AMBAG's DBE Program, as amended.
- E. A "DBE Information Form" is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit D. Even if no DBE participation will be reported, the CONTRACTOR shall complete and sign such form at the time this Contract is executed
- F. During the period of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain records of all applicable subcontracts advertised and entered into germane to this Contract, documenting the actual DBE participation and records of materials purchased from DBE suppliers. Such documentation shall show the name and business address of each DBE Subcontractor(s) or vendor, and the total dollar amount actually paid each DBE Subcontractor(s) or vendor. Upon completion of the Contract, regardless of whether DBE participation is obtained, a summary of the DBE records shall be prepared, certified correct, and submitted on a form that shall be provided by AMBAG.

45. FLOW-DOWN PROVISIONS

Any subcontract entered into that exceeds \$10,000 as a result of this CONTRACT shall contain the following provisions of this Contract:

Section 4 (Coordination/Staffing); Section 6 (Invoicing); Section 8 (Contract Completion Retainer); Section 9 (Satisfactory Performance); Section 11 (Ownership, Confidentiality, and Use of Work Products); Section 12 (Termination); Section 13 (Disputes); Section 17 (Retention of Records/Audits); Section 20 (Indemnification); Section 21 (Statement of Compliance); Section 22 (Federal Changes); Section 23 (Energy Conservation); Section 24 (No Obligation by the Federal Government); Section 25 (Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements and Related Acts); Section 26 (Debarment and Suspension Certification); Section 27 (Contracts Involving Federal Privacy Act Requirements); Section 28 (Insurance/Notification); Section 29 (Conflict of Interest); Section 36 (Independent Contractor); Section 39 (Compliance with Laws, Rules, and Regulations); Section 40 (Federal and State Lobbying Activities Certification (43 CFR Part 18)); Section 41 (Certifications and Assurances); and Section 42 (Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements); Section 43 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)).

46. INTERPRETATION

Notwithstanding the fact that one or more provisions of this Contract may have been drafted by one of the parties to this Contract, such provisions shall be interpreted as though they were a product of a joint drafting effort and no provisions shall be interpreted against a party on the ground that said party was solely or primarily responsible for drafting the language to be interpreted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

AMBAG:

Signature: _____

Name: Maura F. Twomey

Title: Executive Director

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)

Address: 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940

Signature: _____

Name: Mary Ann Carbone

Title: Board President

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)

Address: 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940

CONTRACTOR:

Signature: _____

Name: Colby Brown

Title: Principal

Firm: Manhan Group, LLC

Address: 27 Manhan Road, Southampton, MA 01073

APPROVED TO AS TO FORM:

By: _____

Don Freeman, AMBAG Legal Counsel

P.O. Box 805, Carmel CA 93921

EXHIBIT A. PROJECT TASKS/SERVICES, TIMELINE, AND BUDGET

Task 1:

Land Use Monitoring Tool (2/2022-6/2024), \$78,976.60

1.1 Develop CalBuilds Framework

1.2 Create AMBAG, SLOCOG, SRTA, BCAG, TRPA CalBuilds Tool

Task 2:

Land Use Model Framework (2/2022-6/2024), \$198,200.00

2.1 CommunityViz Core

2.2 Bid-Rent Sub-Module

Task 3:

Travel Model Integration (6/2023-6/2024), \$31,800.00

3.1 SLOCOG & AMBAG Model

3.2 Other MPO Models (SRTA, BCAG, TRPA)

Task 4:

Transfer to Other MPOs (6/2023-6/2024), \$155,720.00

4.1 Model Setup

4.2 Training & Manuals

Task 5:

On-Call Technical Support (7/2024-6/2027), \$25,000

5.1 Assist AMBAG staff in constructing land use scenarios to support the MTP/SCS

5.2 Technical support for the software tool

Direct Costs-

Community Viz- Scenario 360 Licensing (5 MPOs, 2/2022-6/2024), \$4,375.00

Training, In-Person Event Cost (6/2024), \$6,000.00

Cloud Hosting of CalBuilds (1/2023-6/2024), \$3,000.00

Data for Bid-Rent calibration (5/2024-6/2024), \$1,928.40

EXHIBIT B. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

**TITLE 49, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, PART 29
DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION**

1. All persons or firms, including Subcontractor(s), must complete this certification and certify, under penalty of perjury, that, except as noted below, he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager:
 - a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
 - b. Have not, within the three (3) year period preceding this certification, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes, or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in subparagraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - d. Have not, within the three (3) year period preceding this certification, had one or more public transactions (Federal, state, and local) terminated for cause or default.

2. If such persons or firms later become aware of any information contradicting the statements of paragraph (1), they will promptly provide that information to AMBAG.
If there are any exceptions to this certification, insert the exceptions in the following space.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining bidder responsibility. For any exception noted above, indicate below to whom it applies, initiating agency, and dates of actions.

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by AMBAG. If it is later determined that the CONTRACTOR knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to AMBAG, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The CONTRACTOR further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

Name of Firm

Signature (original signature required)

Date

**EXHIBIT C. FEDERAL TAX FORM W-9, REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND CERTIFICATION**

**EXHIBIT D. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE)
INFORMATION FORM**

EXHIBIT E. CERTIFICATIONS

CALIFORNIA LEVINE ACT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

California Government Code § 84308, commonly referred to as the "Levine Act," precludes an Officer of a local government agency from participating in the award of a contract if he or she receives any political contributions totaling more than \$250 in the 12 months preceding the pendency of the contract award, and for three months following the final decision, from the person or company awarded the contract. This prohibition applies to contributions to the Officer, or received by the Officer on behalf of any other Officer, or on behalf of any candidate for office or on behalf of any committee. The Levine Act also requires disclosure of such contributions by a party to be awarded a specified contract. Please refer to the attached code for the complete statutory language.

Current members of the AMBAG Board of Directors are attached.

1. Have you or your company, or any agent on behalf of you or your company, made any political contributions of more than \$250 to any AMBAG Director(s) in the 12 months preceding the date of the issuance of this request for proposal or request for qualifications?

YES NO

If yes, please identify the Director(s):

2. Do you or your company, or any agency on behalf of you or your company, anticipate or plan to make any political contributions of more than \$250 to any AMBAG Director(s) in the three months following the award of the contract?

YES NO

If yes, please identify the Director(s):

Answering yes to either of the two questions above does not preclude RAPS from awarding a contract to your firm. It does, however, preclude the identified Director(s) from participating in the contract award process for this contract.

DATE

(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL)

(TYPE OR WRITE APPROPRIATE NAME, TITLE)

(TYPE OR WRITE NAME OF COMPANY)

California Government Code Section 84308

- (a) The definitions set forth in this subdivision shall govern the interpretation of this section.
 - (1) "Party" means any person who files an application for, or is the subject of, a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use.
 - (2) "Participant" means any person who is not a party but who actively supports or opposes a particular decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use and who has a financial interest in the decision, as described in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. A person actively supports or opposes a particular decision in a proceeding if he or she lobbies in person the officers or employees of the agency, testifies in person before the agency, or otherwise acts to influence officers of the agency.
 - (3) "Agency" means an agency as defined in Section 82003 except that it does not include the courts or any agency in the judicial branch of government, local governmental agencies whose members are directly elected by the voters, the Legislature, the Board of Equalization, or constitutional officers. However, this section applies to any person who is a member of an exempted agency but is acting as a voting member of another agency.
 - (4) "Officer" means any elected or appointed officer of an agency, any alternate to an elected or appointed officer of an agency, and any candidate for elective office in an agency.
 - (5) "License, permit, or other entitlement for use" means all business, professional, trade and land use licenses and permits and all other entitlements for use, including all entitlements for land use, all contracts (other than competitively bid, labor, or personal employment contracts), and all franchises.
 - (6) "Contribution" includes contributions to candidates and committees in federal, state, or local elections.
- (b) No officer of an agency shall accept, solicit, or direct a contribution of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) from any party, or his or her agent, or from any participant, or his or her agent, while a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use is pending before the agency and for three months following the date a final decision is rendered in the proceeding if the officer knows or has reason to know that the participant has a financial interest, as that term is used in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. This prohibition shall apply regardless of whether the officer accepts, solicits, or directs the contribution for himself or herself, or on behalf of any other officer, or on behalf of any candidate for office or on behalf of any committee.
- (c) Prior to rendering any decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit or other entitlement for use pending before an agency, each officer of the agency who received a contribution within the preceding 12 months in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) from a party or from any participant shall disclose that fact on the record of the proceeding. No officer of an agency shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his or her official position to influence the decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before the agency if the officer has willfully or knowingly received a contribution in an amount of more than two

hundred fifty dollars (\$250) within the preceding 12 months from a party or his or her agent, or from any participant, or his or her agent if the officer knows or has reason to know that the participant has a financial interest in the decision, as that term is described with respect to public officials in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. If an officer receives a contribution which would otherwise require disqualification under this section, returns the contribution within 30 days from the time he or she knows, or should have known, about the contribution and the proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use, he or she shall be permitted to participate in the proceeding.

- (d) A party to a proceeding before an agency involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use shall disclose on the record of the proceeding any contribution in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) made within the preceding 12 months by the party, or his or her agent, to any officer of the agency. No party, or his or her agent, to a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before any agency and no participant, or his or her agent, in the proceeding shall make a contribution of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to any officer of that agency during the proceeding and for three months following the date a final decision is rendered by the agency in the proceeding. When a closed corporation is a party to, or a participant in, a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before an agency, the majority shareholder is subject to the disclosure and prohibition requirements specified in subdivisions (b), (c), and this subdivision.
- (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to imply that any contribution subject to being reported under this title shall not be so reported.

For more information, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission,
428 J Street, Suite 800,
Sacramento, CA 95814,
(916) 322-5660.

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County of San Benito	Mindy Sotelo		

CERTIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

Approved by OMB
0348-0046

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

1. Type of Federal Action: a. contract _____ b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: a. bid/offer/application _____ b. initial award c. post-award	3. Report Type: a. initial filing _____ b. material change For material change only: Year _____ quarter _____ Date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: _____ Prime _____ Subawardee Tier _____, if known: Congressional District, if known:		5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:
6. Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
8. Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$ _____	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>	b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.		
Federal Use Only		Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____ Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL (Rev. 7-97)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Diane C. Eidam, Retired Annuitant

SUBJECT: Auditing and Consulting Services Agreement

MEETING DATE: June 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve a five-year agreement for audit and consulting services with CliftonLarsenAllen LLP and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the agreement for an amount not to exceed \$315,330.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The By-Laws of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) and Regional Analysis and Planning Services (RAPS), Inc. require an annual audit of its financial records by an independent auditing firm. For the past twelve fiscal years Hayashi and Wayland Accounting and Consulting, LLP has performed AMBAG and RAPS, Inc. audit services. The primary objectives of a financial audit are:

1. To express an opinion on the fairness of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles; and
2. To determine whether AMBAG has complied with applicable legal requirements in obtaining and expending federal funds.

In accordance with procurement compliance requirements, AMBAG staff prepared a competitive selection process and released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on March 25, 2024, for audit and consulting services. The requested services include the audit of AMBAG and RAPS, Inc., assistance with the preparation of AMBAG's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), preparation of State Controller Reports as well as the Single Audit and related reports.

AMBAG received no responses to the initial request for proposals. The RFP was re-issued on April 22, 2024. One response to the audit and consulting RFP was received on May 8, 2024, from the following CPA firm:

- CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

AMBAG’s Evaluation Committee reviewed the proposal based on responsiveness and evaluation criteria included in the RFP. CliftonLarsonAllen LLP was selected by the Evaluation Committee to provide audit and consulting services for the five fiscal years ending 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed audit fees are \$59,390, \$61,170, \$63,010, \$64,910, and \$66,850 for fiscal years ended 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028, respectively. Total audit fees for all five years are \$315,330. Fees for FY 2023/24 are included in the budget.

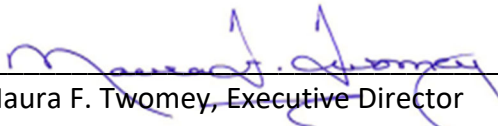
COORDINATION:

AMBAG staff coordinated with the Request for Proposals Database (RFPBD), advertised on the AMBAG website, and sent emails to individual vendors on AMBAG’s extensive vendor list to advertise AMBAG’s RFP.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft Agreement for Auditing and Consulting Services

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Attachment 1
DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR AUDIT AND CONSULTING
SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this xxx day of June 2024, by and between the **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments**, hereinafter called "**AMBAG**," and **CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP**, hereinafter called "**CONTRACTOR**."

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR has the requisite skill, training, qualifications, and experience to render such services called for under this Contract with AMBAG; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is willing to perform the services and work described in this Contract under the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG desires to contract with Contractor to perform the services and work described in this Contract under the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, AMBAG and CONTRACTOR for the considerations hereinafter set forth, mutually agree as follows:

THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. SCOPE OF WORK

Consultant shall perform those services as specified in detail in Exhibit "A," entitled "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline and Budget," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

2. TERM

A. The term of this Contract shall be from the date of its execution until the completion of the work contemplated by this Contract and its final acceptance by AMBAG unless terminated earlier as provided herein. CONTRACTOR shall complete all tasks **on or before June 30, 2029** unless otherwise extended by written authorization.

B. Services performed under this Contract shall commence only upon written Notice to Proceed by AMBAG to CONTRACTOR.

This Contract includes the following Exhibits:

Exhibit A. Project Tasks/Services, Timeline and Budget Exhibit B.

Debarment and Suspension Certification

Exhibit C. Federal Tax Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification

Number and Certification

Exhibit D: Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Information Form

Exhibit E: Certifications

3. SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE

The services of Consultant are to be completed according to the schedule set out in Exhibit "A," entitled "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Consultant will diligently proceed with the agreed Scope of Services and will provide such services in a timely manner in accordance with the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget."

4. CHANGE IN TERMS

- A. This contract may be amended or modified only by mutual written agreement of the parties.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall only commence work covered by an amendment after the amendment is executed and written notification to proceed has been provided by AMBAG.

5. COORDINATION/STAFFING

- A. CONTRACTOR shall assign **xxx xxxx, as Project Manager** to personally participate in said project. AMBAG also retains the right to approve any substitution of the Project Manager. No portion of the work included in this Contract shall be subcontracted, except as provided herein, without the prior, written authorization of the AMBAG.
- B. Services described in the Scope of Work shall be performed by Contractor's staff, Subcontractor(s) or other members of the project team, hereinafter referred to as "Subcontractor(s)," listed in the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

6. COMPENSATION

- A. AMBAG shall pay CONTRACTOR for services on a firm fixed price basis as shown in Exhibit A.
- B. CONTRACTOR will be reimbursed, as promptly as fiscal procedures will permit. Invoices shall be submitted no later than 45 calendar days after the performance of work for which CONTRACTOR is billing, or upon completion of the Contract. Invoices shall detail the work performed on each task/milestone. Invoices shall follow the format stipulated for the approved Cost Proposal and shall reference this contract number and project title. CONTRACTOR shall not commence performance of work or

services until this contract has been approved by AMBAG and written notification to proceed has been issued by AMBAG. No payment will be made prior to approval of any work, or for any work performed prior to approval of this contract.

- C. In no event shall compensation as described in Exhibit A exceed \$315,330 without prior written consent of AMBAG.

It is mutually understood between the parties that funding for this contract is contingent on State Budget passage and federal and state funding as well as reimbursement from Caltrans.

7. INVOICING

- A. Invoices for services must be presented to AMBAG no later than the fifteenth day of each month for the month prior. CONTRACTOR shall submit an invoice to AMBAG stating the amount due for such services on a monthly basis throughout the duration of the project. Said monthly invoicing shall reflect the task worked on, the percentage of the task completed, and the total dollar amount for the task in comparison to the invoiced amount based upon the percentage of the task then completed. AMBAG shall reimburse the CONTRACTOR as promptly as its fiscal procedures permit, upon receipt of itemized invoices submitted in accordance with this Contract. Payment of the invoices will be made to CONTRACTOR after acceptance of work product and approval by AMBAG and upon reimbursement by the State of California. Such reimbursements shall be based upon actual eligible costs incurred by the CONTRACTOR consistent with the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," Exhibit A. No interest or carrying charges shall accrue to CONTRACTOR by reason of delayed payment.
- B. Prompt Payment to Subcontractor(s): A CONTRACTOR shall pay any Subcontractor(s) for satisfactorily completed work no later than ten (10) days of receipt of each payment from AMBAG. The ten (10) day period is applicable unless a longer period is agreed to in writing. Any delay or postponement of payment over thirty (30) days may take place only for good cause and with AMBAG's prior written approval. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies otherwise available to the CONTRACTOR or Subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the CONTRACTOR, deficient Subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a Subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE Subcontractor.
- C. Invoicing Format and Content: All invoices submitted to AMBAG for payment shall be sent directly to:

**Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments ATTN:
Accounts Payable
P.O. 2453
Seaside, CA 93955**

1. The invoice shall be entitled "Invoice" or otherwise clearly identify that the document is an Invoice, and shall contain the following information:
 - i. AMBAG's "Bill To" information as stated in the above paragraph;
 - ii. Invoice number and/or billing number specified by CONTRACTOR. The invoice number must be unique for each invoice submitted;
 - iii. Invoice date;
 - iv. Billing period specified with beginning and ending dates. The beginning date must not be sooner than the Notice to Proceed date of the Contract, or within any previous billing dates;
 - v. Percent of Task Completed;
 - vi. Total amount due for the billing period;
 - vii. Total Contract Value (as identified in 6D. above); and
 - viii. AMBAG Project Manager

8. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

It is mutually understood between the parties that this contract may have been written before ascertaining the availability of funds or appropriation of funds, for the mutual benefit of both parties, in order to avoid program and fiscal delays that would occur if the contract were executed after that determination was made.

This contract is valid and enforceable only, if sufficient funds are made available to AMBAG for the purpose of this contract. In addition, this contract is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, conditions, or any statute enacted by the Congress, State Legislature, or AMBAG governing board that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this contract in any manner.

It is mutually agreed that if sufficient funds are not appropriated, this contract may be amended to reflect any reduction in funds.

AMBAG has the option to void the contract under the termination clause, or by mutual agreement to amend the contract to reflect any reduction of funds.

9. CONTRACT COMPLETION RETAINER

CONTRACTOR is prohibited from holding retainage from Subcontractor(s). Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with AMBAG's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating CONTRACTOR to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code, if applicable. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the CONTRACTOR in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the CONTRACTOR, deficient Subcontractor(s)

performance, and/or noncompliance by Subcontractor(s). This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE Subcontractor(s).

Payment for services under this Contract is contingent upon AMBAG's determination that the performance of the CONTRACTOR has been satisfactory and beneficial to AMBAG in the sole discretion of the Executive Director.

10. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The CONTRACTOR warrants that he/she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the CONTRACTOR; to solicit or secure this contract; and that he/she has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award, or formation of this contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, AMBAG shall have the right to annul this contract without liability, or at its discretion; to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

11. OWNERSHIP, CONFIDENTIALITY AND USE OF WORK PRODUCTS

- A. Ownership of any reports, data, studies, surveys, charts, memoranda, and any other documents, which are developed, compiled, or produced as a result of this Contract, whether or not completed, shall vest with AMBAG. AMBAG reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use the data.
- B. AMBAG shall receive copyright and ownership to all data and materials delivered under this contract upon formal acceptance, except for those data and materials that are subject to ownership or copyright of others prior to the execution of this contract. No distribution of the original or derived works shall be made prior to acceptance by AMBAG unless specified in the task order or authorized by the contracting officer. The contractor may maintain copyright and ownership of all original or derived works which are not required submittals under this contract.
- C. Methodology and materials developed under this Contract are the property of AMBAG and may be used by AMBAG as it sees fit, including the right to revise or publish the same without limitation. CONTRACTOR shall not be liable for use of such methodology, materials, software logic, and systems for purposes other than that for which it is developed.
- D. Subject to the California Public Records Act, all Work Products and Related Work Materials including Intellectual Property shall be held confidential by CONTRACTOR. Nothing furnished to CONTRACTOR, which is otherwise known to CONTRACTOR or is generally known, or has become known, to the related industry shall be deemed confidential.
- E. The CONTRACTOR shall not use, release, reproduce, distribute, publish, adapt for

future use or otherwise use Work Products and Related Work Materials for purposes other than the performance of the Scope of Work, nor authorize others to do so, without prior written permission of AMBAG Legal Counsel; nor shall such materials be disclosed to any person or entity not connected with the performance of the work. CONTRACTOR shall also safeguard such confidential materials from unauthorized disclosure, using the same standard of care to avoid disclosure, as the CONTRACTOR treats its confidential information, but in no case less than reasonable care.

- F. All equipment, including, but not limited to, computer hardware, printing and duplication equipment, multimedia equipment, software tools and programs, and upgrade packages to existing equipment, procured in whole or part by funds provided under this Contract, are the property of AMBAG. AMBAG shall determine the disposition of all such property upon completion or termination of this Contract.
- G. AMBAG may utilize any Work Products or Related Work Materials provided by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Contract, in any manner which AMBAG deems appropriate without additional compensation to CONTRACTOR.

12. TERMINATION

A. Termination of Convenience of AMBAG

AMBAG may terminate this Contract at any time by giving notice to the CONTRACTOR of such termination (including the effective termination date) at least thirty (30) calendar days before the effective date of such termination. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents and other materials as described in this Contract, at the option of AMBAG, become AMBAG's property. If this Contract is terminated by AMBAG, as provided herein, AMBAG's only obligation shall be the payment of fees and expenses incurred prior to the termination date, for work deemed satisfactory and a benefit to AMBAG, in accordance with the cost provisions of this Contract.

B. Termination for Cause

If through any cause, the CONTRACTOR shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or if the CONTRACTOR violates any of the covenants, terms, or stipulations of this Contract, AMBAG shall thereupon have the right to terminate the Contract by giving not less than ten (10) calendar days written notice to the CONTRACTOR of the intent to terminate and specifying the effective date thereof. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, reports or other materials prepared by the CONTRACTOR under this Contract shall, at the option of CONTRACTOR, become AMBAG's property.

13. DISPUTES

AMBAG and CONTRACTOR are fully committed to working with each other throughout the Term of this Agreement and agree to communicate regularly with each other at all

times so as to avoid and minimize disputes. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR agree to act in good faith to prevent and resolve potential sources of conflict before they escalate into a question or controversy. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR each commit to resolving such dispute in an amicable, professional, and expeditious manner and agree to use the following procedure for resolving the dispute: (a) either party may give notice to the other of the dispute and will meet within three (3) business days to attempt to resolve the dispute; (b) a meeting or meetings shall be promptly between the representatives of the parties regarding the dispute to attempt in good faith to negotiate a resolution of the dispute; (c) if within thirty (30) days after a dispute has arisen, the parties have not succeeded in negotiating a resolution of the dispute, they agree to submit the dispute to mediation; (d) the mediator shall be jointly selected by the parties, or failing agreement on the selection of a mediator within thirty (30) days after the parties fail to negotiate an informal resolution of any dispute, the mediator shall be a retired judge or justice selected by the supervising judge of the Civil Division of the Monterey County California Superior Court. In any mediation conducted pursuant to this section, the provision of the California Evidence Code section 1152 shall be applicable to limit the admissibility of evidence disclosed by the parties in the course of the mediation; and € if the parties are not successful in resolving the dispute through the mediation, then the parties agree that the dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration to a single arbitrator in accordance with the existing Rules of Practice of Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS) within thirty (30) days of the close of mediation as declared by the mediator.

14. **AMENDMENT OF SCOPE OF WORK**

The parties may amend the Scope of Work subject to mutual prior written modification of the Contract.

15. **CORRECTION OF WORK**

The performance of services or acceptance of information furnished by CONTRACTOR shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from obligation to correct any defective, inaccurate or incomplete work subsequently discovered and all such work shall be remedied by the CONTRACTOR on demand without cost to AMBAG.

16. **DELAYS AND EXTENSIONS**

Time is of the essence concerning performance of this Contract; however, the CONTRACTOR will be granted time extensions for delays beyond the Contractor's control. Time extensions will be equal to the length of the delay or as otherwise agreed upon in writing between the CONTRACTOR and AMBAG.

17. **RETENTION OF RECORDS/AUDITS**

For the purpose of determining compliance with Public Contract Code 10115, et seq.

and Title 21, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 21, Section 2500 et seq., when applicable and other matters connected with the performance of the contract pursuant to Government Code 8546.7; CONTRACTOR, subcontractor, and AMBAG shall maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of the contract, including but not limited to, the costs of administering the contract. All parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the contract period and for three years from the date of final payment under the contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until AMBAG, Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Reference 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).

The State of California, Office of the State Controller, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), FHWA, or any duly authorized representative of the Federal or State Government shall have access to any books, records, and documents of CONTRACTOR and its certified public accountants (CPA) work papers that are pertinent to the contract and indirect cost rates (ICR) for audit, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and copies thereof shall be furnished if requested.

18. SUBCONTRACTING

In accordance with Government Code Section 7550, CONTRACTOR agrees to state in a separate section of any filed report the numbers and dollars amounts of all contracts and subcontracts relating to preparation of the report.

- A. Nothing contained in this contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between AMBAG and any subcontractor(s), and no subcontract shall relieve CONTRACTOR of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. CONTRACTOR agrees to be as fully responsible to AMBAG for the acts and omissions of its subcontractor(s) and of 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 subcontractor(s) is an independent obligation from AMBAG'S obligation to make payments to the CONTRACTOR.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization and no portion of the work pertinent to this contract shall be subcontracted without written authorization by AMBAG, except that, which is expressly identified in the contract.

19. ASSIGNMENT

The Contract shall not be assigned by the CONTRACTOR, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of AMBAG.

20. INDEMNIFICATION

To the full extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, hold harmless, release and defend AMBAG (with legal counsel acceptable to AMBAG), its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, damages, disability, losses, expenses including attorney's fees and other defense costs and liabilities of any nature that may be asserted by any person or entity including CONTRACTOR, in whole or in part, arising out of Contractor's activities hereunder, including the activities of other persons employed or utilized by CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Contract (including design defects and regardless of AMBAG's approval, use or acceptance of the work or work product hereunder) excepting liabilities due to the admitted or adjudicated sole negligence or willful misconduct of AMBAG. If the adjudicated or admitted sole negligence or willful misconduct of AMBAG has contributed to a loss, CONTRACTOR shall not be obligated to indemnify AMBAG for the proportionate share of such loss caused by such sole negligence or willful misconduct. This indemnification obligation is not limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages or compensation payable by or for CONTRACTOR under Worker's Compensation, disability or other employee benefit acts or the terms, applicability or limitations of any insurance held or provided by CONTRACTOR and shall continue to bind the parties after termination/completion of this Contract.

21. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

A. CONTRACTOR'S signature affixed herein, and dated, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that CONTRACTOR has, unless exempt, complied with, the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code Section 12990 and Title 2, California Administrative Code, Section 8103. During the performance of this Contract, CONTRACTOR and its subcontractor(s) shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of family care leave. CONTRACTOR and subcontractor(s) shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. CONTRACTOR and subcontractor(s) shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 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 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Contract by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.

CONTRACTOR and its subcontractor(s) shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement(s).

CONTRACTOR shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under this contract.

In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with regulations relative to Title VI (nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation – Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21 - Effectuation of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act). Title VI provides that the recipients of federal assistance will implement and maintain a policy of nondiscrimination in which no person in the state of California shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of or subject to discrimination under any program or activity by the recipients of federal assistance or their assignees and successors in interest.

The CONTRACTOR, with regard to the work performed by it during the Contract shall act in accordance with Title VI. Specifically, the CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractor(s), including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The CONTRACTOR shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the U.S. DOT's Regulations, including employment practices when the Contract covers a program whose goal is employment.

- B. Equal Employment Opportunity - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:
1. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. The CONTRACTOR agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 2. Age - In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of

1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 623 and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the CONTRACTOR agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

3. Disabilities - In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, the CONTRACTOR agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
4. The CONTRACTOR also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

22. FEDERAL CHANGES

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Contract between Purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

23. ENERGY CONSERVATION

The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

24. NO OBLIGATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- A. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to AMBAG, CONTRACTOR, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.
- B. The CONTRACTOR agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the Subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

25. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

- A. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the CONTRACTOR to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- B. The CONTRACTOR also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the CONTRACTOR, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- C. The CONTRACTOR agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the Subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

26. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

CONTRACTOR'S signature affixed herein, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the CONTRACTOR has complied with Title 2 CFR, Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (nonprocurement)", which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to AMBAG.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be

considered in determining CONTRACTOR responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to whom exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of action.

Exceptions to the Federal Government Excluded Parties List System maintained by the General Services Administration are to be determined by the Federal Highway Administration.

By signing and submitting the contract, the CONTRACTOR shall certify those clauses described in the "Debarment and Suspension Certification," Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference and shall comply with all relevant conditions as set forth in the CONTRACT.

27. CONTRACTS INVOLVING FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements apply to the Contractor and its employees that administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government under any contract:

- A. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. Among other things, the CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain the express consent of the Federal Government before the CONTRACTOR or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. The CONTRACTOR understands that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to those individuals involved, and that failure to comply with the terms of the Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying contract.
- B. The CONTRACTOR also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

28. INSURANCE/NOTIFICATION

Prior to the beginning, and throughout the duration, of the work, CONTRACTOR shall maintain insurance in conformance with the requirements set forth below. CONTRACTOR will use existing coverage to comply with these requirements. If that existing coverage does not meet the requirements set forth here, it will be amended to do so. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the insurance coverage and policy limits set forth in this section constitute the minimum amount of coverage required. Any insurance proceeds in excess of the limits and coverage required in this contract and which is applicable to a given loss, will be available to AMBAG.

CONTRACTOR is covered by, and agrees to maintain, general liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage arising directly from its negligent acts or omissions with limits as specified below. Certificates of insurance shall be provided to AMBAG prior to commencement of work by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, protect, defend and name AMBAG, its public officials, officers and employees as

additional insured on the Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Insurance and hold harmless from any loss, damage or liability arising directly from any negligent act or omission by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or liability arising from any act or omission by AMBAG, its officials, officers or employees.

CONTRACTOR shall provide the following types and amounts of insurance:

- A. Commercial General Liability Insurance using Insurance Services Office "Commercial General Liability" policy form CG 00 01, with an edition date prior to 2004, or the exact equivalent. Coverage for an additional insured shall not be limited to its vicarious liability. Defense costs must be paid in addition to limits. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for all covered losses and no less than \$2,000,000 general aggregates.
- B. Workers' Compensation on a state-approved policy form providing statutory benefits as required by law with employer's liability limits no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for all covered losses.
- C. Business Auto Coverage on ISO Business Auto Coverage form CA 00 01 including owned, non-owned and hired autos, or the exact equivalent. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000 per accident, combined single limit. If CONTRACTOR owns no vehicles, this requirement may be satisfied by a non-owned auto endorsement to the general liability policy described above. If CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR'S employees use personal autos in any way on this project, CONTRACTOR shall obtain evidence of personal auto liability coverage for each such person.
- D. Errors and Omissions Liability CONTRACTOR shall provide evidence of professional liability insurance on a policy form appropriate to Contractor's profession. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000/claim.
- E. Certificate of Insurance CONTRACTOR shall file a certificate of insurance completed and filed with AMBAG within fifteen (15) days of execution of this Contract and prior to engaging any operation or activities set forth in this Contract. The foregoing policies shall provide that no cancellation, major change in coverage, or expiration by insurance company or insured during the term of this contract shall occur without thirty (30) days written notice to AMBAG prior to the effective date of such cancellation or change in coverage.
- F. All such insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, or, if the policy is not written on an occurrence basis, such policy with the coverage required herein shall continue in effect for a period of two (2) years after completion of the contract.
- G. The Commercial General Liability and Business Auto insurance policies shall provide an endorsement naming AMBAG, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers as Additional Insured, and shall further provide that such insurance is primary insurance to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by AMBAG and that the insurance of the Additional Insured shall not be called upon to contribute to a loss covered by the insurance AMBAG.

29. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CONTRACTOR shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with AMBAG that may have an impact upon the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing AMBAG project. CONTRACTOR shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing AMBAG project, which will follow.

CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder. CONTRACTOR further covenants that in the performance of this Contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

CONTRACTOR shall at all times avoid conflicts of interest, or the appearance or perceived conflicts of interest, in the performance of this contract. CONTRACTOR shall file statements of financial interest on forms provided by AMBAG to the extent and at the times required by AMBAG's Conflict of Interest Code and applicable law.

CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that it does not now have, nor shall it acquire any financial or business interest that would conflict with the performance of services under this contract.

30. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

If AMBAG determines CONTRACTOR comes within the definition of CONTRACTOR under the Political Reform Act (Government Code §87100), CONTRACTOR shall complete and file and shall require any other person doing work under this Contract to complete and file a "Statement of Economic Interest" with AMBAG disclosing CONTRACTOR and/or such other person's financial interests.

31. MERGER

This Contract shall constitute the entire Contract between the parties and shall supersede any previous contracts, whether verbal or written, concerning the same subject matter. No modification of this Contract shall be effective unless and until evidence by a writing is signed by both parties.

32. DEFAULT

If CONTRACTOR should fail to perform any of his obligations hereunder, within the time and in the manner herein provided or otherwise violate any of the terms of this Contract, AMBAG may terminate this Contract by giving CONTRACTOR written notice of such termination, stating the reason for such termination. In such event, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to receive as full payment for all services satisfactorily rendered and beneficial to AMBAG and expenses incurred hereunder, an amount which bears the same ratio to the total fees specified in the contract as the services satisfactorily rendered hereunder by CONTRACTOR bear to the total services otherwise required to be

performed for such total fee; provided, however, that AMBAG may withhold payments not yet made to CONTRACTOR for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due AMBAG from CONTRACTOR is determined.

33. NO WAIVER OF BREACH/TIME

The waiver by AMBAG of any breach of any term or promise contained in this Contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term or provision or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term or promise contained in this Contract. Time is of the essence in carrying out the duties hereunder.

34. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed to create and the parties do not intend to create any rights in third parties.

35. ATTORNEYS' FEES, APPLICABLE LAW AND FORUM

In the event either party brings an action or proceeding for damages arising out of the other's performance under this Contract or to establish the right or remedy of either party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as part of such action or proceeding, whether or not such action or proceeding is prosecuted to judgment. This Contract shall be construed and interpreted according to California law, and any action to enforce the terms of this Contract or for the breach thereof shall be brought and tried in the County of Monterey.

36. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The parties intend that CONTRACTOR, in performing the services specified herein, shall act as an independent contractor and shall have control of the work and the manner in which it is performed. CONTRACTOR is not to be considered an agent or employee of AMBAG and is not entitled to participate in any pension plan, insurance, bonus or similar benefits AMBAG provides its employees. In the event AMBAG exercises its right to terminate this Contract, CONTRACTOR expressly agrees that he/she shall have no recourse nor right of appeal under rules, regulations, ordinances or laws applicable to employees.

37. TAXES

CONTRACTOR agrees to file tax returns and pay all applicable taxes on amounts paid pursuant to this Contract and shall be solely liable and responsible to pay such taxes and other obligations, including, but not limited to, state and federal income and FICA taxes. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold AMBAG harmless from any liability which it may incur to the United States or to the State of California as a consequence of

CONTRACTOR'S failure to pay, when due, all such taxes and obligations.

38. FEDERAL TAX FORMS

Prior to issuing the initial claim under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall submit Federal Tax Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification to the following address:

**Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments ATTN:
Accounts Payable
P.O. 2453
Seaside, CA 93955**

or by FAX to: (831) 883-3755. Unless AMBAG receives a completed Tax Form W-9, payments for services performed under this CONTRACT shall be subject to federal backup withholding.

39. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. CONTRACTOR shall study and comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations affecting the CONTRACTOR and his/her work hereunder. CONTRACTOR represents and warrants to AMBAG that CONTRACTOR has and will keep in effect during the term of this Contract all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatsoever nature which are legally required for CONTRACTOR to practice Contractor's profession and to do the work hereunder.
- B. CONTRACTOR agrees to abide by the requirements of the Immigration and Control Reform Act pertaining to assuring that all employees of CONTRACTOR performing any services under this Contract have a legal right to work in the United States of America, that all required documentation of such right to work is inspected, and that INS Form 1-9 (as it may be amended from time to time) is completed and on file for each employee. CONTRACTOR shall make the required documentation available upon request to AMBAG for inspection.
- C. CONTRACTOR warrants that this contract was not obtained or secured through rebates kickbacks or other unlawful consideration, either promised or paid to any AMBAG employee. For breach or violation of this warranty, AMBAG shall have the right in its discretion; to terminate the contract without liability; to pay only for the value of the work actually performed; or to deduct from the contract price; or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback or other unlawful consideration.

40. FEDERAL AND STATE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES CERTIFICATION (43 CFR PART 18)

By signing this CONTRACT, the CONTRACTOR certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that no State or Federal funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any state or federal agency; a Member of the State Legislature or United States Congress, an officer or employee of the Legislature or Congress; or any employee of a Member of the Legislature or Congress, in connection with the awarding of any state or federal contract; the making of any state or federal grant, the making of any state or federal loan; the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any state or federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency; a Member of Congress; an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress; in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement; CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit Standard Form- LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The CONTRACTOR also agrees by signing this Contract that it will require that the language of this certification be included in all subcontracts funded wholly or in part by any funds provided herein and which exceed \$100,000 and that all such Subcontractor(s) shall certify and disclose accordingly.

41. CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

A. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to the requirements contained in AMBAG's annual Certification and Assurances (FHWA and FTA "Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification") submitted as part of AMBAG's OWP, pursuant to 23 CFR 450.334 and 23 U.S.C. 134. This Certification shall be published annually in AMBAG's OWP. Such requirements shall apply to CONTRACTOR to the same extent as AMBAG and may include, but are not limited to:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VI Assurance executed by California under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;
2. Pub. Law 105-178, 112 Stat. 107 and any successor thereto, regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded projects (Sec. 105(f), Pub. L. 970424, 96 Stat. 2100, 49 CFR part 26); and
3. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT)

implementing regulations (49 CFR 27, 37, and 38).

- B. CONTRACTOR shall additionally comply with the requirements contained in the annual FTA “Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance,” including “Certifications and Assurances Required of Each Applicant” and the “Lobbying Certification” in compliance with 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53; published annually in AMBAG’s OWP. Such assurances shall apply to CONTRACTOR to the same extent as AMBAG, and include but are not limited, the following areas:
 - 1. Standard Assurances
 - 2. Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters for Primary Covered Transactions
 - 3. Drug Free Work Place Agreement
 - 4. Intergovernmental Review Assurance
 - 5. Nondiscrimination Assurance
 - 6. DBE Assurance
 - 7. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability
 - 8. Certification and Assurances required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall require its Subcontractor(s) to comply with these Certifications, and agrees to furnish documentation to AMBAG to support this requirement that all of its contracts with Subcontractor(s) contain provisions requiring adherence to this section in its entirety.

42. COST PRINCIPLES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- A. CONTRACTOR agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to determine the cost allowability of individual items.
- B. CONTRACTOR also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.
- C. Any costs for which payment has been made to CONTRACTOR that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 2 CFR, Part 200 and 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by CONTRACTOR to AMBAG.

43. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)

- A. The CONTRACTOR, subrecipient, or subcontractor(s) shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The CONTRACTOR shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award

and administration of State or United States Department of Transportation (DOT) assisted contracts or in the administration of AMBAG's DBE Program. Failure by the CONTRACTOR to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy, as AMBAG deems appropriate, which may include but is not limited to:

1. Withholding monthly progress payments
 2. Assessing sanctions
 3. Liquidated damages
 4. Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible
- B. The contractor must make available to the Caltrans contract manager a copy of all DBE subcontracts upon request.
- C. The contractor must utilize the specific DBEs listed to perform the work and supply the materials for which each is listed unless the contractor obtains authorization from Caltrans. Unless the Department provides prior authorization approving a request for termination or substitution of a listed DBE, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or materials unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBEs.
- D. It is the policy of AMBAG, Caltrans, and DOT, that the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, shall have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. The CONTRACTOR and its Subcontractor(s) shall comply with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and with AMBAG's DBE Program, as amended.
- E. A "DBE Information Form" is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit D. Even if no DBE participation will be reported, the CONTRACTOR shall complete and sign such form at the time this Contract is executed
- F. During the period of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain records of all applicable subcontracts advertised and entered into germane to this Contract, documenting the actual DBE participation and records of materials purchased from DBE suppliers. Such documentation shall show the name and business address of each DBE Subcontractor(s) or vendor, and the total dollar amount actually paid each DBE Subcontractor(s) or vendor. Upon completion of the Contract, regardless of whether DBE participation is obtained, a summary of the DBE records shall be prepared, certified correct, and submitted on a form that shall be provided by AMBAG.

44. FLOW-DOWN PROVISIONS

Any subcontract entered into that exceeds \$10,000 as a result of this CONTRACT shall contain the following provisions of this Contract:

Section 4 (Coordination/Staffing); Section 6 (Invoicing); Section 8 (Contract Completion Retainer); Section 9 (Satisfactory Performance); Section 11 (Ownership, Confidentiality, and Use of Work Products); Section 12 (Termination); Section 13 (Disputes); Section 17

(Retention of Records/Audits); Section 20 (Indemnification); Section 21 (Statement of Compliance); Section 22 (Federal Changes); Section 23 (Energy Conservation); Section 24 (No Obligation by the Federal Government); Section 25 (Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements and Related Acts); Section 26 (Debarment and Suspension Certification); Section 27 (Contracts Involving Federal Privacy Act Requirements); Section 28 (Insurance/Notification); Section 29 (Conflict of Interest); Section 36 (Independent Contractor); Section 39 (Compliance with Laws, Rules, and Regulations); Section 40 (Federal and State Lobbying Activities Certification (43 CFR Part 18)); Section 41 (Certifications and Assurances); and Section 42 (Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements); Section 43 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)).

45. INTERPRETATION

Notwithstanding the fact that one or more provisions of this Contract may have been drafted by one of the parties to this Contract, such provisions shall be interpreted as though they were a product of a joint drafting effort and no provisions shall be interpreted against a party on the ground that said party was solely or primarily responsible for drafting the language to be interpreted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

AMBAG:

Signature: _____

Name: Maura F. Twomey

Title: Executive Director

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)

Signature: _____

Name: Mary Ann Carbone

Title: Board President

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)

CONSULTANT:

Signature: _____

Name: Daphnie Munoz, CPA

Title: Principal

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

APPROVED TO AS TO FORM:

By: _____

Don Freeman, AMBAG Legal Counsel

P.O. Box 805, Carmel CA 93921

EXHIBIT A. PROJECT TASKS/SERVICES, TIMELINE, AND BUDGET

EXHIBIT B. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

**TITLE 49, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, PART 29
DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION**

1. All persons or firms, including Subcontractor(s), must complete this certification and certify, under penalty of perjury, that, except as noted below, he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager:
 - a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
 - b. Have not, within the three (3) year period preceding this certification, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes, or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in subparagraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - d. Have not, within the three (3) year period preceding this certification, had one or more public transactions (Federal, state, and local) terminated for cause or default.
2. If such persons or firms later become aware of any information contradicting the statements of paragraph (1), they will promptly provide that information to AMBAG.

If there are any exceptions to this certification, insert the exceptions in the following space.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining bidder responsibility. For any exception noted above, indicate below to whom it applies, initiating agency, and dates of actions.

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by AMBAG. If it is later determined that the CONTRACTOR knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to AMBAG, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the

period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The CONTRACTOR further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

Name of Firm

Signature (original signature required)

Date

**EXHIBIT C. FEDERAL TAX FORM W-9, REQUEST FOR
TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND
CERTIFICATION**

**EXHIBIT D. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE)
INFORMATION FORM**

EXHIBIT E. CERTIFICATIONS

CALIFORNIA LEVINE ACT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

California Government Code § 84308, commonly referred to as the “Levine Act,” precludes an Officer of a local government agency from participating in the award of a contract if he or she receives any political contributions totaling more than \$250 in the 12 months preceding the pendency of the contract award, and for three months following the final decision, from the person or company awarded the contract. This prohibition applies to contributions to the Officer, or received by the Officer on behalf of any other Officer, or on behalf of any candidate for office or on behalf of any committee. The Levine Act also requires disclosure of such contributions by a party to be awarded a specified contract. Please refer to the attached code for the complete statutory language.

Current members of the AMBAG Board of Directors are attached.

1. Have you or your company, or any agent on behalf of you or your company, made any political contributions of more than \$250 to any AMBAG Director(s) in the 12 months preceding the date of the issuance of this request for proposal or request for qualifications?

YES

NO

If yes, please identify the Director(s): _____

2. Do you or your company, or any agency on behalf of you or your company, anticipate or plan to make any political contributions of more than \$250 to any AMBAG Director(s) in the three months following the award of the contract?

YES

NO

If yes, please identify the Director(s): _____

Answering yes to either of the two questions above does not preclude RAPS from awarding a contract to your firm. It does, however, preclude the identified Director(s) from participating in the contract award process for this contract.

DATE

(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL)

(TYPE OR WRITE APPROPRIATE NAME, TITLE)

(TYPE OR WRITE NAME OF COMPANY)

California Government Code Section 84308

- (a) The definitions set forth in this subdivision shall govern the interpretation of this section.
- (1) "Party" means any person who files an application for, or is the subject of, a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use.
 - (2) "Participant" means any person who is not a party but who actively supports or opposes a particular decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use and who has a financial interest in the decision, as described in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. A person actively supports or opposes a particular decision in a proceeding if he or she lobbies in person the officers or employees of the agency, testifies in person before the agency, or otherwise acts to influence officers of the agency.
 - (3) "Agency" means an agency as defined in Section 82003 except that it does not include the courts or any agency in the judicial branch of government, local governmental agencies whose members are directly elected by the voters, the Legislature, the Board of Equalization, or constitutional officers. However, this section applies to any person who is a member of an exempted agency but is acting as a voting member of another agency.
 - (4) "Officer" means any elected or appointed officer of an agency, any alternate to an elected or appointed officer of an agency, and any candidate for elective office in an agency.
 - (5) "License, permit, or other entitlement for use" means all business, professional, trade and land use licenses and permits and all other entitlements for use, including all entitlements for land use, all contracts (other than competitively bid, labor, or personal employment contracts), and all franchises.
 - (6) "Contribution" includes contributions to candidates and committees in federal, state, or local elections.
- (b) No officer of an agency shall accept, solicit, or direct a contribution of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) from any party, or his or her agent, or from any participant, or his or her agent, while a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use is pending before the agency and for three months following the date a final decision is rendered in the proceeding if the officer knows or has reason to know that the participant has a financial interest, as that term is used in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. This prohibition shall apply regardless of whether the officer accepts, solicits, or directs the contribution for himself or herself, or on behalf of any other officer, or on behalf of any candidate for office or on behalf of any committee.
- (c) Prior to rendering any decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit or other entitlement for use pending before an agency, each officer of the agency who received a contribution within the preceding 12 months in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) from a party or from any participant shall disclose that fact on the record of the proceeding. No officer of an agency shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his or her official position to influence the decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before the agency if the officer has willfully or knowingly received a contribution in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) within the preceding 12 months from a party or his or her agent, or from any participant, or his or her agent if the officer knows or has reason to know that the participant has a

financial interest in the decision, as that term is described with respect to public officials in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. If an officer receives a contribution which would otherwise require disqualification under this section, returns the contribution within 30 days from the time he or she knows, or should have known, about the contribution and the proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use, he or she shall be permitted to participate in the proceeding.

- (d) A party to a proceeding before an agency involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use shall disclose on the record of the proceeding any contribution in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) made within the preceding 12 months by the party, or his or her agent, to any officer of the agency. No party, or his or her agent, to a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before any agency and no participant, or his or her agent, in the proceeding shall make a contribution of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to any officer of that agency during the proceeding and for three months following the date a final decision is rendered by the agency in the proceeding. When a closed corporation is a party to, or a participant in, a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before an agency, the majority shareholder is subject to the disclosure and prohibition requirements specified in subdivisions (b), (c), and this subdivision.
- (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to imply that any contribution subject to being reported under this title shall not be so reported.

For more information, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission,
428 J Street, Suite 800,
Sacramento, CA 95814,
(916) 322-5660.

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CERTIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

Approved by OMB
0348-0046

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

1. Type of Federal Action: a. contract _____ b. grant _____ c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: a. bid/offer/application _____ b. initial award c. post-award	3. Report Type: a. initial filing _____ b. material change For material change only: Year _____ quarter _____ Date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: _____Prime _____Subawardee Tier _____, if Known: <p align="center">Congressional District, if known:</p>		5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: <p align="center">Congressional District, if known:</p>
6. Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description:	
	CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
8. Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>	b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____	
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP- DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator

SUBJECT: Website Support Services Contract

MEETING DATE: June 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve a five-year agreement for website support services with Planeteria Media and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the agreement for an amount not to exceed \$41,700.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) requires a contractor to provide website maintenance and support services to ensure all AMBAG websites are fully functional 24/7 to provide smooth continuance of daily business operations. For the past five fiscal years, Planeteria Media has performed AMBAG website support services. Website support services are currently provided under a contract set to expire June 30, 2024. In accordance with procurement requirements, AMBAG staff executed a competitive selection process and released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on April 1, 2024 for website support services.

Responses to the website support services RFP were received on April 24, 2024 from the following firms:

- Aztec Computer
- Bright Plum, Inc.
- Gravity Works
- Kwall
- New Target, Inc.
- Partnered Management Group
- Planeteria
- RyOne
- Vardot

An Evaluation Committee consisting of representatives from AMBAG convened on May 1, 2024 and reviewed all proposals based on responsiveness and evaluation criteria included in the RFP. The AMBAG Evaluation Committee concluded that Planeteria Media was the most qualified to complete the work and recommended that Planeteria Media be awarded the contract to provide services for the five fiscal years ending 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029. Notification of intent to award prospective bidder Planeteria Media was given on May 1, 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed monthly fixed flat-rate maintenance support service fees total per year are \$6,000 per fiscal year, for fiscal years ended 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029. Total website fixed flat-rate maintenance support fees for all five years are \$30,000. Drupal upgrades for the AMBAG and the Pajaro River Watershed Food Protection Authority are \$5,850 for each website for a total one-time cost of \$11,700. Any services required outside the scope of work will require prior approval by AMBAG and be billed at the agreed hourly rates per this five-year contract and funded with administrative funds. If the website support services contract is approved, the agreed upon hourly rates for work outside the contract scope are \$150/hr. Fees for FY 2024-25 are included in the budget.

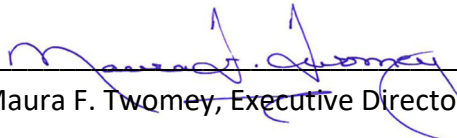
COORDINATION:

AMBAG staff, advertised on the AMBAG website, direct emailed all local website firms in the tri-county area, Request for Proposal Database (RFPDB), and *Industry Insider-California*, a vendor trade publication sister to *Government Technology* to advertise AMBAG's RFP.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft Agreement for Website Support Services

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Attachment 1
DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR WEBSITE SUPPORT SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this xxx day of June 2024, by and between the **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments**, hereinafter called "**AMBAG**," and **Planeteria Media**, hereinafter called "**CONTRACTOR**."

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR has the requisite skill, training, qualifications, and experience to render such services called for under this Contract with AMBAG; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is willing to perform the services and work described in this Contract under the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG desires to contract with Contractor to perform the services and work described in this Contract under the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, AMBAG and CONTRACTOR for the considerations hereinafter set forth, mutually agree as follows:

THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. SCOPE OF WORK

Consultant shall perform those services as specified in detail in Exhibit "A," entitled "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline and Budget," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

2. TERM

A. The term of this Contract shall be from the date of its execution until the completion of the work contemplated by this Contract and its final acceptance by AMBAG unless terminated earlier as provided herein. CONTRACTOR shall complete all tasks **on or before June 30, 2029** unless otherwise extended by written authorization.

B. Services performed under this Contract shall commence only upon written Notice to Proceed by AMBAG to CONTRACTOR.

This Contract includes the following Exhibits:

Exhibit A. Project Tasks/Services, Timeline and Budget

Exhibit B. Debarment and Suspension Certification

Exhibit C. Federal Tax Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Exhibit D: Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Information Form

Exhibit E: Certifications

3. SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE

The services of Consultant are to be completed according to the schedule set out in Exhibit "A," entitled "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Consultant will diligently proceed with the agreed Scope of Services and will provide such services in a timely manner in accordance with the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget."

4. CHANGE IN TERMS

- A. This contract may be amended or modified only by mutual written agreement of the parties.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall only commence work covered by an amendment after the amendment is executed and written notification to proceed has been provided by AMBAG.

5. COORDINATION/STAFFING

- A. CONTRACTOR shall assign **Laura Ali, as Project Manager** to personally participate in said project. AMBAG also retains the right to approve any substitution of the Project Manager. No portion of the work included in this Contract shall be subcontracted, except as provided herein, without the prior, written authorization of the AMBAG.
- B. Services described in the Scope of Work shall be performed by Contractor's staff, Subcontractor(s) or other members of the project team, hereinafter referred to as "Subcontractor(s)," listed in the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

6. COMPENSATION

- A. AMBAG shall pay CONTRACTOR for services on a firm fixed price basis as shown in Exhibit A.
- B. CONTRACTOR will be reimbursed, as promptly as fiscal procedures will permit. Invoices shall be submitted no later than 45 calendar days after the performance of work for which CONTRACTOR is billing, or upon completion of the Contract. Invoices shall detail the work performed on each task/milestone. Invoices shall follow the format stipulated for the approved Cost Proposal and shall reference this contract number and project title. CONTRACTOR shall not commence performance of work or services until this contract has been approved by AMBAG and written notification

to proceed has been issued by AMBAG. No payment will be made prior to approval of any work, or for any work performed prior to approval of this contract.

- C. In no event shall compensation as described in Exhibit A exceed \$41,700 without prior written consent of AMBAG.

It is mutually understood between the parties that funding for this contract is contingent on State Budget passage and federal and state funding as well as reimbursement from Caltrans.

7. INVOICING

- A. Invoices for services must be presented to AMBAG no later than the fifteenth day of each month for the month prior. CONTRACTOR shall submit an invoice to AMBAG stating the amount due for such services on a monthly basis throughout the duration of the project. Said monthly invoicing shall reflect the task worked on, the percentage of the task completed, and the total dollar amount for the task in comparison to the invoiced amount based upon the percentage of the task then completed. AMBAG shall reimburse the CONTRACTOR as promptly as its fiscal procedures permit, upon receipt of itemized invoices submitted in accordance with this Contract. Payment of the invoices will be made to CONTRACTOR after acceptance of work product and approval by AMBAG and upon reimbursement by the State of California. Such reimbursements shall be based upon actual eligible costs incurred by the CONTRACTOR consistent with the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," Exhibit A. No interest or carrying charges shall accrue to CONTRACTOR by reason of delayed payment.
- B. Prompt Payment to Subcontractor(s): A CONTRACTOR shall pay any Subcontractor(s) for satisfactorily completed work no later than ten (10) days of receipt of each payment from AMBAG. The ten (10) day period is applicable unless a longer period is agreed to in writing. Any delay or postponement of payment over thirty (30) days may take place only for good cause and with AMBAG's prior written approval. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies otherwise available to the CONTRACTOR or Subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the CONTRACTOR, deficient Subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a Subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE Subcontractor.
- C. Invoicing Format and Content: All invoices submitted to AMBAG for payment shall be sent directly to:

**Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments ATTN:
Accounts Payable
P.O. 2453
Seaside, CA 93955**

1. The invoice shall be entitled "Invoice" or otherwise clearly identify that the document is an Invoice, and shall contain the following information:
 - i. AMBAG's "Bill To" information as stated in the above paragraph;
 - ii. Invoice number and/or billing number specified by CONTRACTOR. The invoice number must be unique for each invoice submitted;
 - iii. Invoice date;
 - iv. Billing period specified with beginning and ending dates. The beginning date must not be sooner than the Notice to Proceed date of the Contract, or within any previous billing dates;
 - v. Percent of Task Completed;
 - vi. Total amount due for the billing period;
 - vii. Total Contract Value (as identified in 6D. above); and
 - viii. AMBAG Project Manager

8. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

It is mutually understood between the parties that this contract may have been written before ascertaining the availability of funds or appropriation of funds, for the mutual benefit of both parties, in order to avoid program and fiscal delays that would occur if the contract were executed after that determination was made.

This contract is valid and enforceable only, if sufficient funds are made available to AMBAG for the purpose of this contract. In addition, this contract is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, conditions, or any statute enacted by the Congress, State Legislature, or AMBAG governing board that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this contract in any manner.

It is mutually agreed that if sufficient funds are not appropriated, this contract may be amended to reflect any reduction in funds.

AMBAG has the option to void the contract under the termination clause, or by mutual agreement to amend the contract to reflect any reduction of funds.

9. CONTRACT COMPLETION RETAINER

CONTRACTOR is prohibited from holding retainage from Subcontractor(s). Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with AMBAG's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating CONTRACTOR to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code, if applicable. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the CONTRACTOR in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the CONTRACTOR, deficient Subcontractor(s)

performance, and/or noncompliance by Subcontractor(s). This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE Subcontractor(s).

Payment for services under this Contract is contingent upon AMBAG's determination that the performance of the CONTRACTOR has been satisfactory and beneficial to AMBAG in the sole discretion of the Executive Director.

10. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The CONTRACTOR warrants that he/she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the CONTRACTOR; to solicit or secure this contract; and that he/she has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award, or formation of this contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, AMBAG shall have the right to annul this contract without liability, or at its discretion; to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

11. OWNERSHIP, CONFIDENTIALITY AND USE OF WORK PRODUCTS

- A. Ownership of any reports, data, studies, surveys, charts, memoranda, and any other documents, which are developed, compiled, or produced as a result of this Contract, whether or not completed, shall vest with AMBAG. AMBAG reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use the data.
- B. AMBAG shall receive copyright and ownership to all data and materials delivered under this contract upon formal acceptance, except for those data and materials that are subject to ownership or copyright of others prior to the execution of this contract. No distribution of the original or derived works shall be made prior to acceptance by AMBAG unless specified in the task order or authorized by the contracting officer. The contractor may maintain copyright and ownership of all original or derived works which are not required submittals under this contract.
- C. Methodology and materials developed under this Contract are the property of AMBAG and may be used by AMBAG as it sees fit, including the right to revise or publish the same without limitation. CONTRACTOR shall not be liable for use of such methodology, materials, software logic, and systems for purposes other than that for which it is developed.
- D. Subject to the California Public Records Act, all Work Products and Related Work Materials including Intellectual Property shall be held confidential by CONTRACTOR. Nothing furnished to CONTRACTOR, which is otherwise known to CONTRACTOR or is generally known, or has become known, to the related industry shall be deemed confidential.
- E. The CONTRACTOR shall not use, release, reproduce, distribute, publish, adapt for

future use or otherwise use Work Products and Related Work Materials for purposes other than the performance of the Scope of Work, nor authorize others to do so, without prior written permission of AMBAG Legal Counsel; nor shall such materials be disclosed to any person or entity not connected with the performance of the work. CONTRACTOR shall also safeguard such confidential materials from unauthorized disclosure, using the same standard of care to avoid disclosure, as the CONTRACTOR treats its confidential information, but in no case less than reasonable care.

- F. All equipment, including, but not limited to, computer hardware, printing and duplication equipment, multimedia equipment, software tools and programs, and upgrade packages to existing equipment, procured in whole or part by funds provided under this Contract, are the property of AMBAG. AMBAG shall determine the disposition of all such property upon completion or termination of this Contract.
- G. AMBAG may utilize any Work Products or Related Work Materials provided by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Contract, in any manner which AMBAG deems appropriate without additional compensation to CONTRACTOR.

12. TERMINATION

A. Termination of Convenience of AMBAG

AMBAG may terminate this Contract at any time by giving notice to the CONTRACTOR of such termination (including the effective termination date) at least thirty (30) calendar days before the effective date of such termination. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents and other materials as described in this Contract, at the option of AMBAG, become AMBAG's property. If this Contract is terminated by AMBAG, as provided herein, AMBAG's only obligation shall be the payment of fees and expenses incurred prior to the termination date, for work deemed satisfactory and a benefit to AMBAG, in accordance with the cost provisions of this Contract.

B. Termination for Cause

If through any cause, the CONTRACTOR shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or if the CONTRACTOR violates any of the covenants, terms, or stipulations of this Contract, AMBAG shall thereupon have the right to terminate the Contract by giving not less than ten (10) calendar days written notice to the CONTRACTOR of the intent to terminate and specifying the effective date thereof. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, reports or other materials prepared by the CONTRACTOR under this Contract shall, at the option of CONTRACTOR, become AMBAG's property.

13. DISPUTES

AMBAG and CONTRACTOR are fully committed to working with each other throughout the Term of this Agreement and agree to communicate regularly with each other at all

times so as to avoid and minimize disputes. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR agree to act in good faith to prevent and resolve potential sources of conflict before they escalate into a question or controversy. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR each commit to resolving such dispute in an amicable, professional, and expeditious manner and agree to use the following procedure for resolving the dispute: (a) either party may give notice to the other of the dispute and will meet within three (3) business days to attempt to resolve the dispute; (b) a meeting or meetings shall be promptly between the representatives of the parties regarding the dispute to attempt in good faith to negotiate a resolution of the dispute; (c) if within thirty (30) days after a dispute has arisen, the parties have not succeeded in negotiating a resolution of the dispute, they agree to submit the dispute to mediation; (d) the mediator shall be jointly selected by the parties, or failing agreement on the selection of a mediator within thirty (30) days after the parties fail to negotiate an informal resolution of any dispute, the mediator shall be a retired judge or justice selected by the supervising judge of the Civil Division of the Monterey County California Superior Court. In any mediation conducted pursuant to this section, the provision of the California Evidence Code section 1152 shall be applicable to limit the admissibility of evidence disclosed by the parties in the course of the mediation; and € if the parties are not successful in resolving the dispute through the mediation, then the parties agree that the dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration to a single arbitrator in accordance with the existing Rules of Practice of Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS) within thirty (30) days of the close of mediation as declared by the mediator.

14. **AMENDMENT OF SCOPE OF WORK**

The parties may amend the Scope of Work subject to mutual prior written modification of the Contract.

15. **CORRECTION OF WORK**

The performance of services or acceptance of information furnished by CONTRACTOR shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from obligation to correct any defective, inaccurate or incomplete work subsequently discovered and all such work shall be remedied by the CONTRACTOR on demand without cost to AMBAG.

16. **DELAYS AND EXTENSIONS**

Time is of the essence concerning performance of this Contract; however, the CONTRACTOR will be granted time extensions for delays beyond the Contractor's control. Time extensions will be equal to the length of the delay or as otherwise agreed upon in writing between the CONTRACTOR and AMBAG.

17. **RETENTION OF RECORDS/AUDITS**

For the purpose of determining compliance with Public Contract Code 10115, et seq.

and Title 21, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 21, Section 2500 et seq., when applicable and other matters connected with the performance of the contract pursuant to Government Code 8546.7; CONTRACTOR, subcontractor, and AMBAG shall maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of the contract, including but not limited to, the costs of administering the contract. All parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the contract period and for three years from the date of final payment under the contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until AMBAG, Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Reference 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).

The State of California, Office of the State Controller, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), FHWA, or any duly authorized representative of the Federal or State Government shall have access to any books, records, and documents of CONTRACTOR and its certified public accountants (CPA) work papers that are pertinent to the contract and indirect cost rates (ICR) for audit, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and copies thereof shall be furnished if requested.

18. SUBCONTRACTING

In accordance with Government Code Section 7550, CONTRACTOR agrees to state in a separate section of any filed report the numbers and dollars amounts of all contracts and subcontracts relating to preparation of the report.

- A. Nothing contained in this contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between AMBAG and any subcontractor(s), and no subcontract shall relieve CONTRACTOR of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. CONTRACTOR agrees to be as fully responsible to AMBAG for the acts and omissions of its subcontractor(s) and of 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 subcontractor(s) is an independent obligation from AMBAG'S obligation to make payments to the CONTRACTOR.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization and no portion of the work pertinent to this contract shall be subcontracted without written authorization by AMBAG, except that, which is expressly identified in the contract.

19. ASSIGNMENT

The Contract shall not be assigned by the CONTRACTOR, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of AMBAG.

20. INDEMNIFICATION

To the full extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, hold harmless, release and defend AMBAG (with legal counsel acceptable to AMBAG), its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, damages, disability, losses, expenses including attorney's fees and other defense costs and liabilities of any nature that may be asserted by any person or entity including CONTRACTOR, in whole or in part, arising out of Contractor's activities hereunder, including the activities of other persons employed or utilized by CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Contract (including design defects and regardless of AMBAG's approval, use or acceptance of the work or work product hereunder) excepting liabilities due to the admitted or adjudicated sole negligence or willful misconduct of AMBAG. If the adjudicated or admitted sole negligence or willful misconduct of AMBAG has contributed to a loss, CONTRACTOR shall not be obligated to indemnify AMBAG for the proportionate share of such loss caused by such sole negligence or willful misconduct. This indemnification obligation is not limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages or compensation payable by or for CONTRACTOR under Worker's Compensation, disability or other employee benefit acts or the terms, applicability or limitations of any insurance held or provided by CONTRACTOR and shall continue to bind the parties after termination/completion of this Contract.

21. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

A. CONTRACTOR'S signature affixed herein, and dated, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that CONTRACTOR has, unless exempt, complied with, the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code Section 12990 and Title 2, California Administrative Code, Section 8103. During the performance of this Contract, CONTRACTOR and its subcontractor(s) shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of family care leave. CONTRACTOR and subcontractor(s) shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. CONTRACTOR and subcontractor(s) shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 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 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Contract by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.

CONTRACTOR and its subcontractor(s) shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement(s).

CONTRACTOR shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under this contract.

In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with regulations relative to Title VI (nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation – Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21 - Effectuation of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act). Title VI provides that the recipients of federal assistance will implement and maintain a policy of nondiscrimination in which no person in the state of California shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of or subject to discrimination under any program or activity by the recipients of federal assistance or their assignees and successors in interest.

The CONTRACTOR, with regard to the work performed by it during the Contract shall act in accordance with Title VI. Specifically, the CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractor(s), including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The CONTRACTOR shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the U.S. DOT's Regulations, including employment practices when the Contract covers a program whose goal is employment.

- B. Equal Employment Opportunity - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:
1. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. The CONTRACTOR agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 2. Age - In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of

1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 623 and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the CONTRACTOR agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

3. Disabilities - In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, the CONTRACTOR agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
4. The CONTRACTOR also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

22. FEDERAL CHANGES

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Contract between Purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

23. ENERGY CONSERVATION

The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

24. NO OBLIGATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- A. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to AMBAG, CONTRACTOR, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.
- B. The CONTRACTOR agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the Subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

25. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

- A. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the CONTRACTOR to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- B. The CONTRACTOR also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the CONTRACTOR, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- C. The CONTRACTOR agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the Subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

26. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

CONTRACTOR'S signature affixed herein, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the CONTRACTOR has complied with Title 2 CFR, Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (nonprocurement)", which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to AMBAG.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be

considered in determining CONTRACTOR responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to whom exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of action.

Exceptions to the Federal Government Excluded Parties List System maintained by the General Services Administration are to be determined by the Federal Highway Administration.

By signing and submitting the contract, the CONTRACTOR shall certify those clauses described in the "Debarment and Suspension Certification," Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference and shall comply with all relevant conditions as set forth in the CONTRACT.

27. CONTRACTS INVOLVING FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements apply to the Contractor and its employees that administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government under any contract:

- A. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. Among other things, the CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain the express consent of the Federal Government before the CONTRACTOR or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. The CONTRACTOR understands that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to those individuals involved, and that failure to comply with the terms of the Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying contract.
- B. The CONTRACTOR also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

28. INSURANCE/NOTIFICATION

Prior to the beginning, and throughout the duration, of the work, CONTRACTOR shall maintain insurance in conformance with the requirements set forth below. CONTRACTOR will use existing coverage to comply with these requirements. If that existing coverage does not meet the requirements set forth here, it will be amended to do so. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the insurance coverage and policy limits set forth in this section constitute the minimum amount of coverage required. Any insurance proceeds in excess of the limits and coverage required in this contract and which is applicable to a given loss, will be available to AMBAG.

CONTRACTOR is covered by, and agrees to maintain, general liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage arising directly from its negligent acts or omissions with limits as specified below. Certificates of insurance shall be provided to AMBAG prior to commencement of work by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, protect, defend and name AMBAG, its public officials, officers and employees as

additional insured on the Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Insurance and hold harmless from any loss, damage or liability arising directly from any negligent act or omission by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or liability arising from any act or omission by AMBAG, its officials, officers or employees.

CONTRACTOR shall provide the following types and amounts of insurance:

- A. Commercial General Liability Insurance using Insurance Services Office "Commercial General Liability" policy form CG 00 01, with an edition date prior to 2004, or the exact equivalent. Coverage for an additional insured shall not be limited to its vicarious liability. Defense costs must be paid in addition to limits. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for all covered losses and no less than \$2,000,000 general aggregates.
- B. Workers' Compensation on a state-approved policy form providing statutory benefits as required by law with employer's liability limits no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for all covered losses.
- C. Business Auto Coverage on ISO Business Auto Coverage form CA 00 01 including owned, non-owned and hired autos, or the exact equivalent. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000 per accident, combined single limit. If CONTRACTOR owns no vehicles, this requirement may be satisfied by a non-owned auto endorsement to the general liability policy described above. If CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR'S employees use personal autos in any way on this project, CONTRACTOR shall obtain evidence of personal auto liability coverage for each such person.
- D. Errors and Omissions Liability CONTRACTOR shall provide evidence of professional liability insurance on a policy form appropriate to Contractor's profession. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000/claim.
- E. Certificate of Insurance CONTRACTOR shall file a certificate of insurance completed and filed with AMBAG within fifteen (15) days of execution of this Contract and prior to engaging any operation or activities set forth in this Contract. The foregoing policies shall provide that no cancellation, major change in coverage, or expiration by insurance company or insured during the term of this contract shall occur without thirty (30) days written notice to AMBAG prior to the effective date of such cancellation or change in coverage.
- F. All such insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, or, if the policy is not written on an occurrence basis, such policy with the coverage required herein shall continue in effect for a period of two (2) years after completion of the contract.
- G. The Commercial General Liability and Business Auto insurance policies shall provide an endorsement naming AMBAG, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers as Additional Insured, and shall further provide that such insurance is primary insurance to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by AMBAG and that the insurance of the Additional Insured shall not be called upon to contribute to a loss covered by the insurance AMBAG.

29. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CONTRACTOR shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with AMBAG that may have an impact upon the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing AMBAG project. CONTRACTOR shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing AMBAG project, which will follow.

CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder. CONTRACTOR further covenants that in the performance of this Contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

CONTRACTOR shall at all times avoid conflicts of interest, or the appearance or perceived conflicts of interest, in the performance of this contract. CONTRACTOR shall file statements of financial interest on forms provided by AMBAG to the extent and at the times required by AMBAG's Conflict of Interest Code and applicable law.

CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that it does not now have, nor shall it acquire any financial or business interest that would conflict with the performance of services under this contract.

30. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

If AMBAG determines CONTRACTOR comes within the definition of CONTRACTOR under the Political Reform Act (Government Code §87100), CONTRACTOR shall complete and file and shall require any other person doing work under this Contract to complete and file a "Statement of Economic Interest" with AMBAG disclosing CONTRACTOR and/or such other person's financial interests.

31. MERGER

This Contract shall constitute the entire Contract between the parties and shall supersede any previous contracts, whether verbal or written, concerning the same subject matter. No modification of this Contract shall be effective unless and until evidence by a writing is signed by both parties.

32. DEFAULT

If CONTRACTOR should fail to perform any of his obligations hereunder, within the time and in the manner herein provided or otherwise violate any of the terms of this Contract, AMBAG may terminate this Contract by giving CONTRACTOR written notice of such termination, stating the reason for such termination. In such event, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to receive as full payment for all services satisfactorily rendered and beneficial to AMBAG and expenses incurred hereunder, an amount which bears the same ratio to the total fees specified in the contract as the services satisfactorily rendered hereunder by CONTRACTOR bear to the total services otherwise required to be

performed for such total fee; provided, however, that AMBAG may withhold payments not yet made to CONTRACTOR for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due AMBAG from CONTRACTOR is determined.

33. NO WAIVER OF BREACH/TIME

The waiver by AMBAG of any breach of any term or promise contained in this Contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term or provision or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term or promise contained in this Contract. Time is of the essence in carrying out the duties hereunder.

34. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed to create and the parties do not intend to create any rights in third parties.

35. ATTORNEYS' FEES, APPLICABLE LAW AND FORUM

In the event either party brings an action or proceeding for damages arising out of the other's performance under this Contract or to establish the right or remedy of either party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as part of such action or proceeding, whether or not such action or proceeding is prosecuted to judgment. This Contract shall be construed and interpreted according to California law, and any action to enforce the terms of this Contract or for the breach thereof shall be brought and tried in the County of Monterey.

36. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The parties intend that CONTRACTOR, in performing the services specified herein, shall act as an independent contractor and shall have control of the work and the manner in which it is performed. CONTRACTOR is not to be considered an agent or employee of AMBAG and is not entitled to participate in any pension plan, insurance, bonus or similar benefits AMBAG provides its employees. In the event AMBAG exercises its right to terminate this Contract, CONTRACTOR expressly agrees that he/she shall have no recourse nor right of appeal under rules, regulations, ordinances or laws applicable to employees.

37. TAXES

CONTRACTOR agrees to file tax returns and pay all applicable taxes on amounts paid pursuant to this Contract and shall be solely liable and responsible to pay such taxes and other obligations, including, but not limited to, state and federal income and FICA taxes. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold AMBAG harmless from any liability which it may incur to the United States or to the State of California as a consequence of

CONTRACTOR'S failure to pay, when due, all such taxes and obligations.

38. FEDERAL TAX FORMS

Prior to issuing the initial claim under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall submit Federal Tax Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification to the following address:

**Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments ATTN:
Accounts Payable
P.O. 2453
Seaside, CA 93955**

or by FAX to: (831) 883-3755. Unless AMBAG receives a completed Tax Form W-9, payments for services performed under this CONTRACT shall be subject to federal backup withholding.

39. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. CONTRACTOR shall study and comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations affecting the CONTRACTOR and his/her work hereunder. CONTRACTOR represents and warrants to AMBAG that CONTRACTOR has and will keep in effect during the term of this Contract all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatsoever nature which are legally required for CONTRACTOR to practice Contractor's profession and to do the work hereunder.
- B. CONTRACTOR agrees to abide by the requirements of the Immigration and Control Reform Act pertaining to assuring that all employees of CONTRACTOR performing any services under this Contract have a legal right to work in the United States of America, that all required documentation of such right to work is inspected, and that INS Form 1-9 (as it may be amended from time to time) is completed and on file for each employee. CONTRACTOR shall make the required documentation available upon request to AMBAG for inspection.
- C. CONTRACTOR warrants that this contract was not obtained or secured through rebates kickbacks or other unlawful consideration, either promised or paid to any AMBAG employee. For breach or violation of this warranty, AMBAG shall have the right in its discretion; to terminate the contract without liability; to pay only for the value of the work actually performed; or to deduct from the contract price; or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback or other unlawful consideration.

40. FEDERAL AND STATE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES CERTIFICATION (43 CFR PART 18)

By signing this CONTRACT, the CONTRACTOR certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that no State or Federal funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any state or federal agency; a Member of the State Legislature or United States Congress, an officer or employee of the Legislature or Congress; or any employee of a Member of the Legislature or Congress, in connection with the awarding of any state or federal contract; the making of any state or federal grant, the making of any state or federal loan; the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any state or federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency; a Member of Congress; an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress; in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement; CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit Standard Form- LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The CONTRACTOR also agrees by signing this Contract that it will require that the language of this certification be included in all subcontracts funded wholly or in part by any funds provided herein and which exceed \$100,000 and that all such Subcontractor(s) shall certify and disclose accordingly.

41. CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

A. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to the requirements contained in AMBAG's annual Certification and Assurances (FHWA and FTA "Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification") submitted as part of AMBAG's OWP, pursuant to 23 CFR 450.334 and 23 U.S.C. 134. This Certification shall be published annually in AMBAG's OWP. Such requirements shall apply to CONTRACTOR to the same extent as AMBAG and may include, but are not limited to:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VI Assurance executed by California under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;
2. Pub. Law 105-178, 112 Stat. 107 and any successor thereto, regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded projects (Sec. 105(f), Pub. L. 970424, 96 Stat. 2100, 49 CFR part 26); and
3. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT)

implementing regulations (49 CFR 27, 37, and 38).

- B. CONTRACTOR shall additionally comply with the requirements contained in the annual FTA “Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance,” including “Certifications and Assurances Required of Each Applicant” and the “Lobbying Certification” in compliance with 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53; published annually in AMBAG’s OWP. Such assurances shall apply to CONTRACTOR to the same extent as AMBAG, and include but are not limited, the following areas:
 - 1. Standard Assurances
 - 2. Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters for Primary Covered Transactions
 - 3. Drug Free Work Place Agreement
 - 4. Intergovernmental Review Assurance
 - 5. Nondiscrimination Assurance
 - 6. DBE Assurance
 - 7. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability
 - 8. Certification and Assurances required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall require its Subcontractor(s) to comply with these Certifications, and agrees to furnish documentation to AMBAG to support this requirement that all of its contracts with Subcontractor(s) contain provisions requiring adherence to this section in its entirety.

42. COST PRINCIPLES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- A. CONTRACTOR agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to determine the cost allowability of individual items.
- B. CONTRACTOR also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.
- C. Any costs for which payment has been made to CONTRACTOR that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 2 CFR, Part 200 and 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by CONTRACTOR to AMBAG.

43. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)

- A. The CONTRACTOR, subrecipient, or subcontractor(s) shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The CONTRACTOR shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award

and administration of State or United States Department of Transportation (DOT) assisted contracts or in the administration of AMBAG's DBE Program. Failure by the CONTRACTOR to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy, as AMBAG deems appropriate, which may include but is not limited to:

1. Withholding monthly progress payments
 2. Assessing sanctions
 3. Liquidated damages
 4. Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible
- B. The contractor must make available to the Caltrans contract manager a copy of all DBE subcontracts upon request.
- C. The contractor must utilize the specific DBEs listed to perform the work and supply the materials for which each is listed unless the contractor obtains authorization from Caltrans. Unless the Department provides prior authorization approving a request for termination or substitution of a listed DBE, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or materials unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBEs.
- D. It is the policy of AMBAG, Caltrans, and DOT, that the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, shall have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. The CONTRACTOR and its Subcontractor(s) shall comply with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and with AMBAG's DBE Program, as amended.
- E. A "DBE Information Form" is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit D. Even if no DBE participation will be reported, the CONTRACTOR shall complete and sign such form at the time this Contract is executed
- F. During the period of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain records of all applicable subcontracts advertised and entered into germane to this Contract, documenting the actual DBE participation and records of materials purchased from DBE suppliers. Such documentation shall show the name and business address of each DBE Subcontractor(s) or vendor, and the total dollar amount actually paid each DBE Subcontractor(s) or vendor. Upon completion of the Contract, regardless of whether DBE participation is obtained, a summary of the DBE records shall be prepared, certified correct, and submitted on a form that shall be provided by AMBAG.

44. FLOW-DOWN PROVISIONS

Any subcontract entered into that exceeds \$10,000 as a result of this CONTRACT shall contain the following provisions of this Contract:

Section 4 (Coordination/Staffing); Section 6 (Invoicing); Section 8 (Contract Completion Retainer); Section 9 (Satisfactory Performance); Section 11 (Ownership, Confidentiality, and Use of Work Products); Section 12 (Termination); Section 13 (Disputes); Section 17

(Retention of Records/Audits); Section 20 (Indemnification); Section 21 (Statement of Compliance); Section 22 (Federal Changes); Section 23 (Energy Conservation); Section 24 (No Obligation by the Federal Government); Section 25 (Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements and Related Acts); Section 26 (Debarment and Suspension Certification); Section 27 (Contracts Involving Federal Privacy Act Requirements); Section 28 (Insurance/Notification); Section 29 (Conflict of Interest); Section 36 (Independent Contractor); Section 39 (Compliance with Laws, Rules, and Regulations); Section 40 (Federal and State Lobbying Activities Certification (43 CFR Part 18)); Section 41 (Certifications and Assurances); and Section 42 (Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements); Section 43 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)).

45. INTERPRETATION

Notwithstanding the fact that one or more provisions of this Contract may have been drafted by one of the parties to this Contract, such provisions shall be interpreted as though they were a product of a joint drafting effort and no provisions shall be interpreted against a party on the ground that said party was solely or primarily responsible for drafting the language to be interpreted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

AMBAG:

Signature: _____

Name: Maura F. Twomey

Title: Executive Director

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)

Signature: _____

Name: Mary Ann Carbone

Title: Board President

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)

CONSULTANT:

Signature: _____

Name: Tyler Coffin

Title: Sales Director

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APPROVED TO AS TO FORM:

By: _____

Don Freeman, AMBAG Legal Counsel

P.O. Box 805, Carmel CA 93921

EXHIBIT A.
PROJECT TASKS/SERVICES, TIMELINE, AND BUDGET

EXHIBIT B.
Debarment and Suspension Certification

EXHIBIT C.
**FEDERAL TAX FORM W-9, REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND CERTIFICATION**

EXHIBIT D.
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE)
INFORMATION FORM

**EXHIBIT E.
CERTIFICATIONS**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Gina Schmidt, GIS Coordinator

SUBJECT: Information Technology Support Services Contract

MEETING DATE: June 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve a five-year agreement for information technology support services with Monterey Computer Corporation and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the agreement for an amount not to exceed \$277,863 for the total 5-year term of support.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) requires a contractor to provide information technology (IT) support services to ensure all servers, network, computers and back-up systems are fully functional and secure 24/7 to provide smooth continuance of daily business operations. For the past five fiscal years, Monterey Computer Corporation has performed AMBAG IT support services. IT support services are currently provided under a contract set to expire June 30, 2024.

In accordance with procurement requirements, AMBAG staff executed a competitive selection process and released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on March 28, 2024 for information technology support services. As AMBAG received only one proposal by the deadline of April 25, 2024, the submission deadline was extended to May 13, 2024.

One response to the IT support services RFP was received on April 25, 2024 from the following firm:

- Monterey Computer Corporation (MCC)

Three additional responses to the IT support services RFP were received by the extended proposal deadline of May 13, 2024 from the following firms:

- DeVeera
- NetXperts
- Xobee

An Evaluation Committee consisting of representatives from AMBAG convened on May 15, 2024 and reviewed all firm proposals based on responsiveness and evaluation criteria included in the RFP. On May 15, 2024, three firms were invited to attend oral interviews held on May 20, 2024. AMBAG Evaluation Committee unanimously concluded that MCC was the most qualified to complete the work and recommended that MCC be awarded the contract to provide services for the five fiscal years ending 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029.

Following AMBAG Board of Directors meeting if approved, staff will enter contract negotiations for final scope of work and terms with MCC. However, if negotiations with MCC fail AMBAG will move on to second highest scoring bidder, DeVeera. Final executed contract will be completed by June 30, 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed monthly fixed flat-rate support service fees total per year are for fiscal years \$48,348.60, \$51,456.60, \$55,032.60, \$59,148.60, and \$63,876.60 ending 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029, respectively. Total IT fixed flat-rate support fees for all five years are \$277,863. Any services required outside the scope of work require prior approval by AMBAG and will be billed at the agreed hourly rates per this five-year contract and funded with administrative funds. If the IT support services contract is in place, the agreed upon and reduced hourly rates for work outside the flat-rate support service fees are \$225/hr for the Systems Engineer and \$150/hr for the Hardware/Software Technician. Fees for FY 2024-25 are included in the budget.

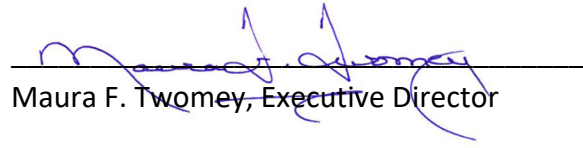
COORDINATION:

AMBAG staff, advertised on the AMBAG website, direct emailed all local website firms in the tri-county area, Request for Proposal Database (RFPDB), and *Industry Insider-California*, a vendor trade publication sister to *Government Technology* to advertise AMBAG's RFP.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft Agreement for Information Technology Support Services

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Attachment 1
DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this xxx day of June 2024, by and between the **Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments**, hereinafter called "**AMBAG**," and **Monterey Computer Corporation, Inc.**, hereinafter called "**CONTRACTOR**."

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR has the requisite skill, training, qualifications, and experience to render such services called for under this Contract with AMBAG; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is willing to perform the services and work described in this Contract under the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG desires to contract with Contractor to perform the services and work described in this Contract under the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, AMBAG and CONTRACTOR for the considerations hereinafter set forth, mutually agree as follows:

THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. SCOPE OF WORK

Consultant shall perform those services as specified in detail in Exhibit "A," entitled "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline and Budget," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

2. TERM

- A. The term of this Contract shall be from the date of its execution until the completion of the work contemplated by this Contract and its final acceptance by AMBAG unless terminated earlier as provided herein. CONTRACTOR shall complete all tasks **on or before June 30, 2029** unless otherwise extended by written authorization.
- B. Services performed under this Contract shall commence only upon written Notice to Proceed by AMBAG to CONTRACTOR.

This Contract includes the following Exhibits:

Exhibit A. Project Tasks/Services, Timeline and Budget Exhibit B.

Debarment and Suspension Certification

Exhibit C. Federal Tax Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Exhibit D: Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Information Form

Exhibit E: Certifications

3. SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE

The services of Consultant are to be completed according to the schedule set out in Exhibit "A," entitled "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Consultant will diligently proceed with the agreed Scope of Services and will provide such services in a timely manner in accordance with the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget."

4. CHANGE IN TERMS

- A. This contract may be amended or modified only by mutual written agreement of the parties.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall only commence work covered by an amendment after the amendment is executed and written notification to proceed has been provided by AMBAG.

5. COORDINATION/STAFFING

- A. CONTRACTOR shall assign **Roy Weischadle, as Project Manager** to personally participate in said project. AMBAG also retains the right to approve any substitution of the Project Manager. No portion of the work included in this Contract shall be subcontracted, except as provided herein, without the prior, written authorization of the AMBAG.
- B. Services described in the Scope of Work shall be performed by Contractor's staff, Subcontractor(s) or other members of the project team, hereinafter referred to as "Subcontractor(s)," listed in the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

6. COMPENSATION

- A. AMBAG shall pay CONTRACTOR for services on a firm fixed price basis as shown in Exhibit A.
- B. CONTRACTOR will be reimbursed, as promptly as fiscal procedures will permit. Invoices shall be submitted no later than 45 calendar days after the performance of work for which CONTRACTOR is billing, or upon completion of the Contract. Invoices shall detail the work performed on each task/milestone. Invoices shall follow the format stipulated for the approved Cost Proposal and shall reference this contract number and project title. CONTRACTOR shall not commence performance of work or services until this contract has been approved by AMBAG and written notification to proceed has been issued by AMBAG. No payment will be made prior to approval of any work, or for any work performed prior to approval of this contract.

- C. In no event shall compensation as described in Exhibit A exceed \$277,863 without prior written consent of AMBAG.

It is mutually understood between the parties that funding for this contract is contingent on State Budget passage and federal and state funding as well as reimbursement from Caltrans.

7. INVOICING

- A. Invoices for services must be presented to AMBAG no later than the fifteenth day of each month for the month prior. CONTRACTOR shall submit an invoice to AMBAG stating the amount due for such services on a monthly basis throughout the duration of the project. Said monthly invoicing shall reflect the task worked on, the percentage of the task completed, and the total dollar amount for the task in comparison to the invoiced amount based upon the percentage of the task then completed. AMBAG shall reimburse the CONTRACTOR as promptly as its fiscal procedures permit, upon receipt of itemized invoices submitted in accordance with this Contract. Payment of the invoices will be made to CONTRACTOR after acceptance of work product and approval by AMBAG and upon reimbursement by the State of California. Such reimbursements shall be based upon actual eligible costs incurred by the CONTRACTOR consistent with the "Project Tasks/Services, Timeline, and Budget," Exhibit A. No interest or carrying charges shall accrue to CONTRACTOR by reason of delayed payment.
- B. Prompt Payment to Subcontractor(s): A CONTRACTOR shall pay any Subcontractor(s) for satisfactorily completed work no later than ten (10) days of receipt of each payment from AMBAG. The ten (10) day period is applicable unless a longer period is agreed to in writing. Any delay or postponement of payment over thirty (30) days may take place only for good cause and with AMBAG's prior written approval. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies otherwise available to the CONTRACTOR or Subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the CONTRACTOR, deficient Subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a Subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE Subcontractor.
- C. Invoicing Format and Content: All invoices submitted to AMBAG for payment shall be sent directly to:

**Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments ATTN:
Accounts Payable
P.O. 2453
Seaside, CA 93955**

1. The invoice shall be entitled "Invoice" or otherwise clearly identify that the document is an Invoice, and shall contain the following information:
 - i. AMBAG's "Bill To" information as stated in the above paragraph;
 - ii. Invoice number and/or billing number specified by CONTRACTOR. The invoice number must be unique for each invoice submitted;
 - iii. Invoice date;
 - iv. Billing period specified with beginning and ending dates. The beginning date must not be sooner than the Notice to Proceed date of the Contract, or within any previous billing dates;
 - v. Percent of Task Completed;
 - vi. Total amount due for the billing period;
 - vii. Total Contract Value (as identified in 6D. above); and
 - viii. AMBAG Project Manager

8. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

It is mutually understood between the parties that this contract may have been written before ascertaining the availability of funds or appropriation of funds, for the mutual benefit of both parties, in order to avoid program and fiscal delays that would occur if the contract were executed after that determination was made.

This contract is valid and enforceable only, if sufficient funds are made available to AMBAG for the purpose of this contract. In addition, this contract is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, conditions, or any statute enacted by the Congress, State Legislature, or AMBAG governing board that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this contract in any manner.

It is mutually agreed that if sufficient funds are not appropriated, this contract may be amended to reflect any reduction in funds.

AMBAG has the option to void the contract under the termination clause, or by mutual agreement to amend the contract to reflect any reduction of funds.

9. CONTRACT COMPLETION RETAINER

CONTRACTOR is prohibited from holding retainage from Subcontractor(s). Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with AMBAG's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating CONTRACTOR to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code, if applicable. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the CONTRACTOR in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the CONTRACTOR, deficient Subcontractor(s)

performance, and/or noncompliance by Subcontractor(s). This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE Subcontractor(s).

Payment for services under this Contract is contingent upon AMBAG's determination that the performance of the CONTRACTOR has been satisfactory and beneficial to AMBAG in the sole discretion of the Executive Director.

10. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The CONTRACTOR warrants that he/she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the CONTRACTOR; to solicit or secure this contract; and that he/she has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award, or formation of this contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, AMBAG shall have the right to annul this contract without liability, or at its discretion; to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

11. OWNERSHIP, CONFIDENTIALITY AND USE OF WORK PRODUCTS

- A. Ownership of any reports, data, studies, surveys, charts, memoranda, and any other documents, which are developed, compiled, or produced as a result of this Contract, whether or not completed, shall vest with AMBAG. AMBAG reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use the data.
- B. AMBAG shall receive copyright and ownership to all data and materials delivered under this contract upon formal acceptance, except for those data and materials that are subject to ownership or copyright of others prior to the execution of this contract. No distribution of the original or derived works shall be made prior to acceptance by AMBAG unless specified in the task order or authorized by the contracting officer. The contractor may maintain copyright and ownership of all original or derived works which are not required submittals under this contract.
- C. Methodology and materials developed under this Contract are the property of AMBAG and may be used by AMBAG as it sees fit, including the right to revise or publish the same without limitation. CONTRACTOR shall not be liable for use of such methodology, materials, software logic, and systems for purposes other than that for which it is developed.
- D. Subject to the California Public Records Act, all Work Products and Related Work Materials including Intellectual Property shall be held confidential by CONTRACTOR. Nothing furnished to CONTRACTOR, which is otherwise known to CONTRACTOR or is generally known, or has become known, to the related industry shall be deemed confidential.
- E. The CONTRACTOR shall not use, release, reproduce, distribute, publish, adapt for

future use or otherwise use Work Products and Related Work Materials for purposes other than the performance of the Scope of Work, nor authorize others to do so, without prior written permission of AMBAG Legal Counsel; nor shall such materials be disclosed to any person or entity not connected with the performance of the work. CONTRACTOR shall also safeguard such confidential materials from unauthorized disclosure, using the same standard of care to avoid disclosure, as the CONTRACTOR treats its confidential information, but in no case less than reasonable care.

- F. All equipment, including, but not limited to, computer hardware, printing and duplication equipment, multimedia equipment, software tools and programs, and upgrade packages to existing equipment, procured in whole or part by funds provided under this Contract, are the property of AMBAG. AMBAG shall determine the disposition of all such property upon completion or termination of this Contract.
- G. AMBAG may utilize any Work Products or Related Work Materials provided by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Contract, in any manner which AMBAG deems appropriate without additional compensation to CONTRACTOR.

12. TERMINATION

A. Termination of Convenience of AMBAG

AMBAG may terminate this Contract at any time by giving notice to the CONTRACTOR of such termination (including the effective termination date) at least thirty (30) calendar days before the effective date of such termination. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents and other materials as described in this Contract, at the option of AMBAG, become AMBAG's property. If this Contract is terminated by AMBAG, as provided herein, AMBAG's only obligation shall be the payment of fees and expenses incurred prior to the termination date, for work deemed satisfactory and a benefit to AMBAG, in accordance with the cost provisions of this Contract.

B. Termination for Cause

If through any cause, the CONTRACTOR shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or if the CONTRACTOR violates any of the covenants, terms, or stipulations of this Contract, AMBAG shall thereupon have the right to terminate the Contract by giving not less than ten (10) calendar days written notice to the CONTRACTOR of the intent to terminate and specifying the effective date thereof. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, reports or other materials prepared by the CONTRACTOR under this Contract shall, at the option of CONTRACTOR, become AMBAG's property.

13. DISPUTES

AMBAG and CONTRACTOR are fully committed to working with each other throughout the Term of this Agreement and agree to communicate regularly with each other at all

times so as to avoid and minimize disputes. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR agree to act in good faith to prevent and resolve potential sources of conflict before they escalate into a question or controversy. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR each commit to resolving such dispute in an amicable, professional, and expeditious manner and agree to use the following procedure for resolving the dispute: (a) either party may give notice to the other of the dispute and will meet within three (3) business days to attempt to resolve the dispute; (b) a meeting or meetings shall be promptly between the representatives of the parties regarding the dispute to attempt in good faith to negotiate a resolution of the dispute; (c) if within thirty (30) days after a dispute has arisen, the parties have not succeeded in negotiating a resolution of the dispute, they agree to submit the dispute to mediation; (d) the mediator shall be jointly selected by the parties, or failing agreement on the selection of a mediator within thirty (30) days after the parties fail to negotiate an informal resolution of any dispute, the mediator shall be a retired judge or justice selected by the supervising judge of the Civil Division of the Monterey County California Superior Court. In any mediation conducted pursuant to this section, the provision of the California Evidence Code section 1152 shall be applicable to limit the admissibility of evidence disclosed by the parties in the course of the mediation; and € if the parties are not successful in resolving the dispute through the mediation, then the parties agree that the dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration to a single arbitrator in accordance with the existing Rules of Practice of Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS) within thirty (30) days of the close of mediation as declared by the mediator.

14. **AMENDMENT OF SCOPE OF WORK**

The parties may amend the Scope of Work subject to mutual prior written modification of the Contract.

15. **CORRECTION OF WORK**

The performance of services or acceptance of information furnished by CONTRACTOR shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from obligation to correct any defective, inaccurate or incomplete work subsequently discovered and all such work shall be remedied by the CONTRACTOR on demand without cost to AMBAG.

16. **DELAYS AND EXTENSIONS**

Time is of the essence concerning performance of this Contract; however, the CONTRACTOR will be granted time extensions for delays beyond the Contractor's control. Time extensions will be equal to the length of the delay or as otherwise agreed upon in writing between the CONTRACTOR and AMBAG.

17. **RETENTION OF RECORDS/AUDITS**

For the purpose of determining compliance with Public Contract Code 10115, et seq.

and Title 21, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 21, Section 2500 et seq., when applicable and other matters connected with the performance of the contract pursuant to Government Code 8546.7; CONTRACTOR, subcontractor, and AMBAG shall maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of the contract, including but not limited to, the costs of administering the contract. All parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the contract period and for three years from the date of final payment under the contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until AMBAG, Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Reference 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).

The State of California, Office of the State Controller, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), FHWA, or any duly authorized representative of the Federal or State Government shall have access to any books, records, and documents of CONTRACTOR and its certified public accountants (CPA) work papers that are pertinent to the contract and indirect cost rates (ICR) for audit, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and copies thereof shall be furnished if requested.

18. SUBCONTRACTING

In accordance with Government Code Section 7550, CONTRACTOR agrees to state in a separate section of any filed report the numbers and dollars amounts of all contracts and subcontracts relating to preparation of the report.

- A. Nothing contained in this contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between AMBAG and any subcontractor(s), and no subcontract shall relieve CONTRACTOR of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. CONTRACTOR agrees to be as fully responsible to AMBAG for the acts and omissions of its subcontractor(s) and of 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 subcontractor(s) is an independent obligation from AMBAG'S obligation to make payments to the CONTRACTOR.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization and no portion of the work pertinent to this contract shall be subcontracted without written authorization by AMBAG, except that, which is expressly identified in the contract.

19. ASSIGNMENT

The Contract shall not be assigned by the CONTRACTOR, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of AMBAG.

20. INDEMNIFICATION

To the full extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, hold harmless, release and defend AMBAG (with legal counsel acceptable to AMBAG), its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, damages, disability, losses, expenses including attorney's fees and other defense costs and liabilities of any nature that may be asserted by any person or entity including CONTRACTOR, in whole or in part, arising out of Contractor's activities hereunder, including the activities of other persons employed or utilized by CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Contract (including design defects and regardless of AMBAG's approval, use or acceptance of the work or work product hereunder) excepting liabilities due to the admitted or adjudicated sole negligence or willful misconduct of AMBAG. If the adjudicated or admitted sole negligence or willful misconduct of AMBAG has contributed to a loss, CONTRACTOR shall not be obligated to indemnify AMBAG for the proportionate share of such loss caused by such sole negligence or willful misconduct. This indemnification obligation is not limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages or compensation payable by or for CONTRACTOR under Worker's Compensation, disability or other employee benefit acts or the terms, applicability or limitations of any insurance held or provided by CONTRACTOR and shall continue to bind the parties after termination/completion of this Contract.

21. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

A. CONTRACTOR'S signature affixed herein, and dated, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that CONTRACTOR has, unless exempt, complied with, the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code Section 12990 and Title 2, California Administrative Code, Section 8103. During the performance of this Contract, CONTRACTOR and its subcontractor(s) shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of family care leave. CONTRACTOR and subcontractor(s) shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. CONTRACTOR and subcontractor(s) shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 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 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Contract by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.

CONTRACTOR and its subcontractor(s) shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement(s).

CONTRACTOR shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under this contract.

In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with regulations relative to Title VI (nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation – Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21 - Effectuation of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act). Title VI provides that the recipients of federal assistance will implement and maintain a policy of nondiscrimination in which no person in the state of California shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of or subject to discrimination under any program or activity by the recipients of federal assistance or their assignees and successors in interest.

The CONTRACTOR, with regard to the work performed by it during the Contract shall act in accordance with Title VI. Specifically, the CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractor(s), including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The CONTRACTOR shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the U.S. DOT's Regulations, including employment practices when the Contract covers a program whose goal is employment.

- B. Equal Employment Opportunity - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:
1. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. The CONTRACTOR agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 2. Age - In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of

1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 623 and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the CONTRACTOR agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

3. Disabilities - In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, the CONTRACTOR agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
4. The CONTRACTOR also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

22. FEDERAL CHANGES

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Contract between Purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

23. ENERGY CONSERVATION

The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

24. NO OBLIGATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- A. AMBAG and CONTRACTOR acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to AMBAG, CONTRACTOR, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.
- B. The CONTRACTOR agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the Subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

25. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

- A. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the CONTRACTOR to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- B. The CONTRACTOR also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the CONTRACTOR, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- C. The CONTRACTOR agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the Subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

26. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

CONTRACTOR'S signature affixed herein, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the CONTRACTOR has complied with Title 2 CFR, Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (nonprocurement)", which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to AMBAG.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be

considered in determining CONTRACTOR responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to whom exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of action.

Exceptions to the Federal Government Excluded Parties List System maintained by the General Services Administration are to be determined by the Federal Highway Administration.

By signing and submitting the contract, the CONTRACTOR shall certify those clauses described in the "Debarment and Suspension Certification," Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference and shall comply with all relevant conditions as set forth in the CONTRACT.

27. CONTRACTS INVOLVING FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements apply to the Contractor and its employees that administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government under any contract:

- A. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. Among other things, the CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain the express consent of the Federal Government before the CONTRACTOR or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. The CONTRACTOR understands that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to those individuals involved, and that failure to comply with the terms of the Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying contract.
- B. The CONTRACTOR also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

28. INSURANCE/NOTIFICATION

Prior to the beginning, and throughout the duration, of the work, CONTRACTOR shall maintain insurance in conformance with the requirements set forth below. CONTRACTOR will use existing coverage to comply with these requirements. If that existing coverage does not meet the requirements set forth here, it will be amended to do so. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the insurance coverage and policy limits set forth in this section constitute the minimum amount of coverage required. Any insurance proceeds in excess of the limits and coverage required in this contract and which is applicable to a given loss, will be available to AMBAG.

CONTRACTOR is covered by, and agrees to maintain, general liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage arising directly from its negligent acts or omissions with limits as specified below. Certificates of insurance shall be provided to AMBAG prior to commencement of work by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, protect, defend and name AMBAG, its public officials, officers and employees as

additional insured on the Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Insurance and hold harmless from any loss, damage or liability arising directly from any negligent act or omission by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or liability arising from any act or omission by AMBAG, its officials, officers or employees.

CONTRACTOR shall provide the following types and amounts of insurance:

- A. Commercial General Liability Insurance using Insurance Services Office "Commercial General Liability" policy form CG 00 01, with an edition date prior to 2004, or the exact equivalent. Coverage for an additional insured shall not be limited to its vicarious liability. Defense costs must be paid in addition to limits. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for all covered losses and no less than \$2,000,000 general aggregates.
- B. Workers' Compensation on a state-approved policy form providing statutory benefits as required by law with employer's liability limits no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for all covered losses.
- C. Business Auto Coverage on ISO Business Auto Coverage form CA 00 01 including owned, non-owned and hired autos, or the exact equivalent. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000 per accident, combined single limit. If CONTRACTOR owns no vehicles, this requirement may be satisfied by a non-owned auto endorsement to the general liability policy described above. If CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR'S employees use personal autos in any way on this project, CONTRACTOR shall obtain evidence of personal auto liability coverage for each such person.
- D. Errors and Omissions Liability CONTRACTOR shall provide evidence of professional liability insurance on a policy form appropriate to Contractor's profession. Limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000/claim.
- E. Certificate of Insurance CONTRACTOR shall file a certificate of insurance completed and filed with AMBAG within fifteen (15) days of execution of this Contract and prior to engaging any operation or activities set forth in this Contract. The foregoing policies shall provide that no cancellation, major change in coverage, or expiration by insurance company or insured during the term of this contract shall occur without thirty (30) days written notice to AMBAG prior to the effective date of such cancellation or change in coverage.
- F. All such insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, or, if the policy is not written on an occurrence basis, such policy with the coverage required herein shall continue in effect for a period of two (2) years after completion of the contract.
- G. The Commercial General Liability and Business Auto insurance policies shall provide an endorsement naming AMBAG, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers as Additional Insured, and shall further provide that such insurance is primary insurance to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by AMBAG and that the insurance of the Additional Insured shall not be called upon to contribute to a loss covered by the insurance AMBAG.

29. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CONTRACTOR shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with AMBAG that may have an impact upon the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing AMBAG project. CONTRACTOR shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing AMBAG project, which will follow.

CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder. CONTRACTOR further covenants that in the performance of this Contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

CONTRACTOR shall at all times avoid conflicts of interest, or the appearance or perceived conflicts of interest, in the performance of this contract. CONTRACTOR shall file statements of financial interest on forms provided by AMBAG to the extent and at the times required by AMBAG's Conflict of Interest Code and applicable law.

CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that it does not now have, nor shall it acquire any financial or business interest that would conflict with the performance of services under this contract.

30. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

If AMBAG determines CONTRACTOR comes within the definition of CONTRACTOR under the Political Reform Act (Government Code §87100), CONTRACTOR shall complete and file and shall require any other person doing work under this Contract to complete and file a "Statement of Economic Interest" with AMBAG disclosing CONTRACTOR and/or such other person's financial interests.

31. MERGER

This Contract shall constitute the entire Contract between the parties and shall supersede any previous contracts, whether verbal or written, concerning the same subject matter. No modification of this Contract shall be effective unless and until evidence by a writing is signed by both parties.

32. DEFAULT

If CONTRACTOR should fail to perform any of his obligations hereunder, within the time and in the manner herein provided or otherwise violate any of the terms of this Contract, AMBAG may terminate this Contract by giving CONTRACTOR written notice of such termination, stating the reason for such termination. In such event, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to receive as full payment for all services satisfactorily rendered and beneficial to AMBAG and expenses incurred hereunder, an amount which bears the same ratio to the total fees specified in the contract as the services satisfactorily rendered hereunder by CONTRACTOR bear to the total services otherwise required to be

performed for such total fee; provided, however, that AMBAG may withhold payments not yet made to CONTRACTOR for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due AMBAG from CONTRACTOR is determined.

33. NO WAIVER OF BREACH/TIME

The waiver by AMBAG of any breach of any term or promise contained in this Contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term or provision or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term or promise contained in this Contract. Time is of the essence in carrying out the duties hereunder.

34. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed to create and the parties do not intend to create any rights in third parties.

35. ATTORNEYS' FEES, APPLICABLE LAW AND FORUM

In the event either party brings an action or proceeding for damages arising out of the other's performance under this Contract or to establish the right or remedy of either party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as part of such action or proceeding, whether or not such action or proceeding is prosecuted to judgment. This Contract shall be construed and interpreted according to California law, and any action to enforce the terms of this Contract or for the breach thereof shall be brought and tried in the County of Monterey.

36. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The parties intend that CONTRACTOR, in performing the services specified herein, shall act as an independent contractor and shall have control of the work and the manner in which it is performed. CONTRACTOR is not to be considered an agent or employee of AMBAG and is not entitled to participate in any pension plan, insurance, bonus or similar benefits AMBAG provides its employees. In the event AMBAG exercises its right to terminate this Contract, CONTRACTOR expressly agrees that he/she shall have no recourse nor right of appeal under rules, regulations, ordinances or laws applicable to employees.

37. TAXES

CONTRACTOR agrees to file tax returns and pay all applicable taxes on amounts paid pursuant to this Contract and shall be solely liable and responsible to pay such taxes and other obligations, including, but not limited to, state and federal income and FICA taxes. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold AMBAG harmless from any liability which it may incur to the United States or to the State of California as a consequence of

CONTRACTOR'S failure to pay, when due, all such taxes and obligations.

38. FEDERAL TAX FORMS

Prior to issuing the initial claim under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall submit Federal Tax Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification to the following address:

**Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments ATTN:
Accounts Payable
P.O. 2453
Seaside, CA 93955**

or by FAX to: (831) 883-3755. Unless AMBAG receives a completed Tax Form W-9, payments for services performed under this CONTRACT shall be subject to federal backup withholding.

39. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. CONTRACTOR shall study and comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations affecting the CONTRACTOR and his/her work hereunder. CONTRACTOR represents and warrants to AMBAG that CONTRACTOR has and will keep in effect during the term of this Contract all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatsoever nature which are legally required for CONTRACTOR to practice Contractor's profession and to do the work hereunder.
- B. CONTRACTOR agrees to abide by the requirements of the Immigration and Control Reform Act pertaining to assuring that all employees of CONTRACTOR performing any services under this Contract have a legal right to work in the United States of America, that all required documentation of such right to work is inspected, and that INS Form 1-9 (as it may be amended from time to time) is completed and on file for each employee. CONTRACTOR shall make the required documentation available upon request to AMBAG for inspection.
- C. CONTRACTOR warrants that this contract was not obtained or secured through rebates kickbacks or other unlawful consideration, either promised or paid to any AMBAG employee. For breach or violation of this warranty, AMBAG shall have the right in its discretion; to terminate the contract without liability; to pay only for the value of the work actually performed; or to deduct from the contract price; or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback or other unlawful consideration.

40. FEDERAL AND STATE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES CERTIFICATION (43 CFR PART 18)

By signing this CONTRACT, the CONTRACTOR certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that no State or Federal funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any state or federal agency; a Member of the State Legislature or United States Congress, an officer or employee of the Legislature or Congress; or any employee of a Member of the Legislature or Congress, in connection with the awarding of any state or federal contract; the making of any state or federal grant, the making of any state or federal loan; the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any state or federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency; a Member of Congress; an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress; in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement; CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit Standard Form- LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The CONTRACTOR also agrees by signing this Contract that it will require that the language of this certification be included in all subcontracts funded wholly or in part by any funds provided herein and which exceed \$100,000 and that all such Subcontractor(s) shall certify and disclose accordingly.

41. CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

A. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to the requirements contained in AMBAG's annual Certification and Assurances (FHWA and FTA "Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification") submitted as part of AMBAG's OWP, pursuant to 23 CFR 450.334 and 23 U.S.C. 134. This Certification shall be published annually in AMBAG's OWP. Such requirements shall apply to CONTRACTOR to the same extent as AMBAG and may include, but are not limited to:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VI Assurance executed by California under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;
2. Pub. Law 105-178, 112 Stat. 107 and any successor thereto, regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded projects (Sec. 105(f), Pub. L. 970424, 96 Stat. 2100, 49 CFR part 26); and
3. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT)

implementing regulations (49 CFR 27, 37, and 38).

- B. CONTRACTOR shall additionally comply with the requirements contained in the annual FTA “Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance,” including “Certifications and Assurances Required of Each Applicant” and the “Lobbying Certification” in compliance with 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53; published annually in AMBAG’s OWP. Such assurances shall apply to CONTRACTOR to the same extent as AMBAG, and include but are not limited, the following areas:
 - 1. Standard Assurances
 - 2. Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters for Primary Covered Transactions
 - 3. Drug Free Work Place Agreement
 - 4. Intergovernmental Review Assurance
 - 5. Nondiscrimination Assurance
 - 6. DBE Assurance
 - 7. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability
 - 8. Certification and Assurances required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall require its Subcontractor(s) to comply with these Certifications, and agrees to furnish documentation to AMBAG to support this requirement that all of its contracts with Subcontractor(s) contain provisions requiring adherence to this section in its entirety.

42. COST PRINCIPLES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- A. CONTRACTOR agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to determine the cost allowability of individual items.
- B. CONTRACTOR also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.
- C. Any costs for which payment has been made to CONTRACTOR that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 2 CFR, Part 200 and 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by CONTRACTOR to AMBAG.

43. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)

- A. The CONTRACTOR, subrecipient, or subcontractor(s) shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The CONTRACTOR shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award

and administration of State or United States Department of Transportation (DOT) assisted contracts or in the administration of AMBAG's DBE Program. Failure by the CONTRACTOR to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy, as AMBAG deems appropriate, which may include but is not limited to:

1. Withholding monthly progress payments
 2. Assessing sanctions
 3. Liquidated damages
 4. Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible
- B. The contractor must make available to the Caltrans contract manager a copy of all DBE subcontracts upon request.
- C. The contractor must utilize the specific DBEs listed to perform the work and supply the materials for which each is listed unless the contractor obtains authorization from Caltrans. Unless the Department provides prior authorization approving a request for termination or substitution of a listed DBE, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or materials unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBEs.
- D. It is the policy of AMBAG, Caltrans, and DOT, that the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, shall have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. The CONTRACTOR and its Subcontractor(s) shall comply with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and with AMBAG's DBE Program, as amended.
- E. A "DBE Information Form" is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit D. Even if no DBE participation will be reported, the CONTRACTOR shall complete and sign such form at the time this Contract is executed
- F. During the period of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain records of all applicable subcontracts advertised and entered into germane to this Contract, documenting the actual DBE participation and records of materials purchased from DBE suppliers. Such documentation shall show the name and business address of each DBE Subcontractor(s) or vendor, and the total dollar amount actually paid each DBE Subcontractor(s) or vendor. Upon completion of the Contract, regardless of whether DBE participation is obtained, a summary of the DBE records shall be prepared, certified correct, and submitted on a form that shall be provided by AMBAG.

44. FLOW-DOWN PROVISIONS

Any subcontract entered into that exceeds \$10,000 as a result of this CONTRACT shall contain the following provisions of this Contract:

Section 4 (Coordination/Staffing); Section 6 (Invoicing); Section 8 (Contract Completion Retainer); Section 9 (Satisfactory Performance); Section 11 (Ownership, Confidentiality, and Use of Work Products); Section 12 (Termination); Section 13 (Disputes); Section 17

(Retention of Records/Audits); Section 20 (Indemnification); Section 21 (Statement of Compliance); Section 22 (Federal Changes); Section 23 (Energy Conservation); Section 24 (No Obligation by the Federal Government); Section 25 (Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements and Related Acts); Section 26 (Debarment and Suspension Certification); Section 27 (Contracts Involving Federal Privacy Act Requirements); Section 28 (Insurance/Notification); Section 29 (Conflict of Interest); Section 36 (Independent Contractor); Section 39 (Compliance with Laws, Rules, and Regulations); Section 40 (Federal and State Lobbying Activities Certification (43 CFR Part 18)); Section 41 (Certifications and Assurances); and Section 42 (Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements); Section 43 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)).

45. INTERPRETATION

Notwithstanding the fact that one or more provisions of this Contract may have been drafted by one of the parties to this Contract, such provisions shall be interpreted as though they were a product of a joint drafting effort and no provisions shall be interpreted against a party on the ground that said party was solely or primarily responsible for drafting the language to be interpreted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

AMBAG:

Signature: _____

Name: Maura F. Twomey

Title: Executive Director

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)

Signature: _____

Name: Mary Ann Carbone

Title: Board President

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)

CONSULTANT:

Signature: _____

Name: Jerry McConnell

Title: CEO

Monterey Computer Corporation

APPROVED TO AS TO FORM:

By: _____

Don Freeman, AMBAG Legal Counsel

P.O. Box 805, Carmel CA 93921

EXHIBIT A.
PROJECT TASKS/SERVICES, TIMELINE, AND BUDGET

EXHIBIT B.
DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

EXHIBIT C.
**FEDERAL TAX FORM W-9, REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND CERTIFICATION**

EXHIBIT D.
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE) INFORMATION
FORM

EXHIBIT E.



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance and Administration

SUBJECT: Extension of Legal Services Contract

MEETING DATE: June 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve a one year extension of the current contract for legal services and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the contract.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) has a continuing need to retain a law firm to provide general counsel and other specialized legal services. Legal services have been provided by the law firm of Perry and Freeman, now doing business as Donald G. Freeman, Attorney at Law, since April 2003. This has provided AMBAG with an ongoing resource related to legal matters. The contract is set to expire on June 30, 2024.

The firm's expertise in matters related to the AMBAG region, has greatly assisted the agency over the years. It is in the best interest of AMBAG to maintain the continuity of legal counsel at this time. Therefore, staff recommends that the Board extend the contract with Donald G. Freeman, Attorney at Law for one year, through June 30, 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Legal services are currently provided to AMBAG for \$1,125 per month and will continue at this rate.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Extend the current legal services contract for one year at its current levels.
2. Solicit legal services beginning July 1, 2024 with a Request for Proposals (RFP).

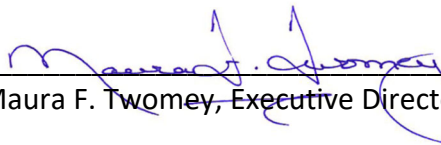
COORDINATION:

Donald G. Freeman, Attorney at Law was contacted to discuss contract terms.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Agreement for legal services contract with Donald G. Freeman, Attorney at Law

APPROVED BY:


Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

Attachment 1

AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS AND DONALD G. FREEMAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 1st day of July, 2024, by and between the ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS, a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and joint powers authority, hereinafter referred to as "AMBAG", and DONALD G. FREEMAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW hereinafter referred to as "Attorney", both of whom understand as follows:

- A. Term: The term of this Agreement commenced on July 1, 2024, and shall continue until June 30, 2025, unless terminated pursuant to paragraph I. of this Agreement or extended by mutual agreement of AMBAG and Attorney.

- B. Compensation. Attorney will provide ordinary legal services to the AMBAG for a retainer of \$1,125.00 per month. Extraordinary legal services, with the exception of litigation, shall be charged at the rate of \$270.00 per hour. Litigation services shall be charged at the rate of \$325.00 per hour. Extraordinary legal services shall require prior approval of the Executive Director while litigation services shall require prior approval of the Board of Directors.

- C. Ordinary Services. Ordinary legal services shall include legal advice and legal opinions to AMBAG and its Executive Director in the regular course of business and concerning all such matters as administrative procedures, AMBAG board actions, and shall include attendance at AMBAG meetings as requested. Attorney is to be responsible for assisting in the drafting and preparing ordinary contracts and agreements, and engaging in whatever legal research, study and review necessary to properly advise and protect the interests of AMBAG.

- D. Extraordinary Legal Services. Extraordinary legal services shall include the preparation of complex legal documents, and complex legal opinions.

- E. Litigation Services. Litigation services shall include litigation services not covered under paragraph D. Attorney shall notify and receive authorization from the Board of Directors prior to rendering litigation legal services.

- F. AMBAG Obligations. For the provision of legal services, AMBAG shall provide any and all documents and materials necessary to carry out the terms of this agreement as requested by Attorney.

- G. Reimbursement of Costs. In addition, Attorney shall be reimbursed for all out-of-pocket expenses and costs advanced or paid on behalf of the AMBAG, including court reporter fees and charges, court costs, costs of outside investigators or experts pertaining to AMBAG litigation, long-distance telephone calls and long-distance facsimile (fax) transmissions, mileage reimbursement on the same basis as other AMBAG employees, if requested by Attorney.

- H. Miscellaneous. AMBAG recognizes that Donald G. Freeman, Attorney at Law is a private law practice currently located in Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, and intends to retain that office as their principal place of business.

AMBAG recognizes the Attorney also serves as the City Attorney for the City of Seaside. Should a conflict of interest arise for Attorney among AMBAG and/or the City of Seaside AMBAG shall retain outside legal counsel to represent the City of Seaside and AMBAG's interest and the expense of such outside legal counsel shall be borne by the City of Seaside and AMBAG respectively.

- I. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AMBAG has caused this agreement to be signed and executed on its behalf by its Board of Directors, and duly attested by its representative, Mary Ann Carbone, Maura F. Twomey and the Attorney has signed and executed this agreement in duplicate originals the day and year first herein above written.

AMBAG:

By:

Mary Ann Carbone
AMBAG Board President

Date

Maura F. Twomey
AMBAG Executive Director

Date

ATTORNEY:

Donald G. Freeman
Attorney at Law

Date

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance and Administration

SUBJECT: Financial Update Report

MEETING DATE: June 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors accept the Financial Update Report.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The enclosed financial reports are for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year (FY) and are presented as a consent item. The attached reports contain the cumulative effect of operations through April 30, 2024, as well as a budget-to-actual comparison. Amounts in the Financial Update Report are unaudited.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Balance Sheet for April 30, 2024, reflects a cash balance of \$3,022,892.41. The accounts receivable balance is \$727,175.96, while the current liabilities balance is \$514,159.96. AMBAG has sufficient current assets on hand to pay all known current obligations.

AMBAG's Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2024, reflects a positive Net Position in the amount of \$336,097.22. This is due to the Profit and Loss Statement reflecting an excess of revenue over expense of \$152,838.59. Changes in Net Position are to be expected throughout the fiscal year (FY), particularly at the beginning due to the collection of member dues which are received in July and the timing of various year-end adjustments required after our financial audit.

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The following table highlights key Budget to Actual financial data:

Budget to Actual Financial Highlights
For Period July 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024

Expenditures	Budget Through April 2024	Actual Through April 2024	Difference
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 2,424,250.00	\$ 2,223,616.64	\$ 200,633.36
Professional Services	\$ 10,849,086.00	\$ 2,357,011.94	\$ 8,492,074.06
Lease/Rentals	\$ 68,750.00	\$ 63,879.86	\$ 4,870.14
Communications	\$ 23,167.00	\$ 16,675.48	\$ 6,491.52
Supplies	\$ 121,803.00	\$ 42,966.66	\$ 78,836.34
Printing	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,569.49	\$ 8,430.51
Travel	\$ 60,917.00	\$ 12,381.24	\$ 48,535.76
Other Charges	\$ 303,543.00	\$ 357,447.28	\$ (53,904.28)
Total	\$ 13,861,516.00	\$ 5,075,548.59	\$ 8,785,967.41
Revenue			
Federal/State/Local Revenue	\$ 13,945,698.00	\$ 5,228,387.18	\$ 8,717,310.82
Note: AMBAG is projecting a surplus, therefore budgeted revenues do not equal expenses.			

Revenues/Expenses (Budget to Actual Comparison):

The budget reflects a linear programming of funds while actual work is contingent on various factors. Therefore, during the fiscal year there will be fluctuations from budget-to-actual.

Professional Services are under budget primarily due to the timing of work on projects performed by contractors. Projects early in their implementation are Integrated Land Use Model and Development Monitoring Framework Tool, Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study, California Central Coast Sustainable Freight Study, and Complete Streets. This work is not performed in a linear fashion while the budget reflects linear programming. In addition, the Regional Early Action Planning Housing Program (REAP) provides \$7,931,311 in funding of which a large portion will pass through to partner agencies. This program is approximately 96% completed. The current budget includes a proportionate share of \$10,133,742 in funding for the REAP 2.0 program. It is in its early stages.

Since AMBAG funding is primarily on a reimbursement basis, any deviation in expenditure also results in a corresponding deviation in revenue. Budget-to-actual revenue and expenditures are monitored regularly to analyze fiscal operations and propose amendments to the budget if needed.

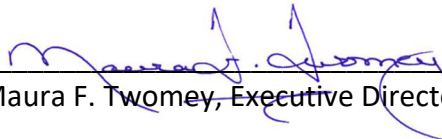
COORDINATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2024
2. Profit and Loss: July 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024
3. Cash Activity for May 2024

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

AMBAG
Balance Sheet - Attachment 1
As of April 30, 2024

	April 30, 2024			April 30, 2024
Assets		Liabilities & Net Position		
Current Assets		Liabilities		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		Current Liabilities		
Mechanics Bank - Special Reserve	907,059.67	Accounts Payable		344,735.77
Mechanics Bank - Checking	106,469.27	Employee Benefits		169,424.19
Mechanics Bank - REAP Checking	190,729.86	Mechanics Bank - Line of Credit		0.00
Mechanics Bank - REAP 2.0 Checking	1,814,236.47	Total Current Liabilities		514,159.96
Petty Cash	500.00			
LAIF Account	3,897.14	Long-Term Liabilities		
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,022,892.41	Deferred Inflows - Actuarial		258,986.95
Accounts Receivable		Net Pension Liability (GASB 68)		1,888,153.69
Accounts Receivable	727,175.96	OPEB Liability		1,843.70
Total Accounts Receivable	727,175.96	Deferred Revenue		1,813,430.71
		Total Long-Term Liabilities		3,962,415.05
Other Current Assets				
Due from PRWFPA/RAPS	973.23	Total Liabilities		4,476,575.01
Prepaid Items	8,353.57			
Total Other Current Assets	9,326.80			
Total Current Assets	3,759,395.17			
		Net Position		
Long-Term Assets		Beginning Net Position		183,258.63
Net OPEB Asset	96,473.00	Net Income/(Loss)		152,838.59
Deferred Outflows - Actuarial	533,833.49	Total Ending Net Position		336,097.22
Deferred Outflows - PERS Contribution	272,963.59			
Total Long-Term Assets	903,270.08	Total Liabilities & Net Position		4,812,672.23
Capital Assets				
Capital Assets	412,006.92			
Accumulated Depreciation	(261,999.94)			
Total Capital Assets	150,006.98			
Total Assets	4,812,672.23			

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Profit & Loss - Attachment 2
July - April 2024

		July - April 2024	July - April 2024
Income			
	AMBAG Revenue		199,378.16
	Cash Contributions		91,151.49
	Grant Revenue		4,713,187.49
	Non-Federal Local Match		224,670.04
	Total Income		5,228,387.18
Expense			
	Salaries		1,407,519.04
	Fringe Benefits		816,097.60
	Professional Services		2,357,011.94
	Lease/Rentals		63,879.86
	Communications		16,675.48
	Supplies		42,966.66
	Printing		1,569.49
	Travel		12,381.24
	Other Charges:		
	BOD Allowances	7,150.00	
	BOD Refreshments/Travel/Nameplates/Dinner/Other	820.90	
	Workshops/Training	4,061.72	
	GIS Licensing/CCJDC Support	8,914.00	
	Energy Watch Travel/Classes/Events/Recruitment/Other	922.50	
	SB1/MTIP/MTP/SCS/OWP/Public Participation Expenses	18,535.82	
	Recruiting	1,655.32	
	Model Expenses	3,300.00	
	Dues & Subscriptions	28,526.00	
	Depreciation Expense	25,708.60	
	Maintenance/Utilities	1,071.28	
	Insurance	31,851.10	
	Interest/Fees/Tax Expense	260.00	
	Total Other Charges		132,777.24
	Non-Federal Local Match		224,670.04
Total Expense			5,075,548.59
Net Income/(Loss)			152,838.59

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Cash Activity - Attachment 3
For May 2024

Monthly Cash Activity	July-23	August-23	September-23	October-23	November-23	December-23	January-24	February-24	March-24	April-24	May-24	June-24	TOTAL
1. CASH ON HAND													
[Beginning of month]	3,485,673.92	3,623,604.37	2,981,151.06	2,876,887.37	2,820,945.79	2,349,153.26	2,167,894.66	2,540,335.16	2,019,142.77	1,552,522.85	3,022,892.41	0.00	
2. CASH RECEIPTS													
(a) AMBAG Revenue	122,393.92	39,335.97	36,362.67	11,572.10	7,924.10	20,520.51	11,188.83	3,080.52	9,268.84	3,730.69	4,316.23	0.00	269,694.38
(b) Grant Revenue	321,324.61	500,755.13	226,665.54	251,418.16	490,551.54	235,752.42	232,391.56	412,739.71	300,539.95	203,322.98	444,508.37	0.00	3,619,969.97
(c) REAP Advance Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	720,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,524,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,244,000.00
(d) Borrowing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	443,718.53	540,091.10	263,028.21	262,990.26	498,475.64	256,272.93	963,580.39	415,820.23	309,808.79	1,731,053.67	448,824.60	0.00	6,133,664.35
4. TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	3,929,392.45	4,163,695.47	3,244,179.27	3,139,877.63	3,319,421.43	2,605,426.19	3,131,475.05	2,956,155.39	2,328,951.56	3,283,576.52	3,471,717.01	0.00	
5. CASH PAID OUT													
(a) Payroll & Related *	226,595.24	206,279.10	215,964.87	221,730.16	227,634.13	245,033.18	224,953.03	228,760.81	261,952.02	217,479.43	244,730.31	0.00	2,521,112.28
(b) Professional Services	46,858.21	947,109.20	136,956.62	76,138.24	724,329.25	179,301.14	345,764.96	617,146.71	467,500.96	16,783.30	312,471.60	0.00	3,870,360.19
(c) Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	57,184.25	35,732.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	92,916.99
(d) Lease/Rentals	12,157.40	6,603.40	6,579.38	6,217.41	6,217.41	6,568.08	6,466.82	6,568.08	6,150.00	6,259.64	6,259.64	0.00	76,047.26
(e) Communications	2,057.70	1,795.48	1,326.43	1,895.75	2,405.60	852.76	2,574.85	2,147.87	1,549.89	619.31	1,596.04	0.00	18,821.68
(f) Supplies	828.27	1,754.13	1,685.39	6,243.48	2,665.15	1,206.16	7,195.51	13,826.68	1,136.85	6,358.96	1,153.52	0.00	44,054.10
(g) Printing	0.00	0.00	245.30	0.00	0.00	593.75	0.00	666.33	0.00	0.00	64.11	0.00	1,569.49
(h) Travel	584.62	1,479.85	1,749.05	2,093.37	1,827.96	814.49	135.72	1,070.07	230.97	4,045.97	398.45	0.00	14,430.52
(i) Other Charges	16,706.64	17,523.25	2,784.86	4,613.43	5,188.67	3,161.97	4,049.00	9,641.82	2,175.28	9,137.50	7,087.70	0.00	82,070.12
(j) Loan Repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6. TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	305,788.08	1,182,544.41	367,291.90	318,931.84	970,268.17	437,531.53	591,139.89	937,012.62	776,428.71	260,684.11	573,761.37	0.00	6,721,382.63
7. CASH POSITION	3,623,604.37	2,981,151.06	2,876,887.37	2,820,945.79	2,349,153.26	2,167,894.66	2,540,335.16	2,019,142.77	1,552,522.85	3,022,892.41	2,897,955.64	0.00	



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Letter to California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
Regarding Homeowners Insurance Issues in the AMBAG
Region

MEETING DATE: June 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve a letter to California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara requesting that the Insurance Commission address ongoing issues regarding homeowners insurance accessibility in the AMBAG region and the state.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Homeowners insurance is becoming increasingly unavailable in the AMBAG region and the state of California due to increased risks from natural disasters such as wildfires and floods. Insurance companies are unable to raise rates to address this increased risk without the approval of the Insurance Commissioner and absent rate increases, many insurance companies will no longer provide homeowners insurance in high risk areas of the state. Over the past year, five insurance companies announced that they are leaving the California market. In addition, two of California's largest homeowners' insurance companies – Allstate and State Farm – have announced that they will stop writing new policies for homeowners in California.

This leaves the California FAIR Plan, the state sponsored insurance that provides Californians basic fire insurance when coverage is not available from a private insurance company, as the only option for many consumers. However, the California FAIR Plan costs four times as much as private insurance and does not provide the same level of

coverage, particularly in high-risk counties such as Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito.

While the Monterey Bay Region strives to build more housing to meet the critical needs of our residents, the insurance crisis threatens the ability of residents to obtain housing. Currently, many people in our region cannot qualify for a mortgage because they cannot obtain homeowners insurance. Others are at risk of losing their homes when insurance companies refuse to renew their policies.

The letter asks California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara to take steps to stabilize the insurance market by renegotiating rates and attracting companies back to the California market. The letter also asks the Insurance Commissioner to adequately staff the Fair Plan so that homeowners without any other option can obtain this coverage in a timely manner.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board can choose not to approve the letter to the Insurance Commissioner.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NA

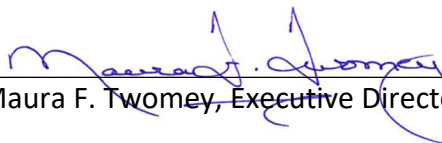
COORDINATION:

NA

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft Letter to California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director



Attachment 1

June 12, 2024

The Honorable Ricard Lara
Insurance Commissioner of California
300 Capitol Mall, 17th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: The Insurance Crisis

Dear Commissioner Lara:

California is facing an insurance crisis across the state. Major insurance companies are canceling policies and denying coverage for homeowners and other consumers. Unfortunately, insurance companies cannot adjust rates without the approval of the Insurance Commissioner. These rate increases are essential in addressing the crisis we are facing. Without the ability to increase rates, insurance companies are leaving the California market. Over the past year, five different insurance companies announced that they are leaving California. In addition, two of California's largest homeowners' insurance companies—Allstate and State Farm—have announced they will stop writing new policies for homeowners in California.

This leaves the California FAIR plan as the only option for many consumers. However, the California FAIR Plan costs four times as much as private insurance and does not provide the same level of coverage, particularly in high risk counties such as Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito.

While the Monterey Bay Region strives to build more housing to meet the critical needs of our residents, the insurance crisis will continue to leave people without housing. Currently, many people in our region cannot qualify for a mortgage because they cannot obtain homeowners insurance. Others are at risk of losing their homes when insurance companies refuse to renew their policies due to potential wildfires or flooding. Therefore, this crisis creates compounding issues for our residents who are already struggling with rising health care, transportation, and housing costs.

It is imperative as the Insurance Commissioner for California that you take immediate steps to stabilize the statewide insurance market, currently in your authority under Proposition 103

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(1998). We urge you to renegotiate rates to reopen the insurance markets and attract companies back to the California market, providing relief to everyday Californians. In addition, it must be a priority to adequately staff the FAIR plan so that homeowners without any other option can obtain this coverage in a timely manner.

After addressing these immediate concerns, we urge you to work with the Governor and the Legislature to make changes to the FAIR plan. While we need to ensure that the FAIR plan remains an option of last resort, the plan should be designed to provide adequate coverage at an affordable price and stabilize the insurance market.

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Government is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization for Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties, committed to safe and affordable housing for all our residents. We bring our concerns to your attention at a critical time for many in our region. We are happy to discuss this in further detail with you to explain what we have heard from our residents. Please contact Maura Twomey, Executive Director at (831) 264-5100 or mtwomey@ambag.org for more information. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Carbone
President



MEMORANDUM

TO: AMBAG Board of Directors

FROM: Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

RECOMMENDED BY: Regina Valentine, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Draft 2024 Title VI Program

MEETING DATE: June 12, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff will provide an overview of the Draft 2024 Title VI Program, which has been released for public comment and review through July 12, 2024. The Final 2024 Title VI Program is scheduled to be adopted by the Board of Directors in September 2024.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Title VI is a federal statute that mandates that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. The federally required Title VI Program is a comprehensive document that guides AMBAG in the Title VI process. AMBAG receives federal funding through Caltrans and therefore is subject to this federal requirement.

In 2012, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) set new guidelines for Caltrans requiring sub-recipients of Caltrans Planning Grants to submit a Title VI Program every three years. AMBAG, as a sub-recipient of such funds and as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Monterey Bay Region, must prepare and adopt a Title VI Program at least once every three years. The 2024 Title VI Program will cover the three-year period from 2024-2027 and must comply with FTA Circular 4702.1B. The 2024 Title VI Program emphasizes the AMBAG Title VI process and procedures, including the use of public outreach techniques and innovative strategies to specifically include Limited English Proficiency (LEP) populations within the region.

The requirements for the 2024 Title VI Program under FTA Circular 4702.1B incorporate environmental justice principles into plans, projects, and activities that receive funding from FTA. The following guiding environmental justice principles must be considered through “all public outreach and participation efforts conducted by the FTA, its grantees and sub-grantees”:

- To avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.
- To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision making process, and to prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.

A Title VI Program is the required guide for all Title VI related activities conducted by AMBAG. As such, this document contains the procedures, strategies and techniques that will be used by AMBAG for increasing public involvement in all programs and projects that use federal funds and creating a more inclusive public participation process for LEP populations.

Below are the remaining key dates for finalizing the 2024 Title VI Program:

- **May – July 2024:** Present the Draft 2024 Title VI Program to regional Advisory Committees, Planning Directors Forum, and to the AMBAG Board of Directors
- **June 3 – July 12, 2024:** Public Comment Period
- **July 2024:** Prepare the Final 2024 Title VI Program
- **July – August 2024:** Present the Final 2024 Title VI Program to regional Advisory Committees and Planning Directors Forum, if substantive changes are needed in response to public review
- **September 11, 2024:** AMBAG Board of Directors will be asked to adopt the Final 2024 Title VI Program

The 2024 Title VI Program Public Draft will be presented at a variety of meetings including the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies’ (RTPAs) Technical Advisory Committees and other transportation related committees. The Draft 2024 Title VI Program is available on the AMBAG website at www.ambag.org and is included as Attachment 1. Comments on the draft should be emailed to Regina Valentine at rvalentine@ambag.org by July 12, 2024. Staff will incorporate comments received into the Final 2024 Title VI Program, which is scheduled to be adopted by the AMBAG Board of Directors at its September 11, 2024 meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The 2024 Title VI Program is funded by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration planning grant funds, which are included in both the OWP and the AMBAG budget.

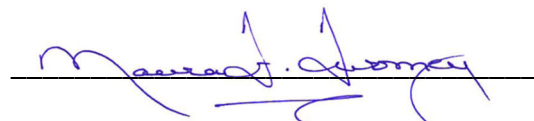
COORDINATION:

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ATTACHMENT:

1. AMBAG Draft 2024 Title VI Program (separately enclosed)

APPROVED BY:



Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director

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2024 AMBAG Calendar of Meetings

July 2024	No Meeting Scheduled
August 14, 2024	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
September 11, 2024	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
October 9, 2024	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
November 13, 2024	MBARD Board Room 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940 Meeting Time: 6 pm
December 2024	No Meeting Scheduled

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AMBAG Acronym Guide	
ABM	Activity Based Model
ACFR	Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
ADA	Americans Disabilities Act
ALUC	Airport Land Use Commission
AMBAG	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
ARRA	American Reinvestment and Recovery Act
3CE	Central Coast Community Energy
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (Federal Legislation)
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CalVans	California Vanpool Authority
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CCJDC	Central Coast Joint Data Committee
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CHTS	California Households Travel Survey
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CTC	California Transportation Commission
DEIR	Draft Environmental Impact Report
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
DOF	Department of Finance (State of California)
EAC	Energy Advisory Committee
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
FAST Act	Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTIP	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
GHG	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
GIS	Geographic Information System
ICAP	Indirect Cost Allocation Plan
IIJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems

JPA	Joint Powers Authority
LTA	San Benito County Local Transportation Authority
LTC	Local Transportation Commission
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century Act
MBARD	Monterey Bay Air Resources District
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPAD	Monterey Peninsula Airport District
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MST	Monterey-Salinas Transit
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
MTIP	Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
OWP	Overall Work Program
PG&E	Pacific Gas & Electric Company
PPP	Public Participation Plan
RAPS, Inc.	Regional Analysis & Planning Services, Inc.
RFP	Request for Proposal
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Allocation
RTDM	Regional Travel Demand Model
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
SB 375	Senate Bill 375
SBtCOG	Council of San Benito County Governments
SCCRTC	Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
SCMTD	Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
SCS	Sustainable Communities Strategy
S RTP	Short-Range Transit Plan
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TAMC	Transportation Agency for Monterey County
TAZ	Traffic Analysis Zone
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VT	Vehicle Miles Trips