

SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ("RFP")

FOR

FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Issued on: December 1, 2023

SUBMITTALS DUE: 5:00pm Pacific Time (PT) December 19, 2023

SDCP No. 23-010



I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

San Diego Community Power ("SDCP") is seeking responses to this Request for Proposals ("RFP") from qualified firms¹ to provide professional services for financial and investment management services that align with SDCP's Investment Policy.² SDCP intends to enter into contract negotiations with one or more selected proposers from this solicitation.

SDCP is the default electricity provider for the Cities of Chula Vista, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, National City, and San Diego and the County of San Diego which serves the unincorporated area (collectively, "member agencies"). SDCP's Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") is the first in California to explicitly state that it will reach and maintain 100 percent renewable energy availability and usage by no later than 2035, in advance of current State targets. Five original member cities formed SDCP to achieve this and other goals collaboratively and with greater regional impact. Interested Firms should review SDCP's Procurement Policy³ and SDCP's Inclusive and Sustainable Workforce Policy⁴ to ensure compliance when drafting proposals. For more information about SDCP, please visit SDCP's website at <u>www.sdcommunitypower.org</u>.

II. PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

Description	Date
Release of RFP	December 1, 2023
Prospective Proposer Questions Due	December 8, 2023 at 5:00pm PT
SDCP Responses to Proposer Questions	December 12, 2023
Proposals Due	December 19, 2023 at 5:00pm PT
Interviews (If Requested)	January 8-12, 2024
Board of Directors Meeting	February 2024
Anticipated Commencement of Work	February 2024

The estimated schedule for this RFP is as follows:

The above scheduled dates are tentative and SDCP retains the sole discretion to adjust the above schedule. Nothing set forth herein shall be deemed to bind SDCP to award a contract for the contemplated services described in Section VI and SDCP retains sole discretion to cancel or modify any part of or all of this RFP at any time.

¹ Use of the term "firm" throughout this document shall mean individual proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, corporation (whether for profit or not-for-profit), joint venture, or other public or private entity duly existing and operating under California law or authorized to do business in California.

² <u>https://sdcommunitypower.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/SDCP_Investment_Policy_Final_2023.05.25.pdf</u>

³ <u>https://sdcommunitypower.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/SDCP-Procurement-Policy_Adopted_2022.07.28.pdf</u>

⁴ <u>https://sdcommunitypower.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/SDCP_ISWF-Policy.pdf</u>



III. QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Prospective Proposers may submit questions regarding this RFP using the submission form available on SDCP's Solicitations page.⁵ When submitting a question, please ensure you are using the form specific to this RFP. All questions must be received by 5:00pm PT on December 8, 2023. When submitting questions, please specify which section of the RFP you are referencing and quote the language that prompted the question.

SDCP will post responses to questions by December 12, 2023. SDCP reserves the right to group similar questions when providing answers.

IV. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Prospective Proposer's should submit their proposals electronically via the submission form on SDCP's website no later than **December 19, 2023 at 5:00pm PT**. The link to the submission form can also be accessed here:

https://forms.monday.com/forms/de7fc4a17dba5924468d7bb111993925?r=use1

Note: Only electronic submittals will be accepted. Proposals should be submitted via an online form available on SDCP's website at the link provided above.

1. It is the sole responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that their proposal submission is received before the submission deadline outlined in this RFP under Section II (Proposal Schedule). Proposers shall bear all risks associated with delays in delivery. Any proposals received after the <u>scheduled</u> closing date and time for receipt of proposals may not be accepted.

V. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

A qualified proposer should have the following minimum qualifications and experience:

- Proposers should prove in their submissions that they have applicable qualifications and experience providing qualified financial and investment management services.
- Proposers may prove in their submissions that they have applicable qualifications for providing municipal advisory services to Community Choice Aggregators ("CCAs") or electric or municipal utilities.
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VI. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

A. Contemplated Scope of Services

The Services sought for this RFP are set forth in Contemplated Scope of Services (Attachment A), attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Notwithstanding the inclusion of such Services in Attachment A, the final scope of Services negotiated between SDCP and the successful Proposer shall be set forth in a Professional Service Agreement executed by and between SDCP and the successful Proposer. SDCP is seeking an individual or firm to provide qualified financial and investment management services with an anticipated start date in January 2024. SDCP expects to enter into a 12-month initial agreement with an annual contract value exceeding \$125,000. Contracts exceeding \$125,000 are subject to approval by the SDCP Board of Directors. SDCP reserves the option to amend the Agreement for up to two additional 12-month terms.

B. Content and Format of Proposal

Submittals should be concise, well-organized and demonstrate the qualifications, experience and approach necessary to provide the required scope of services. A Proposal Checklist (Attachment B) has been included in this RFP package to assist Proposers with preparing and submitting a complete proposal. Proposals shall be submitted in Adobe PDF format. Proposer's should submit their PDF as a single PDF and include the following items in the order listed below:

- <u>Experience & Qualifications Narrative</u> (Maximum 8 pages single-spaced). Proposers must submit an Experience & Qualifications Narrative that addresses the following:
 - A description of the proposed team's experience and skills and how they are aligned with the scope of services outlined in this RFP's Attachment A.
 - The proposed team's qualifications that are relevant experience working with the California CCAs, Investor-Owned Utilities, and State or Local level agencies.
 - Identify the key personnel who will be responsible for delivering the services identified in this RFP's Attachment A, the general organizational structure of the team, job titles, and any proposed subcontractors or technical support staff.
 - A brief description of the qualifications and specific roles of key personnel that will work with SDCP.
 - If the firm has multiple offices, the office of record for each team member shall be listed, as well as the primary office location where the work is to be performed.
 - Proposers may submit additional information that demonstrates why the Proposer is uniquely positioned to support this work.

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- **Proposed Scope of Work:** Proposers must submit a Proposed Scope of Work to be considered for this work. The Proposed Scope of Work should detail your firm's proposed approach to meeting SDCP's stated objectives, key activities, and related deliverables for the 12-month initial contract period and should align with the scope of work outlined in this RFP's Attachment A. The Proposed Scope of Work must identify the specific methods you would employ in completing Attachment A and should also include a short description identifying subcontracted work, if applicable, and how it will be controlled, monitored, and evaluated during the project. Proposers may include other services deemed relevant to the successful accomplishment of this work. The successful Proposer's Scope of Work may serve as the starting point for contract negotiations.
- **Proposed Budget:** Proposers must submit a Proposed Budget to be considered for this work. The Proposed Budget may be fee-based, deliverables-based, fixed price, or an hourly rate compensation structure. For a fee-based or hourly rate compensation structure, the Proposer must specify the rate increments for the proposed project team, and any proposed subcontractors, who are anticipated to perform the contemplated scope of services. The proposed budget may include a list of expenses to support the Proposed Scope of Work.
- <u>Sample Engagements or Model Portfolios</u>: Provide summaries of up to three engagements or model portfolios that are similar in scope to the types of services listed in Attachment A as well as one reference for each of these engagements or model portfolios. Please see SDCP's Investment Policy⁶ for more information.
- Resume(s) or Curricula Vitae (No more than 3 pages maximum per team member): Proposers must submit resumes for all key members of its proposed project team, including proposed subcontractors (if applicable). All resumes should be submitted as one PDF document. Do not embed hyperlinks in your resumes.
- Proposed Revisions to SDCP's Professional Services Agreement: Any proposed revisions to SDCP's Sample Professional Services Agreement (see Attachment C – Sample Professional Services Agreement) in redline form.
- <u>Business Licenses (if applicable)</u>: Proposers must provide a copy of their business license, if applicable.

⁶ <u>https://sdcommunitypower.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/SDCP_Investment_Policy_Final_2023.05.25.pdf</u>



C. Protests

1. <u>Protest Contents</u>: A Proposer may protest a contract award if the Proposer believes that the award was inconsistent with SDCP policy or this RFP is not in compliance with law. A protest must be filed in writing with SDCP (email is not acceptable) within ten (10) business days after receipt of notification of the contract award. Any protest submitted after 5 pm PT of the tenth business day after notification of the contract award will be rejected by SDCP as invalid and the Proposer's failure to timely file a protest will waive the Proposer's right to protest the contract award. The Proposer's protest must include supporting documentation, legal authorities in support of the grounds for the protest and the name, address and telephone number of the person representing the Proposer for purposes of the protest. Any matters not set forth in the protest shall be deemed waived.

2. <u>SDCP Review:</u> SDCP will review and evaluate the basis of the protest provided the protest is filed in strict conformity with the foregoing. SDCP shall provide the Proposer submitting the protest with a written statement concurring with or denying the protest. Action by SDCP relative to the protest will be final and not subject to appeal or reconsideration. The procedure and time limits set forth in this Section are mandatory and are the Proposer's sole and exclusive remedy in the event of protest. Failure to comply with these procedures will constitute a waiver of any right to further pursue the protest, including filing a Government Code claim or legal proceedings.

D. Submittal Requirements

1. <u>General:</u> It is strongly recommended that the Proposer submit proposals in the format identified in Section VI.B to allow SDCP to fully evaluate and compare the proposals. All requirements and questions in the RFP should be addressed and all requested information should be supplied. SDCP reserves the right to request additional information which, in SDCP's opinion, is necessary to assure that the Proposer's competence, qualifications, number of qualified employees, business organization and financial resources are adequate to perform the Services according to the terms of the Agreement.

2. <u>Preparation:</u> Proposals should be prepared in such a way as to provide a straightforward, concise delineation of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. Responses should emphasize the Proposer's demonstrated capability to perform work of this type. Expensive bindings and promotional materials, etc., are not necessary or desired. However, technical literature that supports the approach to providing the Services and work plan should be forwarded as part of the proposal. Emphasis should be concentrated on completeness, approach to the work, and clarity of the proposal.

3. <u>Authorization:</u> The proposal shall be signed by an individual, partner, officer or officers authorized to execute legal documents on behalf of the Proposer.

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E. Miscellaneous

1. <u>Exceptions Certification to this RFP</u>: In submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, Proposer is certifying that it takes no exceptions to this RFP including, but not limited to, the Agreement. If any exceptions are taken, such exceptions must be clearly noted in the proposal and may be reason for rejection of the proposal. As such, Proposer is directed to carefully review the attached Agreement and, in particular, the insurance and indemnification provisions therein.

2. <u>Amendments to Proposals</u>: No amendment, addendum or modification will be accepted after a proposal has been submitted to SDCP. If a change to a proposal that has been submitted is desired, the submitted proposal must be withdrawn and the replacement proposal submitted to SDCP prior to the proposal due date and time.

3. <u>Price Validity</u>: Prices provided by Proposers in response to this RFP are valid for ten (10) days from the proposal due date. SDCP intends to award the contract within this time but may request an extension from the Proposers to hold pricing, until negotiations are complete and the contract is awarded.

4. <u>Right to Negotiate and/or Reject Proposals</u>: SDCP reserves the right to negotiate any price or provision, task order or service, accept any part or all of any proposals, waive any irregularities, and to reject any and all, or parts of any and all proposals, whenever, in the sole opinion of SDCP, such action shall serve its best interests and those of SDCP ratepayers. The Proposers are encouraged to submit their best prices in their proposals, and SDCP intends to negotiate only with the Proposer(s) whose proposal most closely meets SDCP's requirements at the lowest estimated cost. The contract award, if any is awarded, will go to the Proposer whose proposal best meets SDCP's requirements.

5. <u>Prevailing Wages</u>: Proposers shall take cognizance of the requirements of California Labor Code Sections 1720 et seq. and 1770 et seq., as well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 16000 et seq. ("Prevailing Wage Laws"), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on certain "public work" and "maintenance" projects. To the extent applicable, the Proposer must agree to fully comply with and to require its subcontractors/subconsultants to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws.

F. Proposal Evaluations & Criteria

Submittals will be reviewed and ranked by a selection committee composed of staff of SDCP. During the evaluation process, SDCP reserves the right to request additional information or clarification from firms responding to this RFP. All submittals deemed responsive will be



evaluated using the following criteria (listed in no particular order of importance or value of rating):

- Best value
- Relevant experience and qualifications of the firm
- Proposed services and methodology
- Overall quality of the response to the RFP

Following the initial evaluation, SDCP may select one particular Proposer or select a number of Proposers (with or without interviews); or conduct interviews with a "short list" of Proposers, consisting of those Proposers reasonably likely, in the opinion of SDCP, to be awarded the contract. Any interview may include discussions about services offered, conflicts of interests with other clients, or fees/compensation amount or structure. Interviews may take place through written correspondence, telephone or video conference, and/or face-to-face interviews, at SDCP's sole discretion. SDCP reserves the right to not convene interviews or discussions, and to make an award on the basis of initial proposals received. References may be contacted at any point in the evaluation process.

Staff will begin negotiations with the top firm(s) as to the final scope of work, schedule and price. The final contract(s) will be presented to SDCP's Board of Directors for final contract award. If a satisfactory contract cannot be negotiated, SDCP may, at their sole discretion, begin contract negotiations with the next qualified Proposer who submitted a proposal, as determined by SDCP. Proposers are further notified that SDCP may disqualify any Proposer with whom SDCP cannot satisfactorily negotiate a contract.

This RFP does not commit SDCP to award a contract for any costs incurred in the preparation of the submittal. SDCP reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submittals, or any part of a submittal received as a result of this request, to waive minor defects or technicalities, to award multiple contracts, or to solicit new submittals for the same scope of work or a modified scope of work, or to extend, expand, or cancel in part, or its entirety, this RFP if it is in the best interest of SDCP to do so. SDCP will not reimburse any of the proposers for their costs to prepare and submit a proposal.

VII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

This RFP is a solicitation for proposals only and is not intended as an offer to enter into a contract or as a promise to engage in any formal competitive bidding or negotiations. SDCP may, at its sole discretion, accept or reject any or all proposals submitted in response to this RFP. In addition, SDCP may, at its sole discretion, only elect to proceed with contract negotiations for some of the services included in the proposal. SDCP further reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time prior to contract award without obligation in any manner for proposal preparation, interview, fee negotiation or other marketing costs associated with this RFP. SDCP also reserves

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the right to waive minor errors and omissions or inconsequential disparities in proposals, request additional information or revisions to offers, and to negotiate with any or all Proposers.

SDCP shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Proposer in connection with the preparation and submission of any proposal. SDCP has the right to amend the RFP, in whole or in part, by written addendum, at any time. SDCP is responsible only for that which is expressly stated in the solicitation document and any authorized written addenda. Such addendum shall be made available to each person or organization which SDCP records indicate has received this RFP. Should such addendum require additional information not previously requested, failure to address the requirements of such addendum may result in the proposal being found non-responsive and not being considered, as determined in the sole discretion of SDCP. SDCP is not responsible for and shall not be bound by any representations otherwise made by any individual acting or purporting to act on its behalf prior to an award of contract by SDCP. SDCP has the right to reissue the RFP at a future date.

VIII. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PUBLIC RECORDS

Proposals submitted in response to this RFP shall become the property of SDCP. SDCP is subject to the California Public Records Act ("CPRA"). The proposal will become a matter of public record when contract negotiations are complete and when an agreement is executed by SDCP. Exceptions to disclosure may be available to those parts or portions of proposals that are justifiably and reasonably exempted under the CPRA, such as trade secrets. If a Proposer desires to exclude a portion of its proposal from disclosure under the California Public Records Act, the Proposer must prominently mark it "confidential" and state the specific provision in the California Public Records Act that provides the exemption as well as the factual basis for claiming the exemption. A blanket statement of confidentiality or the marking of each page of the proposal as confidential shall not be deemed sufficient notice of a CPRA exemption. A Proposer who indiscriminately and without justification identifies most or all of its proposal as exempt from disclosure or submits a redacted copy may be deemed non-responsive.

Although the CPRA recognizes that certain confidential information or other exempt records may be protected from disclosure, SDCP is not in a position to establish that the information that a Proposer submits is exempt. If a request is made for information marked "Confidential," SDCP will provide Proposers who submitted the information with reasonable notice to seek protection from disclosure by a court of competent jurisdiction.

SDCP shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for any resulting disclosure of any such record or any parts thereof pursuant to the CPRA or otherwise by law.



IX. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The CCAs are governed by the Political Reform Act, Government Code Section 1090, Government Code Section 84308, and other requirements governing conflicts of interest, campaign contributions, and gifts. Proposers are required to review all applicable conflict of interest laws. In addition, SDCP has adopted policies governing procurement. Proposers are advised to review all policies, including the Procurement Policy, available at: <u>https://sdcommunitypower.org/resources/key-documents/</u>.

The Proposer may not contact or receive information outside of this RFP process. If it is discovered that the Proposer contacted and received information from anyone other than mediums used to share information about this solicitation specified above and under the process specified herein regarding this solicitation, SDCP may, in their sole discretion, disqualify the proposal from further consideration.

X. REPORTING OF SUPPLIER DIVERSITY INFORMATION

Public Utilities Code Section 366.2(m) requires CCAs to annually submit to the California Public Utility Commission ("CPUC"): (1) a detailed and verifiable plan for increasing procurement from small, local, and diverse business enterprises; and (2) a report regarding its procurement from women, minority, disabled veteran, persons with disabilities, and LGBT business enterprises.

General Order (GO) 156, adopted by the CPUC, requires certain California public utilities to engage in outreach activities and meet specific procurement goals from women, minority, disabled veteran, persons with disabilities, and LGBT business enterprises. Qualified businesses become GO 156 certified through the CPUC and are then added to the GO 156 Supplier Clearinghouse database (www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com).

To assist SDCP with their reporting obligations under Public Utilities Code Section 366.2(m) and with evaluating its supplier outreach and other activities, Proposers that are awarded the contract will be asked to voluntarily disclose their certification status with the CPUC Clearinghouse, as well as their efforts to work with diverse business enterprises, including women business enterprises (WBEs), minority business enterprises (MBEs), disabled veteran business enterprises (LGBTBEs).

Except as otherwise expressly provided under this Policy and/or required by applicable state or federal law or funding requirements (including, without limitation, any grant or loan conditions), SDCP shall not use any demographic information received from potential vendors in any way as part of its decision-making or selection process. Rather, SDCP will use such information solely for compliance with reporting obligations to the CPUC and evaluation of



outreach and other activities consistent with applicable law. Pursuant to Article I, Section 31 of the California Constitution, SDCP shall not discriminate against or give preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin except as otherwise allowed therein.

XI. NON-DISCRIMINATION

SDCP will not discriminate and will require its contractors to not discriminate on the basis of race, gender expression, gender identity, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, or disability in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or treatment of contractors, subcontractors, vendors, or suppliers. The successful firm shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors to participate in subcontracting opportunities.

XII. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Scope of Services Attachment B – Proposal Checklist Attachment C – Sample Professional Services Agreement



ATTACHMENT A CONTEMPLATED SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of services will be to provide assistance to San Diego Community Power (SDCP) on the management of SDCP's investment portfolio, which aims to ensure the prudent management of SDCP's funds and the achievement of SDCP investment objectives. Specific task areas include, but are not limited to:

- Develop and implement an investment strategy that is aligned with SDCP's investment policy, which can be accessed here: <u>https://sdcommunitypower.org/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2023/05/SDCP_Investment_Policy_Final_2023.05.25.pdf</u>
- Ensure preservation of principal.
- Manage funds in accordance with "Prudent Investor Standard" pursuant to California Government Code Section 53600.3
- Attaining a market rate of return throughout the economic cycle while considering investment risk and liquidity constraints.
- Monitor and manage the risks in conformance with the internal controls associated with SDCP's investment portfolio.
- Provide SDCP with regular reports on the performance of the investment portfolio. At a minimum, reports should be provided monthly.
- Meet with SDCP regularly to discuss investment performance and strategy.
- Provide special financial services as requested by SDCP.



ATTACHMENT B PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

The following checklist outlines all items to be provided in response to the RFP. This is meant to be used as a tool to support you in the process. This checklist does not need to be submitted.

Online Application Form Hyperlink: https://forms.monday.com/forms/de7fc4a17dba5924468d7bb111993925?r=use1

- Experience & Qualifications Narrative (Maximum 8 pages single-spaced)
- **Proposed Scope of Work**
- Proposed Budget
- Sample Engagements or Model Portfolios
- **<u>Resume(s) or Curricula Vitae</u>** (No more than 3 pages maximum per team member)
- Proposed Revisions to SDCP's Professional Services Agreement
- **Business Licenses (if applicable)**: Proposers must provide a copy of their business license, if applicable



ATTACHMENT C SAMPLE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Professional Services Agreement ("**Agreement**") is made and entered into this day of _____20__, by and between SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER, a California joint powers agency ("**SDCP**") and [INSERT NAME OF CONSULTANT], a [INSERT TYPE OF ENTITY] ("**Consultant**"). SDCP and Consultant are sometimes individually referred to as "**Party**" and collectively as "**Parties**."

RECITALS

A. Consultant desires to perform and assume responsibility for the provision of certain professional services required by SDCP on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Consultant represents that it is experienced in providing [INSERT TYPE OF SERVICES], is licensed in the State of California [IF APPLICABLE], and is familiar with the plans of SDCP.

B. SDCP desires to engage Consultant to render such professional services for the [INSERT BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION] ("**Project**") as set forth in this Agreement.

AGREEMENT

1. Scope of Services and Term.

1.1 <u>General Scope of Services</u>. Consultant promises and agrees to furnish to SDCP all labor, materials, tools, equipment, services, and incidental and customary work necessary to fully and adequately supply the **[INSERT BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED]** services necessary for the Project ("Services"). The Services are more particularly described in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto, and which are stated in the proposal to SDCP. All Services shall be subject to, and performed in accordance with, this Agreement, the exhibits attached hereto, and all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

1.2 <u>Term</u>. The term of this Agreement shall be from **[INSERT START DATE]** to **[INSERT ENDING DATE; RECOMMEND AT LEAST ONE YEAR]**, unless earlier terminated as provided herein. Consultant shall complete the Services within the term of this Agreement and shall meet any other established schedules and deadlines.

2. **Responsibilities of Consultant.**

2.1 <u>Control and Payment of Subordinates; Independent Contractor</u>. The Services shall be performed by Consultant or under its supervision. Consultant will determine the means,



methods and details of performing the Services subject to the requirements of this Agreement. SDCP retains Consultant on an independent contractor basis and not as an employee. Consultant retains the right to perform similar or different services for others during the term of this Agreement. Any additional personnel performing the Services under this Agreement on behalf of Consultant shall also not be employees of SDCP and shall at all times be under Consultant's exclusive direction and control. Consultant shall pay all wages, salaries, and other amounts due such personnel in connection with their performance of Services under this Agreement and as required by law. Consultant shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting such additional personnel, including, but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

2.2 <u>Schedule of Services</u>. Consultant shall perform the Services expeditiously, within the term of this Agreement, and in accordance with the Schedule of Services set forth in <u>Exhibit</u> <u>B</u> attached hereto. Consultant represents that it has the professional and technical personnel required to perform the Services in conformance with such conditions. In order to facilitate Consultant's conformance with the Schedule, SDCP shall respond to Consultant's submittals in a timely manner. Upon request of SDCP, Consultant shall provide a more detailed schedule of anticipated performance to meet the Schedule of Services.

2.3 <u>Conformance to Applicable Requirements</u>. All work prepared by Consultant shall be subject to the approval of SDCP.

2.4 <u>Substitution of Key Personnel</u>. Consultant has represented to SDCP that certain key personnel will perform and coordinate the Services under this Agreement. Should one or more of such personnel become unavailable, Consultant may substitute other personnel of at least equal competence upon written approval of SDCP. In the event that SDCP and Consultant cannot agree as to the substitution of key personnel, SDCP shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement for cause. As discussed below, any personnel who fail or refuse to perform the Services in a manner acceptable to SDCP, or who are determined by the SDCP to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the Project, or a threat to the safety of persons or property, shall be promptly removed from the Project by the Consultant at the request of the SDCP. The key personnel for performance of this Agreement are as follows:

[INSERT NAME(S) OF KEY PERSONNEL]

2.5 <u>SDCP's Representative</u>. SDCP hereby designates **[INSERT NAME OR TITLE]**, or his or her designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Agreement ("SDCP's **Representative**"). SDCP's Representative shall have the power to act on behalf of SDCP for all purposes under this Agreement. Consultant shall not accept direction or orders from any person other than SDCP's Representative, or designee.

2.6 <u>Consultant's Representative</u>. Consultant hereby designates **[INSERT NAME]**, or his or her designee, to act as its Representative for the performance of this Agreement ("**Consultant's Representative**"). Consultant's Representative shall have full authority to represent and act on behalf of the Consultant for all purposes under this Agreement. The



Consultant's Representative shall supervise and direct the Services, using his or her best skill and attention, and shall be responsible for all means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures and for the satisfactory coordination of all portions of the Services under this Agreement.

2.7 <u>Coordination of Services</u>. Consultant agrees to work closely with SDCP staff in the performance of Services and shall be available to SDCP's staff, consultants and other staff at all reasonable times.

2.8 Standard of Care; Performance of Employees. Consultant shall perform all Services under this Agreement in a skillful and competent manner, consistent with the standards generally recognized as being employed by professionals in the same discipline in the State of California. Consultant represents and maintains that it is skilled in the professional calling necessary to perform the Services. Consultant warrants that all employees and sub- contractors shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Services assigned to them. Finally, Consultant represents that it, its employees and subcontractors have all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to perform the Services, and that such licenses and approvals shall be maintained throughout the term of this Agreement. As provided for in the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, Consultant shall perform, at its own cost and expense and without reimbursement from SDCP, any services necessary to correct errors or omissions which are caused by the Consultant's failure to comply with the standard of care provided for herein. Any employee of the Consultant or its subcontractors who is determined by SDCP to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the Project, a threat to the safety of persons or property, or any employee who fails or refuses to perform the Services in a manner acceptable to SDCP, shall be promptly removed from the Project by the Consultant and shall not be re-employed to perform any of the Services or to work on the Project.

2.9 <u>Laws and Regulations</u>. Consultant shall keep itself fully informed of and in compliance with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations in any manner affecting the performance of the Project or the Services, including all Cal/OSHA requirements, and shall give all notices required by law. Consultant shall be liable for all violations of such laws and regulations in connection with Services. If the Consultant performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, rules and regulations and without giving written notice to SDCP, Consultant shall be solely responsible for all costs arising therefrom. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold SDCP, its officials, directors, officers, employees and agents free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with such laws, rules or regulations.

2.10 <u>Insurance</u>.

2.10.1 <u>Time for Compliance</u>. Consultant shall not commence the Services under this Agreement until it has provided evidence satisfactory to SDCP that it has secured all insurance required under this section, in a form and with insurance companies acceptable to SDCP. In addition, Consultant shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on any subcontract until it has provided evidence satisfactory to SDCP that the subcontractor has secured all insurance



required under this section.

2.10.2 <u>Minimum Requirements</u>. Consultant shall, at its expense, procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Agreement by the Consultant, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. Consultant shall also require all of its subcontractors to procure and maintain the same insurance for the duration of the Agreement. Such insurance shall meet at least the following minimum levels of coverage:

(A) <u>Minimum Scope of Insurance</u>. Coverage shall be at least as broad as the latest version of the following: (1) *General Liability*: Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (occurrence form CG 0001 or exact equivalent); (2) *Automobile Liability*: Insurance Services Office Business Auto Coverage (form CA 0001, code 1 (any auto) or exact equivalent); and (3) *Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability*: Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance.

(B) <u>Minimum Limits of Insurance</u>. Consultant shall maintain limits no less than: (1) *General Liability:* \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this Agreement/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit; (2) *Automobile Liability:* \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage; and (3) *Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability:* Workers' Compensation limits as required by the Labor Code of the State of California. Employer's Liability limits of \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

2.10.3 <u>Professional Liability</u>. **[INCLUDE ONLY IF APPLICABLE - DELETE OTHERWISE]** Consultant shall procure and maintain, and require its subcontractors to procure and maintain, for a period of five (5) years following completion of the Services, errors and omissions liability insurance appropriate to their profession. Such insurance shall be in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 per claim. **[INCREASE IF NECESSARY - OTHERWISE LEAVE AS IS AND DELETE THIS NOTE]** This insurance shall be endorsed to include contractual liability applicable to this Agreement and shall be written on a policy form coverage specifically designed to protect against acts, errors or omissions of the Consultant. "Covered Professional Services" as designated in the policy must specifically include work performed under this Agreement. The policy must "pay on behalf of" the insured and must include a provision establishing the insurer's duty to defend.

2.10.4 <u>Insurance Endorsements</u>. The insurance policies shall contain the following provisions, or Consultant shall provide endorsements on forms supplied or approved by SDCP to add the following provisions to the insurance policies:



(A) <u>General Liability</u>.

(i) Commercial General Liability Insurance must include coverage for (1) Bodily Injury and Property Damage; (2) Personal Injury/Advertising Injury;
(3) Premises/Operations Liability; (4) Products/Completed Operations Liability; (5) Aggregate Limits that Apply per Project; (6) Explosion, Collapse and Underground (UCX) exclusion deleted;
(7) Contractual Liability with respect to this Agreement; (8) Broad Form Property Damage; and
(9) Independent Consultants Coverage.

(ii) The policy shall contain no endorsements or provisions limiting coverage for (1) contractual liability; (2) cross liability exclusion for claims or suits by one insured against another; or (3) contain any other exclusion contrary to the Agreement.

(iii) The policy shall give SDCP, its directors, officials, officers, employees, and agents insured status using ISO endorsement forms 20 10 10 01 and 20 37 10 01, or endorsements providing the exact same coverage.

(iv) The additional insured coverage under the policy shall be "primary and non-contributory" and will not seek contribution from SDCP's insurance or self-insurance and shall be at least as broad as CG 20 01 04 13, or endorsements providing the exact same coverage.

(B) <u>Automobile Liability</u>. The automobile liability policy shall be endorsed to state that: (1) SDCP, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers shall be covered as additional insureds with respect to the ownership, operation, maintenance, use, loading or unloading of any auto owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Consultant or for which the Consultant is responsible; and (2) the insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects SDCP, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers, or if excess, shall stand in an unbroken chain of coverage excess of the Consultant's scheduled underlying coverage. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by SDCP, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers shall be excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not be called upon to contribute with it in any way.

(C) <u>Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Coverage</u>.

(i) Consultant certifies that it is aware of the provisions of section 3700 of the California Labor Code which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and Consultant will comply with such provisions before commencing work under this Agreement.

(ii) The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against SDCP, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers for losses paid under the terms of the insurance policy which arise from work performed by the Consultant.



(D) <u>All Coverages</u>. Defense costs shall be payable in addition to the limits set forth hereunder. Requirements of specific coverage or limits contained in this section are not intended as a limitation on coverage, limits, or other requirement, or a waiver of any coverage normally provided by any insurance. It shall be a requirement under this Agreement that any available insurance proceeds broader than or in excess of the specified minimum insurance coverage requirements and/or limits set forth herein shall be available to SDCP, its directors, officials, officers, employees and agents as additional insureds under said policies. Furthermore, the requirements for coverage and limits shall be (1) the minimum coverage and limits specified in this Agreement; or (2) the broader coverage and maximum limits of coverage of any Insurance policy or proceeds available to the named insured; whichever is greater.

(i) The limits of insurance required in this Agreement may be satisfied by a combination of primary and umbrella or excess insurance. Any umbrella or excess insurance shall contain or be endorsed to contain a provision that such coverage shall also apply on a primary and non-contributory basis for the benefit of SDCP (if agreed to in a written contract or agreement) before SDCP's own insurance or self-insurance shall be called upon to protect it as a named insured. The umbrella/excess policy shall be provided on a "following form" basis with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying policy(ies).

(ii) Consultant shall provide SDCP at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation of any policy required by this Agreement, except that the Consultant shall provide at least ten (10) days prior written notice of cancellation of any such policy due to non-payment of premium. If any of the required coverage is cancelled or expires during the term of this Agreement, the Consultant shall deliver renewal certificate(s) including the General Liability Additional Insured Endorsement to SDCP at least ten (10) days prior to the effective date of cancellation or expiration.

(iii) The retroactive date (if any) of each policy is to be no later than the effective date of this Agreement. Consultant shall maintain such coverage continuously for a period of at least three years after the completion of the work under this Agreement. Consultant shall purchase a one (1) year extended reporting period A) if the retroactive date is advanced past the effective date of this Agreement; B) if the policy is cancelled or not renewed; or C) if the policy is replaced by another claims-made policy with a retroactive date subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement.

(iv) The foregoing requirements as to the types and limits of insurance coverage to be maintained by Consultant, and any approval of said insurance by SDCP, is not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations otherwise assumed by the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement, including but not limited to, the provisions concerning indemnification.

(v) If at any time during the life of the Agreement, any policy of insurance required under this Agreement does not comply with these specifications or is canceled and not replaced, SDCP has the right but not the duty to obtain the insurance it deems necessary and any premium paid by SDCP will be promptly reimbursed by Consultant or SDCP will withhold



amounts sufficient to pay premium from Consultant payments. In the alternative, SDCP may cancel this Agreement. SDCP may require the Consultant to provide complete copies of all insurance policies in effect for the duration of the Project.

(vi) Neither SDCP nor any of its directors, officials, officers, employees or agents shall be personally responsible for any liability arising under or by virtue of this Agreement.

2.10.5 <u>Separation of Insureds; No Special Limitations</u>. All insurance required by this Section shall contain standard separation of insureds provisions. In addition, such insurance shall not contain any special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to SDCP, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers.

2.10.6 <u>Deductibles and Self-Insurance Retentions</u>. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by SDCP. Consultant shall guarantee that, at the option of SDCP, either: (1) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects SDCP, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers; or (2) the Consultant shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigation costs, claims and administrative and defense expenses.

2.10.7 <u>Acceptability of Insurers</u>. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, licensed to do business in California, and satisfactory to SDCP.

2.10.8 <u>Verification of Coverage</u>. Consultant shall furnish SDCP with original certificates of insurance and endorsements effecting coverage required by this Agreement on forms satisfactory to SDCP. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy shall be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf and shall be on forms provided by SDCP if requested. All certificates and endorsements must be received and approved by SDCP before work commences. SDCP reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

2.10.9 <u>Subcontractor Insurance Requirements</u>. Consultant shall not allow any subcontractors to commence work on any subcontract until they have provided evidence satisfactory to SDCP that they have secured all insurance required under this section. Policies of commercial general liability insurance provided by such subcontractors shall be endorsed to name SDCP as an additional insured using ISO form CG 20 38 04 13 or an endorsement providing the exact same coverage. If requested by Consultant, SDCP may approve different scopes or minimum limits of insurance for particular subcontractors.

2.10.10 <u>Safety</u>. Consultant shall execute and maintain its work so as to avoid injury or damage to any person or property. In carrying out its Services, the Consultant shall at all times be in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations, and shall exercise all necessary precautions for the safety of employees appropriate to the nature of the work and the conditions under which the work is to be performed. Safety precautions as applicable shall



include, but shall not be limited to: (A) adequate life protection and life-saving equipment and procedures; (B) instructions in accident prevention for all employees and subcontractors, such as safe walkways, scaffolds, fall protection ladders, bridges, gang planks, confined space procedures, trenching and shoring, equipment and other safety devices, equipment and wearing apparel as are necessary or lawfully required to prevent accidents or injuries; and (C) adequate facilities for the proper inspection and maintenance of all safety measures.

3. Fees and Payments.

3.1 <u>Compensation</u>. Consultant shall receive compensation, including authorized reimbursements, for all Services rendered under this Agreement at the rates set forth in <u>Exhibit C</u>, attached hereto. The total compensation shall not exceed **[INSERT WRITTEN DOLLAR AMOUNT] (\$---)** without written approval of SDCP's **[INSERT TITLE]**. Extra Work may be authorized, as described below, and, if authorized, said Extra Work will be compensated at the rates and manner set forth in this Agreement.

3.2 <u>Payment of Compensation</u>. Consultant shall submit to SDCP a monthly itemized statement which indicates work completed and hours of Services rendered by Consultant. The statement shall describe the amount of Services and supplies provided since the initial commencement date, or since the start of the subsequent billing periods, as appropriate, through the date of the statement. SDCP shall, within 45 days of receiving such statement, review the statement and pay all approved charges thereon.

3.3 <u>Reimbursement for Expenses</u>. Consultant shall not be reimbursed for any expenses unless authorized in writing by SDCP.

3.4 <u>Extra Work</u>. At any time during the term of this Agreement, SDCP may request that Consultant perform Extra Work. As used herein, "**Extra Work**" means any work which is determined by SDCP to be necessary for the proper completion of the Project, but which the Parties did not reasonably anticipate would be necessary at the execution of this Agreement. Consultant shall not perform, nor be compensated for, Extra Work without written authorization from SDCP's Representative.

4. Accounting Records. Consultant shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to all costs and expenses incurred under this Agreement. All such records shall be clearly identifiable. Consultant shall allow a representative of SDCP during normal business hours to examine, audit, and make transcripts or copies of such records and any other documents created pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall allow inspection of all work, data, documents, proceedings, and activities related to the Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement.



5. General Provisions.

5.1 <u>Termination of Agreement.</u>

5.1.1 <u>Grounds for Termination</u>. SDCP may, by written notice to Consultant, terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement at any time and without cause by giving written notice to Consultant of such termination, and specifying the effective date thereof, at least seven (7) days before the effective date of such termination. Upon termination, Consultant shall be compensated only for those services which have been adequately rendered to SDCP, and Consultant shall be entitled to no further compensation. Consultant may not terminate this Agreement except for cause.

5.1.2 <u>Effect of Termination</u>. If this Agreement is terminated as provided herein, SDCP may require Consultant to provide all finished or unfinished Documents and Data and other information of any kind prepared by Consultant in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement. Consultant shall be required to provide such documents and other information within fifteen (15) days of the request.

5.1.3 <u>Additional Services</u>. In the event this Agreement is terminated in whole or in part as provided herein, SDCP may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it may determine appropriate, services similar to those terminated.

5.2 <u>Delivery of Notices</u>. All notices permitted or required under this Agreement shall be given to the respective Parties at the following address, or at such other address as the respective parties may provide in writing for this purpose:

Consultant: [INSERT NAME, ADDRESS & CONTACT PERSON]

SDCP:	San Diego Community Power	
	Attn: Executive Director	
	815 E Street, Suite 12716	
	San Diego, CA 92112	

Such notice shall be deemed made when personally delivered or when mailed, forty-eight (48) hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid and addressed to the Party at its applicable address. Actual notice shall be deemed adequate notice on the date actual notice occurred, regardless of the method of service.

5.3 <u>Ownership of Materials and Confidentiality</u>.

5.3.1 <u>Documents & Data; Licensing of Intellectual Property</u>. This Agreement creates a non-exclusive and perpetual license for SDCP to copy, use, modify, reuse, or sublicense any and all copyrights, designs, and other intellectual property embodied in plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates, and other documents or works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, including but not limited to, physical drawings or data magnetically or



otherwise recorded on computer diskettes, which are prepared or caused to be prepared by Consultant under this Agreement ("**Documents & Data**"). Consultant shall require all subcontractors to agree in writing that SDCP is granted a non-exclusive and perpetual license for any Documents & Data the subcontractor prepares under this Agreement. Consultant represents and warrants that Consultant has the legal right to license any and all Documents & Data. Consultant makes no such representation and warranty in regard to Documents & Data which were prepared by design professionals other than Consultant or provided to Consultant by SDCP. SDCP shall not be limited in any way in its use of the Documents & Data at any time, provided that any such use not within the purposes intended by this Agreement shall be at SDCP's sole risk.

5.3.2 <u>Intellectual Property</u>. In addition, SDCP shall have and retain all right, title and interest (including copyright, patent, trade secret and other proprietary rights) in all plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates, materials, data, computer programs or software and source code, enhancements, documents, and any and all works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium or expression, including but not limited to, physical drawings or other data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer media ("**Intellectual Property**") prepared or developed by or on behalf of Consultant under this Agreement as well as any other such Intellectual Property prepared or developed by or on behalf of Consultant under this Agreement.

SDCP shall have and retain all right, title and interest in Intellectual Property developed or modified under this Agreement whether or not paid for wholly or in part by SDCP, whether or not developed in conjunction with Consultant, and whether or not developed by Consultant. Consultant will execute separate written assignments of any and all rights to the above referenced Intellectual Property upon request of SDCP.

Consultant shall also be responsible to obtain in writing separate written assignments from any subcontractors or agents of Consultant of any and all right to the above referenced Intellectual Property. Should Consultant, either during or following termination of this Agreement, desire to use any of the above-referenced Intellectual Property, it shall first obtain the written approval of the SDCP.

All materials and documents which were developed or prepared by the Consultant for general use prior to the execution of this Agreement and which are not the copyright of any other party or publicly available and any other computer applications, shall continue to be the property of the Consultant. However, unless otherwise identified and stated prior to execution of this Agreement, Consultant represents and warrants that it has the right to grant the exclusive and perpetual license for all such Intellectual Property as provided herein.

SDCP further is granted by Consultant a non-exclusive and perpetual license to copy, use, modify or sub-license any and all Intellectual Property otherwise owned by Consultant which is the basis or foundation for any derivative, collective, insurrectional, or supplemental work created under this Agreement.

5.3.3 <u>Confidentiality</u>. All ideas, memoranda, specifications, plans, procedures, drawings, descriptions, computer program data, input record data, written information, and other



Documents and Data either created by or provided to Consultant in connection with the performance of this Agreement shall be held confidential by Consultant. Such materials shall not, without the prior written consent of SDCP, be used by Consultant for any purposes other than the performance of the Services. Nor shall such materials be disclosed to any person or entity not connected with the performance of the Services or the Project. Nothing furnished to Consultant which is otherwise known to Consultant or is generally known, or has become known, to the related industry shall be deemed confidential. Consultant shall not use SDCP's name or insignia, photographs of the Project, or any publicity pertaining to the Services or the Project in any magazine, trade paper, newspaper, television or radio production or other similar medium without the prior written consent of SDCP.

5.3.4 <u>Infringement Indemnification</u>. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold SDCP, its directors, officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, for any alleged infringement of any patent, copyright, trade secret, trade name, trademark, or any other proprietary right of any person or entity in consequence of the use on the Project by SDCP of the Documents & Data, including any method, process, product, or concept specified or depicted.

5.4 <u>Cooperation; Further Acts</u>. The Parties shall fully cooperate with one another and shall take any additional acts or sign any additional documents as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient to attain the purposes of this Agreement.

5.5 <u>Attorney's Fees</u>. If either Party commences an action against the other Party, either legal, administrative or otherwise, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to have and recover from the losing party reasonable attorney's fees and all other costs of such action.

5.6 <u>Indemnification</u>.

5.6.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall defend (with counsel of SDCP's choosing), indemnify and hold the SDCP, its officials, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liability, loss, damage or injury of any kind, in law or equity, to property or persons, including wrongful death, in any manner arising out of, pertaining to, or incident to any acts, errors or omissions, or willful misconduct of Consultant, its officials, officers, employees, subcontractors, consultants or agents in connection with the performance of the Consultant's services, the Project or this Agreement, including without limitation the payment of all damages, expert witness fees and attorney's fees and other related costs and expenses. Consultant shall defend, at Consultant's own cost, expense and risk, any and all such aforesaid suits, actions or other legal proceedings of every kind that may be brought or instituted against SDCP, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents or volunteers. Consultant shall pay and satisfy any judgment, award or decree that may be rendered against SDCP or its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents or volunteers, in any such suit, action or other legal proceeding. Consultant shall reimburse SDCP and its directors, officials, officers, consultants, employees, agents and/or volunteers, for any and



all legal expenses and costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by each of them in connection therewith or in enforcing the indemnity herein provided. Consultant's obligation to indemnify shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds, if any, received by Consultant, the SDCP, its officials, officers, employees, agents, or volunteers. This section shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

5.6.2 If Consultant's obligation to defend, indemnify, and/or hold harmless arises out of Consultant's performance of "design professional" services (as that term is defined under Civil Code § 2782.8), then, and only to the extent required by Civil Code § 2782.8, which is fully incorporated herein, Consultant's indemnification obligation shall be limited to claims that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the Consultant, and, upon Consultant obtaining a final adjudication by a court of competent jurisdiction, Consultant's liability for such claim, including the cost to defend, shall not exceed the Consultant's proportionate percentage of fault.

5.7 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings or agreements. This Agreement may only be modified by a writing signed by both Parties.

5.8 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be in San Diego County.

5.9 <u>Time of Essence</u>. Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this Agreement.

5.10 <u>SDCP's Right to Employ Other Consultants</u>. SDCP reserves right to employ other consultants in connection with this Project.

5.11 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall be binding on the successors and assigns of the Parties.

5.12 <u>Assignment or Transfer</u>. Consultant shall not assign, hypothecate, or transfer, either directly or by operation of law, this Agreement or any interest herein without the prior written consent of SDCP. Any attempt to do so shall be null and void, and any assignees, hypothecates or transferees shall acquire no right or interest by reason of such attempted assignment, hypothecation or transfer.

5.13 <u>Construction; References; Captions</u>. Since the Parties or their agents have participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement, the language of this Agreement shall be construed simply, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any Party. Any term referencing time, days or period for performance shall be deemed calendar days and not work days. All references to Consultant include all personnel, employees, agents, and subcontractors of Consultant, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. All references to SDCP include its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. The captions of the various articles and paragraphs are for convenience and ease of



reference only, and do not define, limit, augment, or describe the scope, content, or intent of this Agreement.

5.14 <u>Amendment; Modification</u>. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

5.15 <u>Waiver</u>. No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a Party shall give the other Party any contractual rights by custom, estoppel, or otherwise.

5.16 <u>No Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. There are no intended third party beneficiaries of any right or obligation assumed by the Parties.

5.17 <u>Invalidity</u>: Severability. If any portion of this Agreement is declared invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

5.18 <u>Prohibited Interests</u>. Consultant maintains and warrants that it has not employed nor retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement. Further, Consultant warrants that it has not paid nor has it agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, SDCP shall have the right to rescind this Agreement without liability. For the term of this Agreement, no member, officer or employee of SDCP, during the term of his or her service with SDCP, shall have any direct interest in this Agreement, or obtain any present or anticipated material benefit arising therefrom.

5.19 <u>Equal Opportunity Employment and Subcontracting</u>. Consultant represents that it is an equal opportunity employer and it shall not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, gender expression, gender identity, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, or disability in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or treatment of applicants, employees, subcontractors, vendors, or suppliers. Such non-discrimination shall include, but not be limited to, all activities related to initial employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination. Further, Consultant shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors to participate in subcontracting opportunities.

5.20 <u>Labor Certification</u>. By its signature hereunder, Consultant certifies that it is aware of the provisions of section 3700 of the California Labor Code which requires every employer to be insured against liability for Workers' Compensation, or to undertake self- insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and agrees to comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Services.

5.21 <u>Authority to Enter Agreement</u>. Consultant has all requisite power and authority to



conduct its business and to execute, deliver, and perform the Agreement. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and bind each respective Party.

5.22 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

5.23 <u>Subcontracting</u>. Consultant shall not subcontract any portion of the work required by this Agreement, except as expressly stated herein, without prior written approval of SDCP. Subcontracts, if any, shall contain a provision making them subject to all provisions stipulated in this Agreement.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]



SIGNATURE PAGE TO SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have made and executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER

[INSERT NAME OF CONSULTANT]*

By :	By :
Name:	Name:
Title:	Title:

ATTEST:

Secretary, SDCP Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

SDCP General Counsel

*A corporation requires the signatures of two corporate officers.

One signature shall be that of the Chairman of Board, the President or any Vice President, and the second signature (on the attest line) shall be that of the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, the Chief Financial Officer or any Assistant Treasurer of such corporation.

If the above persons are not the intended signators, evidence of signature authority shall be provided to SDCP.

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SDCP RFP-23-010 Financial and Investment Management Services