

# ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



**ABAG**



Date: August 27, 2014  
To: ABAG Executive Board  
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Subject: **Bay Area Regional Energy Network Pilot HVAC Permit Program**

## Executive Summary

Ratify the submittal of the proposal to the United States Department of Energy ("DOE") for funding of a pilot HVAC Permit Program under the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Energy Network ("BayREN") in 2015-2016 in the amount of \$300,000, and authorize the ABAG Executive Director to enter negotiations and execute the necessary agreements for acceptance of the approved funding and implementation of the proposed pilot program with the California Energy Commission and DOE.

## Background

On April 30, 2014 the DOE issued a Funding Opportunity Announcement for State Energy Program funds to be used in furthering statewide energy efficiency goals. The California Energy Commission ("CEC") and ABAG began discussions on a joint proposal to apply for these funds with the target of increasing the frequency in obtaining legally-required building permits for HVAC systems. The two agencies worked together to develop a pilot program in ABAG territory that would seek to improve the energy efficiency of HVAC change out projects in the City of San Ramon. The CEC/ABAG application covers the funding period 2015-2016, and includes a request of DOE for \$300,000 and \$60,000 in matching funds from the CEC. This pilot would be carried out under the general direction of the existing San Francisco Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) program, for which ABAG serves as the lead administrator.

## Recommended Action

ABAG requests that the ABAG Executive Committee ratify the proposal submitted to the DOE for 2015-2016 funding for the BayREN in the amount of \$300,000, and authorize the ABAG Executive Director to enter negotiations and execute the necessary agreements for acceptance of the approved funding and implementation of the BayREN HVAC Pilot Program.

## Attachment

BayREN HVAC Pilot Program Summary