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**QUESTIONS FROM PACE PROVIDERS TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT (“RCSA”)**

Q. As an alternative to the substantial RFI response process, would ABAG/BAYREN consider a full educational tour of our facilities?

A. No.

Q. Is this RFI response to be made public or confidential?

A. As a public agency, all responses to this RFI are a matter of public record and are subject to a Freedom of Information Request. However, if a proposer deems material in the response to be proprietary or a trade secret, the information should be clearly marked as such. Please note however that should the designation be challenged, ABAG will not be responsible for defending the validity of the claim, but rather that would be the obligation of the entity claiming the privilege.

Q. Is the RFI Response a pre-requisite to participate in the RCSA?

A. Yes.

Q. Who will be the entire audience of the RFI response?

A. ABAG and BayREN members.

Q. Will all operating PACE providers be required to submit a RFI response?

A. In order to be part of the Regional Collaborative Services Agreement, a PACE provider must respond to the RFI. Any future PACE providers will be required to submit the same information before being considered by ABAG to be part of the RCSA.

Q. Are all PACE providers expected to participate in the RCSA? If not, how will this messaging be conveyed to the ABAG jurisdictions?

A. The RCSA will indicate which PACE providers are signatories.

Q. Question 2, Section A: **lists of jurisdictions**. Presuming that there may be the intent to capture references with this question, may we request to provide a sample set of jurisdictions for the data requested? Providing 359 jurisdictions worth of information is a large undertaking. Additionally, a complete list of jurisdictions and dates would also be provided. Many other organizations have been comfortable with this approach.

A. Please provide the information requested for all participating jurisdictions within the nine county Bay Area.

- Q. Question 9, Section B: **assurance and communication**. We do not fully understand the question and would appreciate it explained in greater detail.
- A. This question seeks information on the manner you communicate to your stakeholders how you comply and align your PACE product with relevant legislation, regulations and standards in the industry.

- Q. Following the RFI process, what is the expected timeline to begin reviewing draft RCSA?
- A. The RCSA is currently under legal review. We will strive to have a draft sent to all PACE providers that have responded to the RFI by mid-December.