

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298



April 20, 2021

SUBJECT: Revision to Independent Evaluator Enlistment Announcement

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Request For Qualifications (RFQ) 20NC0427, Section 2 Conflict of Interest Requirements, paragraph 1 General Description:

Throughout the term of this RFQ and subsequent award of contracts, successful independent evaluators and associated team members shall read and abide by the Conflict of Interest provisions specified by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) as identified in the Conflict of Interest presentation located at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>. Any current WSD contractor able to review Independent Evaluator reports shall be considered to have a conflict of interest for the purpose of this solicitation. This would include WSD contractors providing compliance assurance and forensic accounting audit support.

This letter serves as notice that Green Grid Inc.'s Independent Evaluator (IE) status has been dissolved due to their award of CPUC's Agreement 20NC0640 for Wildfire Safety Compliance Assurance Services. Effective immediately, Green Grid Inc. is ineligible for hire to perform IE functions. Included as Attachment A to this document is an Amended IE Enlistment Announcement reflecting the changes described herein.

For questions regarding the information contained within this letter, please submit inquiries to WSDCompliance@cpuc.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

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In partnership with

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Attachment A

Amended IE Enlistment Announcement Updated: April 20, 2021

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ORIGINAL PUBLICATION DATE: February 22, 2021

REVISION DATE: April 20, 2021

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In accordance with Public Utilities Code (PU Code) 8386.3(c)(2)(A), by March 1, 2021 the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC's) Wildfire Safety Division (WSD), in consultation with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CAL FIRE) Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), shall make available a list of qualified IEs with experience in assessing the safe operation of electrical infrastructure. This correspondence is to announce the enlisted independent evaluators (IE) that are approved to perform the work as stipulated in PU Code 8386.3(c)(5)(C) and as outlined in the scope of work in RFQ 20NC0427.

Each electrical corporation shall engage an IE listed to review and assess the electrical corporation's compliance with its' wildfire mitigation plan (WMP). The engaged IE shall consult with, and operate under the direction of, the WSD of the Commission. Costs incurred for hiring listed IEs shall be the sole responsibility of the electrical corporation and not the Commission or CAL FIRE.

Independent Evaluator Eligibility Status

Below is the list of enlisted IEs and their respective eligibility status. Each IE team has been assessed and approved based on the criteria found within the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 20NC0427.

Eligibility Status - **Approved**

Primary:
4LEAF, Inc.

Team Members:
AerialZeus, LLC // Innoventum Consulting, LLC // Safety Compliance Management // and JH Land Consultants, LLC

Eligibility Status - **Approved**

Primary:
Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.

Team Members:
All Valley Engineering Corporation, Inc. // Soaring Eagle Imaging // TW Powerline Construction // C2 Group // Aspen Helicopters, Inc.

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Eligibility Status – Approved Dissolved / Ineligible For Hire

Primary:
Green Grid, Inc.

Team Members:
Hotshot Arbor Care, LLC and Pride Resource Partners, LLC

Eligibility Status - Approved

Primary:
Mountain G. Enterprises, Inc.

Team Members:
Ultieg and Panhandle Utility Services, LLC

Eligibility Status - Approved

Primary:
NV5, Inc.

Team Members:
Guidehouse, Inc. (Navigant)

Eligibility Status - Approved

Primary:
Sargent & Lundy, LLC

Team Members:
Icon Utility Services (a.k.a. Icon Building Supplies, Inc.)

Annual Verification

IE’s appointment to the IE list will be reevaluated on an annual basis. At such time, IEs may be required to complete renewal paperwork and/or provide additional documentation proving IE’s eligibility for enlistment.

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