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**DATE:** February 26, 2020

**TO:** MERA Governing Board

**FROM:** Maureen Cassingham, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** AGENDA ITEM **B-3**: PROPOSAL FROM AECOM TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY WIRELESS CONSULTING SERVICES – NEXT GEN PROJECT THIRD PARTY CUSTOMER DESIGN REVIEW

Recommended Action: Review and act on the Proposal from AECOM Technology Solutions for Public Safety Wireless Consulting Services – Next Gen Project Third Party Customer Design Review, and, if approved, authorize the Executive Officer to execute related Agreements.

Background: On January 22, 2020 the Governing Board agreed in concept to seek a third party review of the critical next step of Next Gen Motorola Customer Design Review (CDR) and approval. CDR accuracy and completeness informs cost effective and timely Project construction and completion. The President, Executive Officer and others were asked by the Board to reach out to AECOM, which performed the 2010 comprehensive System Design Report for Marin County and proffered a host of options for future MERA System upgrades.

Attached is AECOM's Master Agreement for Services including their Consulting Services Proposal, along with their Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) for Motorola CDR Document access. The Proposal outlines tasks to be performed in parallel to FE's CDR services to permit timely reporting to the Next Gen Project Oversight Committee and Governing Board to better inform their respective recommendation and approval processes. The Agreement and NDA have been reviewed by MERA General Counsel which resulted in several revisions on MERA's behalf.

Beyond the work previously performed for Marin County, AECOM is an International infrastructure firm of planners, engineers, designers, consultants and construction managers with projects spanning from buildings, communication systems, energy, governments and the environment. Their services are vendor agnostic and client solutions driven. Senior Communications Consultant Mark Hannah and Mike Wireless Leader-Technology Solutions Mike Soderman, will be leading the team effort on MERA's CDR review.

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While there is a new cost of not-to-exceed \$192,792 for this engagement, the value added by AECOM's review will significantly contribute to the Project's success and is well worth it from my administrative perspective, MERA's Project implementation experience to-date and my prior construction project experience.

Again, the more precise the Design, the less chance for additional Project costs and schedule delays.

ATTACHMENTS:

B-3a AECOM Public Safety Wireless Consulting Proposal – February 18, 2020

B-3b AECOM Master Design Engineering Services Agreement  
**(to be distributed under separate cover)**

B-3c AECOM Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement – February 6, 2020