



March 17, 2023

## **SUBJECT: Revised Independent Evaluator List for 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plans**

As indicated in the initial publication of the Independent Evaluator (IE) list for the 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) reviews,<sup>1</sup> the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) reposted Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 22-132565 on March 3, 2023, with an expedited timeframe for submittal of applications from interested firms. The reposting of RFQ 22-132565 expired on March 10, 2023. Energy Safety, in consultation with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection’s (CAL FIRE) Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), have completed the review of all applications received in response to the reposting of RFQ 22-132565. Based on this review, Energy Safety hereby revises the list of qualified IEs for the 2022 WMP reviews to include an additional firm, NV5. The listed individuals and firms have the requisite experience assessing the safe operation of electrical infrastructure necessary to complete the independent reviews.

### **Background**

In accordance with Public Utilities Code section 8386.3(c)(2)(A), by March 1 annually, Energy Safety, in consultation with CAL FIRE, shall make available a list of qualified IEs with experience in assessing the safe operation of electrical infrastructure. Each electrical corporation shall engage a listed IE listed to review and assess the electrical corporation’s compliance with its WMP. The engaged IE shall consult with, and operate under the direction of, Energy Safety. Costs incurred for hiring listed IEs shall be the sole responsibility of the electrical corporation and not Energy Safety or CAL FIRE.

### **IE Responsibilities**

Public Utilities Code section 8386.3(c)(5)(C) **requires the IE to perform the following tasks:**

- Task 1 – Consult with Energy Safety on compliance assurance auditing that will be performed,
- Task 2 – Perform compliance assurance auditing, including field inspections,
- Task 3 – Draft and provide to Energy Safety a report on audit findings, including deficiencies of underfunded WMP activities,
- Task 4 – Draft and provide to Energy Safety a report on deficiencies of electrical corporations, and

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<sup>1</sup> The IE list for the 2022 WMP reviews was initially published on February 27, 2023. The original IE list is available for download at the following link: <https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=53404&shareable=true>.

- Task 5 – Track and report deficiencies of audit findings.

**Independent Evaluator List for 2022 WMPs**

Below is the list of qualified Independent Evaluators for the 2022 WMP reviews. Each IE team has been assessed and approved based on the criteria found within the RFQ 22-132565 that was posted to [www.CaleProcure.ca.gov](http://www.CaleProcure.ca.gov) from December 23, 2022, through January 20, 2023, and again from March 3, 2023, through March 10, 2023. This IE list for the 2022 WMP reviews has been filed to the respective docket in the Energy Safety e- Filing System.<sup>2</sup>

**Primary: AerialZeus, LLC**

**Team Members:**

Magna Consulting and Design, Inc. // Mountain G Enterprises, Inc. //Select Power Systems, Inc.

**Primary: Anser Advisory Management, LLC**

**Team Members:**

Kendall Vegetation Services // Xylem Tree Experts

**Primary: Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.**

**Team Members:**

C2 Group // Insignia Environmental

**Primary: NV5**

**Team Members:**

Guidehouse // Novembri Consulting // JH Land Consultants

**Primary: Sargent & Lundy**

**Team Members:**

ICON Utility Services

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<sup>2</sup> The 2023-IE docket can be access through the Energy Safety e-Filing System here: [Docket #2023-IE \(ca.gov\)](#).

**Conditions for Hire**

All IEs, unless otherwise stated, are approved to perform the work as stipulated in Public Utilities Code section 8386.3(c)(5)(C) and as outlined in the scope of work in RFQ 22-132565.

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We look forward to any questions or comments.

Respectfully,



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