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SUBJECT: Independent Evaluator List for 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plans

Following the review of applications received and in consultation with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Office of the State Fire Marshal (CAL FIRE), the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) has established the list of qualified independent evaluators (IEs) for the 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) reviews. 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 (PU) 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, within 60 days of this announcement, engage a listed IE 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.

Independent Evaluator List for 2024 WMPs

Each IE team has been assessed and approved based on the criteria found within the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 24-033680 that was posted to www.CaleProcure.ca.gov December 12, 2024 with a due date of January 5, 2025. This IE list for the 2024 WMP reviews has been filed to the respective docket in the Energy Safety e-Filing System. 2

The following is the list of Independent Evaluators.

Primary: 4LEAF, Inc. Team Members:

AerialZeus, LLC // MM & Company, LLP // Mountain G Enterprises, Inc.

¹ <u>Independent Evaluator Request for Qualifications</u>, https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/Events-BS3/event-details.aspx?Page=AUC_RESP_INQ_DTL&Action=U&AUC_ID=0000033680&AUC_ROUND=1&BIDDER_ID=BID0000001&BIDDER_LOC=1&BIDDER_STATE&BIDDER_TYPE=B&BUSINESS_UNIT=3355.

² 2024 WMP Independent Evaluator: <u>2025-IE</u>,

Primary: Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.

Team Members:

C2 Group

Primary: Guidehouse Inc.

Team Members:

AerialZeus, LLC // Mountain Engineering

Primary: NV5, Inc. Team Members:

Guidehouse Inc. // JH Land Consultants, LLC

Primary: PA Consulting Group, Inc.

Team Members:

DM&G Construction & Engineering Services, Inc. // UVM Pro // JH Land Consultants

Conditions for Hire

All IEs on this list, unless otherwise stated, are approved to perform the work as stipulated in PU Code 8386.3(c)(2)(B) and the scope of work in RFQ 24-033680.

For questions regarding the information contained within this letter, please contact Jeff Lidicker, Program and Project Supervisor in Energy Safety, at Jeffrey.Lidicker@energysafety.ca.gov, with a copy to Compliance@energysafety.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

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