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**AGENDA ITEM 6b**  
**HCAOG Board Meeting**  
**May 15, 2025**

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DATE: May 6, 2025  
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)  
FROM: Brendan Byrd, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: **Consultant Selection for the Siting Analysis for the North State Hydrogen Fuel Station Network**

**STAFF REPORT**

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**Staff's Recommended Action:**

1. Introduce the item as an action item;
2. Allow staff to present the item;
3. Receive public comment;
4. Discuss item and consider making the motion:  
"I move that the HCAOG Board select Project Consultants RebelGroup Americas, Inc to complete the Siting Analysis for the North State Hydrogen Fuel Station Network."

**Staff Summary:**

In March 2024 staff submitted an application to the Caltrans Rural Planning Assistance Discretionary Grant Program to complete a Siting Analysis for the North State Hydrogen Fuel Station Network. The purpose of the project is to identify a hydrogen fueling station network that interconnects the rural North State region to the Sacramento and San Francisco Bay Area metropolitan regions, with a particular focus on transit and commerce operations. In April 2024, a notification of the grant award was received in the amount of \$222,000.

Following grant award notification, staff developed and released a request for proposals (RFP) in February 2025 and received a total of four proposals (attached). Upon receiving the proposals a scoring committee was formed that included staff from the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) and the Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA), who evaluated the proposals based on the scoring criteria included in the RFP. The combined proposal scoring matrix is attached, and as shown in the matrix the recommended consultant to complete the work is RebelGroup Americas, Inc (Rebel). The scoring committee also noted that Rebel's proposal was complete, and that they possess a significant amount of relevant experience in hydrogen corridor analysis. Staff and the scoring committee recommend award of the professional services contract to Rebel.

A contract award recommendation was also brought to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, meeting. After discussion the TAC made a motion to recommend to the HCAOG Board the recommendation that the contract be awarded to Rebel.

If approved by the Board, staff would immediately proceed with final contracting/scope negotiations (if needed) and would look to execute a contract as soon as feasible. Based on the current project schedule, staff anticipate this project should be complete before the end of next year (2025-26).