



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ASCENT ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. TO DEVELOP A BROADBAND PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$276,000 FOR A TERM OF OCTOBER 12, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2022 AND AMENDING THE FY 2021-22 INFORMATION AND GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors in their January 2021 workshop made Broadband expansion and deployment an “A” level standalone board Objective; and

WHEREAS, the County has a staff level Broadband team working to achieve the Board’s stated broadband objective, making Nevada County attractive to potential broadband providers and competitive for the pending State and Federal broadband funding programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors previously designated \$250,000 of the PG&E settlement funds to a broadband environmental impact report objective; and

WHEREAS, the County received a grant from the California Emerging Technology Fund in the amount of \$50,000 for this project. \$25,000 of the grant was received in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and the remainder of the grant funds will be received in Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Countywide Programmatic EIR is to analyze the overall impacts and benefits from approving and permitting the construction and installation of ubiquitous high-speed Internet infrastructure throughout Nevada County so that each proposed broadband project can be evaluated in the context of the net contributions to advancing the official policy of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors.; and

WHEREAS, the adoption and certification of a Countywide Programmatic EIR by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors will provide a legal rebuttable presumption for broadband deployment project sponsors to potential prospective litigation objecting to their proposed projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby:

1. Approves the sole source approach for this project.
2. Approves the Contract between the County of Nevada and Ascent Environmental, Inc. pertaining to developing a broadband programmatic environmental impact report in the amount not to exceed \$276,000 for the term of October 12, 2021 through August 31, 2022.
3. Authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the contract with Ascent Environmental Inc.

4. Directs the Auditor-Controller to release \$251,000 from the Unassigned General Fund Fund Balance and amend the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget as follows:

Increase:

0101-11003-531-1000	462400	\$25,000
0101-11003-531-5000	521520	\$276,000