

**ACES**  
**(Alliance for**  
**Cooperative Energy**  
**Services)**  
**Consulting Services**

Prepared for the  
NBU Board of Trustees

February 26, 2026



# Board Action Requested

## Action Requested:

Board to approve the Professional Services Agreement for the Thermal Generation Consultant, ACES (Alliance for Cooperative Energy Services), to assist with the creation and evaluation of an RFP for thermal generation resources.

## Why:

As a result of the IRP (Integrated Resource Plan), we are seeking a consultant to assist us in creating and evaluating an RFP for Thermal Generation.

# Thermal Generation Consultant Scope



## SUMMARY OF SCOPE:

The consultant will assist the NBU Power Group in developing and managing a RFP process for thermal energy resources within ERCOT.

This includes drafting the RFP, evaluating responses across various contract types (such as Purchase Power Agreements (PPA's), tolling, self-build, and lease-to-own), and ensuring market and regulatory compliance.

The consultant will perform cost-benefit and risk analyses, provide strategic recommendations to guide selection decisions, and support contract negotiations to secure favorable terms for NBU.

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### Vision

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# Thermal Generation Consultant Project Plan

- **Recommended Vendor:** Alliance for Cooperative Energy Power Marketing LLC (“**ACES**”)
- **Project Cost:** ~\$250,000.00
  - Phase 1 & 2: ~\$171,275.00
  - Phase 3: ~\$75,000.00
- **Project Timeline:** 12-14 Months
  - Proposed Contract: 24 Months

## Project Summary:

Milestone	Forecasted Timeline
RFP Creation	90 Days
RFP Posted	30 Days
<b>PHASE 1</b>	<b>30 Days</b>
Evaluation and Shortlist #1	30 Days
<b>PHASE 2</b>	<b>90 Days</b>
Risk and Ranking Analysis	30 Days
Evaluation and Shortlist #2	30 Days
Final Report and Presentation	30 Days
<b>PHASE 3</b>	<b>150 Days</b>
Negotiation and Contract Execution	150 Days

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