



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO

Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority

Governing Board

RESOLUTION 4688
DIRECT NEGOTIATION ACCENTURE

WHEREAS: The Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) is a public corporation and an instrumentality of the Government of Puerto Rico created by Act 83 of May 2, 1941, as amended (Act 83). PREPA was created to provide electrical energy in a reliable way contributing to the general welfare and sustainable future of the people of Puerto Rico, maximizing benefits and minimizing social, environmental and economic impacts. In addition, PREPA provides a service based on affordable, fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory cost that is consistent with environmental protection, non-profit, focused on citizen participation and its clients.

WHEREAS: Act 83 authorizes PREPA to grant contracts and formalize all the instruments that are necessary or convenient in the exercise of any of its powers.

WHEREAS: Section 15(1) (a) of Act 83 states that all purchases made and contracts for supplies or services, except professional services, entered into by PREPA, including its capital construction contracts, shall be conducted through a bid process.

WHEREAS: According to Section 15 (2) (d) of Act 83, a competitive bidding process shall not be necessary, when professional or expert services or work are required and PREPA deems it in the best interests of good administration for such works or services to be contracted without such announcements.

WHEREAS: PREPA faces an unprecedented modernization process of its electrical grid. To achieve this modernization, PREPA must undertake a series of projects which require a digital transformation of PREPA's systems and processes.

WHEREAS: Mr. Hiram Medero Fernández, Administrator of PREPA's Strategy and Innovation Office, requests an authorization to make a direct negotiation with Accenture Puerto Rico, LLC, (Accenture), a global leader in the digital transformation of utilities, to formalize a professional services contract with the purpose of developing PREPA's digital transformation plan.



WHEREAS: Mr. Medero Fernández recommends a professional services contract with an estimated amount of \$6,350,000, for three years of service. The estimated amount of the expenses for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 is of \$500,000, and for the next two fiscal years the projection of the expenses is \$3,000,000 for 2019-2020 and \$2,850,000 for 2020-2021.

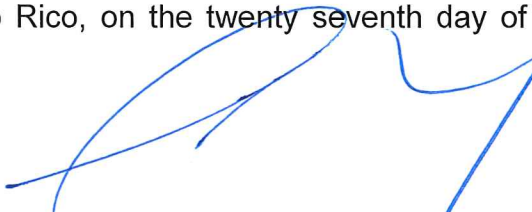
WHEREAS: On March 25, 2019, the Finance Directorate certified the availability of \$500,000 in the budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, for this contract.

WHEREAS: PREPA's General Counsel considered Mr. Medero Fernández memorandum and concluded that the technological services necessities for PREPA's digital transformation process, may be procured through a professional services contract without a competitive bid process, according to the faculty granted to PREPA by Section 15(2) (d) of Act 83.

THEREFORE: In accordance with Act 83, PREPA's Governing Board resolves to:

1. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Professional Services Contract with Accenture Puerto Rico, LLC, for a maximum amount of \$6,350,000, for three years of services, subject to the availability of funds for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.
2. The General Counsel will review the terms and conditions of the contract to ensure that they meet the legal requirements regarding government contracting.

Approved in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on the twenty seventh day of March, two thousand nineteen.



Eduardo Arosemena- Muñoz
Secretary of the Board