



## BayREN Energy Roadmapping Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **Q1. What is the process for applying to the Energy Roadmapping service?**

- A1. To begin, please review the eligibility requirements on the [BayREN website](#) and submit the brief application form. We will then determine your eligibility based on the information provided. If eligible, we'll arrange an initial call to discuss your relevant facilities and the necessary information for creating the roadmaps.

### **Q2. Is there a contract requirement for this service?**

- A2. No contract is required for this service and there is no cost to participate.<sup>1</sup>

### **Q3. What is the time commitment needed from participating local governments?**

- A3. 20 hours of local government staff time will be needed to engage with BayREN's roadmapping team during coordination calls, site visits, and data collection requests. Data requests include a building details collection form, utility billing data, and building site plans. The entire roadmapping process typically takes about 3-4 months to complete. For more information, please see the last page of the [BayREN Energy Roadmapping Program Summary](#) for an overview of applicant responsibilities.

### **Q4. What is the estimated timeline for completing the analysis?**

- A4. The roadmapping process will take approximately 3-4 months to complete. This estimate is largely dependent on how quickly we can obtain the documents and building energy data needed for the roadmap.

### **Q5. How in-depth is the engineering support?**

- A5. The engineering support provided will include an energy audit of up to 5 facilities. The audit will review building operations, equipment, and controls; inventory all equipment; inspect the lighting and building envelope; and record electrical panel and PG&E service capacity. If there is interest, a high-level analysis of potential solar and battery storage locations and sizing can also be conducted.

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<sup>1</sup> No cost to participate for Bay Area jurisdictions that receive electric and/or gas services from PG&E, including through a community choice aggregator.

Energy measure recommendations can cover energy efficiency, demand response, electric vehicle charging, solar and batteries, retrocommissioning, and electrification. Each measure will include estimated costs, energy savings, payback period, greenhouse gas savings, etc., and will be phased based on cost-effectiveness, the jurisdiction's energy and climate goals, availability of funding, etc.

The roadmaps will not cover system design, but projects selected for [BayREN's Decarb Showcase](#) can receive additional support.

**Q6. What are the conditions of the program requirement to implement “some of the recommended energy measures in the roadmap within the next three years”?**

- A6. BayREN understands that timelines and funding availability can vary among agencies. The expectation is that local governments will take concrete steps to implement at least a portion of the recommended energy measures within three years. While there is no specific requirement for a set number or percentage of measures to be implemented, BayREN would generally like to see at least one or more significant actions—such as energy efficiency upgrades, electrification, solar, battery storage, electrical panel upgrades or other energy improvements identified during the audit.

BayREN will check in with local government staff annually to understand how the roadmap implementation process is going and identify opportunities for additional BayREN support.

**Q7. Will changes to the federal government affect the program?**

- A7. We do not anticipate the current changes to the federal government affecting any of our services since BayREN programs are ratepayer-funded under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

**Q8. Does the program provide or identify project management support?**

- A8. A dedicated BayREN Project Manager will provide support throughout the roadmapping process. After the roadmap is delivered, BayREN will connect local governments with programs such as BayREN's Energy Concierge that can assist with identifying programs and funding for project implementation. The goal is to ensure that the roadmap leads to actionable outcomes and tangible progress.

**Q9. Does the program provide financing and incentive services?**

- A9. The Energy Roadmapping service does not include financing or incentives, but at the end of the roadmapping process, we can connect you to the Energy Concierge service if you'd like to find programs that can support the implementation of the recommended energy measures.

**Q10. Can I participate in this program and BayREN's Decarb Showcase program?**

- A10. If a specific building is chosen for the Decarb Showcase, it would not be able to receive roadmapping services since a building can only participate in one program.