



MEMO

To: GRTA Board of Directors

From: Executive Director Stogner

Date: June 20, 2022

Subject: **Agenda Item H.5** - Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of Professional Services Agreement with ARE Corp, Inc.

American Rail Engineers (“ARE”) is an experienced civil engineering company that provides project management and civil engineering services for railroad rehabilitation projects throughout the United States. Their CEO David Anderson brings over 20 years’ experience as NCRA, now GRTA’s, project manager and on-call engineer managing all aspects of railroad engineering, construction, and maintenance.

ARE has assisted GRTA to date in connection with its efforts to railbank the former North Coast Railroad Authority right of way from MP 139.5 to MP 300.5 and related branch lines.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute the attached professional services agreement to allow ARE to provide necessary additional services in support of GRTA’s railbanking efforts, on a time and materials basis.