

FINAL Meeting Summary

Conference Call

Review of Statements of Work for Proposals to the Council

June 30, 2011

9:00 – 11:30 am

Attendees:

Jack Bell, Larry Goldstein, Paul Shaffer, Barbara Harper, Jay McConnaughey, Joe Bartoszek, Brian Barry, Daniel Diedrich, Dan Landeen, John Carlton, Dale Engstrom

Summary:

The purpose of this conference call is to review each statement of work (SOW) approved for development at the HNRTC 6/21/11 meeting to assure it technically meets the needs of the Council and can be used by DOE's Procurement Division for further processing to secure a provider.

Jack reviewed the recent history of the need to commit funding to studies and actions in support of injury assessment for FY11. There is approximately \$1.77 million available for this activity. These funds need to be committed so that they are less vulnerable to being pulled off for other actions by DOE's response side.

It was determined that each SOW would be provided to designated contractors where possible for their funding estimate. The council would then take that information and determine priorities.

Action: Each Trustee Representative is encouraged to rank the proposals (SOWs) since there is a potential for more work than allocated funds and some proposal may have to be postponed.

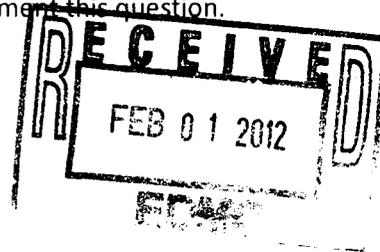
There was some discussion on lamprey and Chinook salmon as to if they were back on the table for consideration. At the close of this discussion no firm decision was made.

The sponsors of the various proposals/SOWs need to provide information that allows the reader to know what edition is being reviewed. It was suggested that a date and time be added as a header for future versions.

A question was raised - would another federal agency such as USGS, NOAA and USFWS be impartial when conducting work on Hanford that could lead to damages (monetary settlements). Would this be a conflict of interest to have another federal agency conduct injury assessment work at Hanford that could find DOE liable for damages under CERCLA?

Action: Conference call attendees requested that Connie Smith be asked to provide an opinion on this issue. Dana also asked that the trust organizations ask their legal staff the same question.

Action: Conference call attendees were concerned about the amount of time it will take to get a response back from providers when the SOWs are issued. Dana will ask Procurement this question.



Action: It was requested that when trust organizations send comments to the sponsors of the various SOWs that all other trustee Representatives be copied.

Biota Contamination Report

- Need to include GIS if available
- Latitude and longitude is important
- Data Sources and Data Quality should be addressed

Groundwater Plume Maps

- Reduce size of Purpose statement

PED

- There were some discussions on when a PED should be conducted
- DOE raised the concern on the PED covering the entire site and including all resources
- Concern was raised on having a loss of control by having the PED written by Ridolfi with pass through funds from the Yakama Nation
- An outline of the PED will be added to the SOW

Native Mussel Habitat

- Concern on length of study, 19 months may be too much
- Concern on high flows in the river affecting the ability to conduct the study. How long will it stay elevated?
- Action: Talk to the Corps of Engineers and subject matter experts (SMEs) to determine river flows in out months and make a decision on if to go or no go for mussel habitat work.

Effects of Hexavalent Chromium and Other Stressors on Native Mussels

- Some questions to Joe for clarification on SOW
- Some guidance may come from SME (Chris) to fine tune the SOW
- Much discussion of technical issues such as water chemistry and chemical interactions that may impact the mussels (lethargic mussel issue)
- Refinement needed for the deliverables such as meetings
- The revised SOW will be sent out when completed.