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Re: Guidance needed: Farallon NEPA contract quotes

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Fri, Sep 16, 2016 at 8:57 AM

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Hi Gerry,

Sorry I wasn't able to get back to you, but it sounds like a very reasonable choice.

On Fri, Sep 16, 2016 at 8:12 AM, McChesney, Gerry <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov> wrote:

Not sure this is so important anymore. The Contracting Officer has notified me that it would take a lot of justification to select Panorama, given the big difference in cost. Given that Gabrielle Feldman of Environmental Policy Solutions comes with extensive, very relevant experience, including having helped us write the DEIS for this project and the NEPA documents for two other FWS rodent eradication projects, I believe it will make for a much more seamless and efficient transition into working on the FEIS. That alone will save us a great deal of time and expense and likely lead to a better product.

I've discussed this with both John Isanhart and Anne, and we seem to be in agreement. If anyone has any other opinions on this, please let me know this morning. I need to get back to the CO with a selection today in order to obligate the contract before FBMS shuts down next week.

Thanks.

On Thu, Sep 15, 2016 at 10:25 AM, McChesney, Gerry <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Barbara, Anne and Chris,

Attached are the quotes for the Farallon NEPA contract. One is from Environmental Policy Solutions, where Gabrielle Feldman is now (Gabrielle worked on draft EIS for Island Conservation). The other is from Panorama Environmental, Inc.

Panorama has included Island Conservation as a subcontractor "...to provide feedback on technical topics and questions, and to assist with additional research on particular technical topics related to rodenticide use, should the need arise."

At first look at these, EPS appears to be more cost competitive than Panorama. But as part of the review, we could use some guidance on IC's inclusion on the Panorama quote. I've also attached the MOU the Service has with IC regarding information sharing and technical assistance regarding eradication projects.

I need to connect with the CO by tomorrow to make a selection. I have a call scheduled with John Isanhart (cc'ed here) at 3:30 today to discuss the quotes. If any of you would like to join that, you are welcome to. Please let me know so I can set up a conference line. Or we could talk separately if you have input. My schedule is pretty open today and tomorrow.

Thanks.

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Gerry

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