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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 10, 2018

To: Contracting and General Services, Region 8

From: Gerry McChesney, Farallon Islands NWR Manager

Subject: Request for Modification to F16PX02667 Environmental Policy Solutions

Please find attached associated files requesting a modification to F16PX02667 Environmental Policy Solutions for National Environmental Policy Act Services for South Farallon Islands House Mouse Eradication Environmental Impact Statement.

As this project has evolved, new tasks have been identified that are needed to complete the Environmental Impact Statement for the project. These additional tasks include consultation with the NOAA-National Marine Fisheries Service on Essential Fish Habitat, development of a contingency plan for a bait spill in the marine or terrestrial environment, development of a contingency plan for unexpected non-target impacts, application for a Level A take permit under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the need for additional meetings with the project Core Team and other agencies.

This project has also undergone substantial delays awaiting results of a critical study, underestimates in time needed to review and complete draft responses to public comments, and scheduling conflicts of Service staff. For those reasons and to complete the newly assigned tasks, an extension to the period of performance is necessary.