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Subject: You may want to consider this . . .

HQs has raised the prospect of providing up to $70k to R6 in support of Illinois River close-out work.

Having been briefed, Tom Wall is reported to be in favor of using the funds to support our hand-off of the models to AR, OK, and Cherokee Nation.

I think we could use the money to develop and provide hands on training for our partners in how to actually run the models. We would hire the Contractor(s), through the National Contract, and the States/Tribe would receive the training. This could be done in the Regional Office with all partners attending a single session; or, if resources were sufficient we could deliver the training in Arkansas and separately in Oklahoma (including the State agencies and the Cherokee Nation.)

Alternatively, we could use the contract resources to have our Contractor conduct model runs based on scenarios suggested by the States/Tribe.

HQs is looking for some sort of response from us as soon as we can give it, but I've explained we need to: (1) determine if this is something R6 Leadership wants to do; and, (2) determine if the States/Tribe are interested in receiving the assistance. It would be great if you could ask Anne and David whether either of these options is something they'd like us to pursue and to discuss in our upcoming meeting on the 24th and 25th.

Thanks,
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