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CC: Smith, Jennifer [Smith.Jennifer.L@epa.gov]
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Apologies for the confusion on this one.

Russ

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Sent: Thursday, July 7, 2022 8:49 AM
To: Duke, Clifford <CDuke@nas.edu>; Wassel, Ray <RWassel@nas.edu>; Walker, Russell <RWalker@nas.edu>
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Ok, please get back to me on this PWS when you get a chance.

Russ, if those are the official clarification request to that solicitation do you want to send them to Andie? Please let me know.

Thanks

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Jorge,

Yes, our comments are in reference to 68HERC22R0228 (BASE)

Cliff

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Russ, Cliff and Ray,

It was brought to my attention that the comments you provided do not seem to correspond to the PWS that the Task Order listed above belongs with. I have attached it again to this email. Is it possible that you referenced a different award?

Please get back to me.

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Russ,

My responses to Jorge's questions/comments are shown in blue.

--Ray

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  Response: 90 days would be more feasible than 60 days and consistent with the number of days specified in the previous PWS for this kind of activity.

- *Subtask 1.4 says* "This meeting is expected to be conducted virtually via webinar." The word "expected" indicates a final decision has not yet been made as to whether the meeting would be virtual or in-person. I can ask but my feeling is that the reference is due to COVID (Probably) I'll ask if their preference has changed. Was your estimates based on "IN PERSON" meetings? In the past, we were expected to arrange for and cover the travel costs of experts to attend an in-person meeting. We need clarification on whether our cost estimate should include travel costs. Did you not include travel costs with your last submittal?

  Response: Our previous submittal included travel costs (transportation, lodging, and logistical support) in case the experts were to participate in person. However, it seems that ORD folks have developed a firm preference to hold these kinds of meetings entirely via the Internet.

- *Subtask 1.5 Comment Compilation* Does the wording mean that we should provide EPA with any slides or visuals that the experts show at the meeting? I'll ask about this Or, does the wording mean that we should provide written summaries of the input each expert provided orally at the meeting? Need clarification.

  Response: Previously, Academies staff suggested to the invited experts that they prepare a slide or two to summarize their key remarks and the slides were to be submitted to EPA, but slides were not required. We did not ask the experts to prepare any written submittals in addition to their visual aids. And Academies staff did not prepare any written summaries of the input provided by the experts.

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    Response: If the chart is expected to be generic (without delivery dates), perhaps it can be characterized as a template.

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Cliff, Ray,

See questions in from Jorge Rangel in red below. Please reply to all. Thanks.

Russ

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Russ,

I'll reach out to the folks here to get you clarifications. If you can address my thoughts before I send them forward it would help[a bit. See my comments in RED below.

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Hi Jorge,

Our tech folks have some questions/issues – pasted below. Let me know if we need to set up a meeting.

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Hi Russ,

Thanks for taking the time to chat this morning. Much appreciated.

I've attached the PWS we discussed. Most of the comments you had inserted have been resolved (accepted). The few that remain from EPA request a detailed timeline for the performance of the required work and the corresponding costs for each step of the timeline. Once we get that information from you we can address the current end date of the task order and work on issuing a follow-on award for completion of any remaining work.

Let us know if you have any questions.

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