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Subject: RE: Honolulu finanical review

CLIN 003 of the contract is written broadly enough that it shouldn't be a problem to write a task (see below). Ben Porter is a subcontractor to Milligan.

CLIN 0003 C. 3 Special New Starts Assignments
The contractor may be asked to provide assistance on special assignments in connection with the FCA program. This may include, but is not limited to, procedural guidance to the grantees, development of informational materials related to the FCA process, updating FCA tools and guidance, program summary reports, etc.

From: Ryan, James <FTA>
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So we're reasonably sure that we'll be able to write a task that is consistent with the scope of work and this question doesn't represent a large uncertainty?

And finally, Ben Porter apparently has done the previous financial reviews. Is he part of the Milligan contract?

Thanks.

From: Day, Elizabeth <FTA>
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We already know how long a review takes -- 30 days. When Tonya returns we can determine how the task must be written to meet the contract scope of work terms. Issuance of the task takes very little time – it is simply writing a memo, signing, and sending it.

From: Ryan, James <FTA>
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I recounted Region IX's internal debate on whether we should first examine the chicken, or the egg, or both. Last night, we got an initial report from BA on the revised costs; the report characterizes them as "reasonable for this stage of project development." So, we'll see today what the region makes of this finding and what, if anything, is still to be determined on the cost estimate.

Meanwhile, on the assumption that a financial review is needed before we can come to conclusion on the PE request, can we get to (1) a determination that we'll indeed be able to use the FCA contract, (2) if so, when an estimate of when the review might get underway and produce a conclusion, and (3) if not, what can we do instead?

Thanks.

From: Day, Elizabeth <FTA>
Sent: Fri 5/15/2009 8:21 AM
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I thought what you last told me is that the team wants to ask Honolulu to give updated cap cost info based on the new alignment, have the PMOC update the risk assessment, and then we would do the financial review. Has it changed again? I do not want to pay for a third financial review prior to PE, only to then have to do a fourth one later.

Brian is in charge of the financial contracts. He will need to work with Tonya (who has been out sick this week) to see if we can assign a task under the FCA contract with Milligan for a PE approval since our regular contracts for PE approval assessments have expired.

From: Ryan, James <FTA>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 8:15 AM
To: Day, Elizabeth <FTA>
Subject: Honolulu finanical review

We're having an FTA-only "roadmap" conference call this afternoon and I'll need to say something about the financial review. Are we making progress towards getting Ben Porter assigned to the review? Have any milestone dates or guesses at dates? Should I be coordinating with someone else in TPE who is assigned the task of getting the review underway?

Thanks.