

NRSP-RC August 25, 2021, 8 am CT: Call NOTES

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Call Participants: Mark McGuire, Bret Hess, Matt Wilson, Doug Buhler, Shirley Hymon-Parker, Steve Lommel, Don Latham, Tom Bewick, Jeff Jacobsen (recorder; Chris Hamilton on vacation)

Call Notes:

- General recap of Agenda (to discuss NRSP8's submitted transition plan, as requested from the 6/2/2021 NRSP-RC call), recent history of NRSP8 communications and responses, and final outcomes of the NRSP RC review of NRSP8 midterm activities.
- NRSP8 shows effective use of funds in the broadest sense, would have liked to see more information and confirmation on trajectory of future budgets with a renewal (if), working towards a future transition and significant reduction in budget.
- Productivity spectacular, unsure of new or old guidelines applicable (NOTE: existing NRSPs use the old guidelines, grandfathered in), anticipate in the future budget reductions, unsure of NRSP8 members understanding the original NRSP RC messages and the trajectory with any renewal considerations, rules have changed.
- Understood that the NRSP RC request was to have a Transition Plan, did not receive a plan just several approaches for alternative funding that are currently active, need to send a message of our concerns and be clear on expectations with any renewal.
- Multiple members expressed the disappointment with the lack of details and a true transition plan given the prominence of the scientist participants, unfair to reduce funds at this time, send a clear message on any future applications.
- If a renewal project is submitted, the new proposal must have budgets that reflect the results of the reduction in off-the-top funding transition plan efforts that NRSP8 has activated in years 3-5. The renewal budgets must be significantly reduced in year 1 and in all subsequent years of the project.

Actions:

- Motion made to approve the two final years of funding as requested and send a strong letter to the NRSP leads and AAs. Matt and Mark seconded motion with unanimous approval from call attendees.
- Jeff will prepare a DRAFT memo for Doug to review, then it would be sent to all NRSP RC members for feedback.

Call adjourned at 9:24 am EDT.