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Re: Piedmont Wetlands Research Program Request for
Proposal #01 (Wetland Hydrology Monitoring)
Proposal Review and Award
WSSI # 25000.01E

Dear Mr. Stouffer, Ms. Henicheck and Ms. Smith:

The following two proposals were received by Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. (WSSI) from the above-reference request for proposals (RFP):

- 1) An Autonomous Data Collection and Integrity System for Wetland Monitoring – Preliminary Design Study. Anton Riedl, Rob Atkinson and Brian Lamprecht – Christopher Newport University (CNU). Cost \$29,967
- 2) Wetland Hydrology Studies. W. Lee Daniels, John Galbraith and Naraine Persaud – Virginia Tech (VT). Cost \$244,500

As stated in Section V(B). (Proposal Review Process) of the RFP the next step would be for WSSI to solicit peer review participants and subsequently convene a peer review panel. Due

to the limited number of proposals received we recommend foregoing the peer review process¹ and proceed with making a recommendation.

The wetland hydrology monitoring proposals represent two different, independent projects. The proposal by VT directly addresses the research topic and RFP scope of work. The proposal by CNU, although not directly addressing the RFP scope of work, it does address the research topic and subsequently would provide complimentary information. Therefore, based on the research proposed and level of costs, WSSI recommends awarding funds to both proposers.

We have enclosed a copy of each proposal and the respective Piedmont Wetlands Research Program Solicitation Offer and Award form, which needs to be signed by the Mitigation Bank Review Team (MBRT) Chair (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers). The MBRT Chair has ten (10) days to take the following actions (Section V(E)):

- (i) concur with the RFP Award Recommendation;
- (ii) select an alternative proposal;
- (iii) reject all proposals.

If the MBRT concurs with the award recommendation, The MBRT Chair shall provide one (1) signed original "Solicitation Offer and Award" form for each proposal confirming its decision to WSSI.

Please contact us at 703-679-5602 or mrolband@wetlandstudies.com if have any questions. We look forward to launching the Piedmont Wetlands Research Program and engaging the proposers to address the wetland hydrology monitoring research topic.

Sincerely,

WETLAND STUDIES AND SOLUTIONS, INC.



Michael S. Rolband, PE, PWS, PWD
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Enclosures

¹ If the MBRT desires to proceed with a peer review process, WSSI will make arrangements to fulfill this task.