

Responses to Questions asked at Roundtable Meeting 4/30/97

1. Does 3% overhead cap apply to applicants or just to entity administering program?

Response: Attorney Generals' Office researching

2. How long after funding decisions will funds be available?

Response: Funds will become available once a contract is in place. It is anticipated that contracts can be prepared by fall of 1997 but this may take longer depending on workload and complexity of some agreements.

3. What will be the payment provisions?

Response: Payment will be in arrears and for completion of a task in many agreements. However, this will be detailed in each agreement of each project and will vary depending on type of project. There will be a 10% withhold until the project is complete.

4. Can the applicant begin work prior to the executed contract, at their own risk?

Response: No. Payment is not authorized for any work done prior to the execution of the contract.

5. When do proposals become public?

Response: Proposals become public at the time the funding decision is announced. There is no provision in state law for information, such as trade secrets, to be kept confidential, with the exception of licensed software. Anything that is covered by the Public Records Act is public information.

6. How can O&M funding be provided?

Response: The Attorney Generals' Office is researching if state bond funds can be used for a one-time endowment for O&M. However, even if state funds cannot be used for O&M it is expected that stakeholder contributions can be used for O&M.

7. What restrictions apply to Ecosystem Roundtable, CALFED Bay-Delta Program staff, and other CALFED agency staff regarding discussion of the RFP and answering questions for applicants?

Response: Response to questions about the RFP should be restricted to one or two people to minimize the variation in answers to questions and to avoid incorrect information being provided. Therefore, certain CALFED staff will be designated to answer questions. It is inevitable that other agency staff and stakeholders will discuss the RFP with potential applicants.

The RFP will include some type of statement that says that only CALFED staff are designated to answer questions and that information provided in other forums is not official.

**RFP comments provided at Roundtable meeting that still need to be made**

- Add reference to previous Category III projects.
- Clarify for phased projects that additional funding contingent on availability of funds and evidence of suitable progress. Also provide information on how many years applicants can request funding for