

> In early September I had sent you an updated proposal for importing Reclamation data into the USGS NWIS database. I just wanted to ensure that you had what you needed relative to your contracting deadlines, should you decide to pursue that work. I know that you are expecting a couple of other proposals from us in the near future, and I just wanted to make sure that you didn't need anything else related to the "NWIS Import" proposal.

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> Regards, and thanks,

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> -Stewart Rounds
> USGS

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> On 9/7/2012 7:28 AM, Carlson, Rick A wrote:

>> Hi Stewart:

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>> Thanks for getting this to me on short notice. This is very helpful for our ongoing budget preparations.

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>> Rick

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Stewart Rounds [mailto:sarounds@usgs.gov]

>> Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2012 3:34 PM

>> To: Carlson, Rick A

>> Cc: Rounds, Stewart A.; Rinella, Joseph F.; Crammond, James D.

>> Subject: NWIS data import proposal

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>> Hi, Rick.

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>> Sorry for the delay. I figured that it would be best if I could just get you the whole proposal, rather than shoot over just a budget estimate for the first year. Attached please find a full proposal for importing Reclamation time-series water-quality datasets and discrete water-sample datasets into the USGS database. The proposal also includes the creation of a map-based user interface to access and explore the combined USGS and Reclamation datasets, which will certainly improve everyone's ability to use and get the most out of the data. I kept the proposal in a Word format for you, as I know you like to be able to easily cut and paste portions out of these proposals for contracting purposes.

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>> Recall that this proposal is a modification of an earlier proposal. In this version, you asked USGS to do all of the working, checking, and reviewing of the time-series records (part 1 of the proposal), rather than having Reclamation staff to the lion's share of that work. As a result, the costs for part 1 have increased, and the total cost of the proposal approximately doubled. Spread over four years, however, we hope that the costs are still manageable.

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>> Note also that it is difficult to know with certainty all of the problems that we might encounter in this effort, and therefore difficult to project the costs for all aspects of this project. It is entirely possible that costs could decrease if we determine that some fraction of the available data just don't meet the quality assurance criteria and cannot be imported into our database, or if we end up being more efficient in our data processing than we projected. On the other hand, it also is possible that we'll be dealing with some datasets that are of sufficient quality to import, but that require more time than we budgeted to clean up and finalize. Either way, I think the budget projections for the first half of the project are more certain than the projections for the later years. We'll need to be flexible and keep you informed as to how things are going, just in case the budget needs to be adjusted up or down.