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Economic Analysis for EM and Observers RFP Questions & Answers 11/15/21

- 1) *Can you estimate a percentage of the total effort dedicated to the implementation plan (from NMFS, Other Agency Staff, and the contractor) that the contractor will be asked to provide? It is difficult to assess the cost for this component without knowing the expectations.*

A: Work on the implementation plan would be needed to the extent that we would include implementation plan information in the Analysis. The implementation plan will discuss implementation of the trawl EM program in coordination with existing monitoring under the Annual Deployment Plan to maximize consistency and cost efficiency. This will include discussion on NMFS staff and budget resources, recommended outreach efforts, etc. An estimate of the percentage of time needed is difficult, a rough estimate of up to 20% of time to be spent on implementation aspects in the RIR/IRFA and the creation of a stand-alone implementation document.

- 2) *Similarly, how much of the total effort dedicated to the development of the proposed and final rule (from NMFS, Other Agency Staff, and the contractor) will the contractor be asked to provide?*

A: The regulation writing will be accomplished through Agency staff, and we do not expect more involvement than is typical during the rule making phase. The analyst should be available to address any edits necessary in the RIR/IRFA document to complete a secretarial review draft. Analysts would need to be available to Agency staff to answer questions that come up in rule making. Maybe 5% of overall work.

- 3) *Will the EA and RIR/IRFA be completed concurrently as an integrated assessment of the proposed alternatives? Or is it planned that the RIR/IRFA will use the EA as a primary information source?*

We expect that the RIR/IRFA will be done concurrently and expect this will be the primary workload (75%)

Rough estimate

RIR - 75%

Implementation Plan - 20%

Regulations - 5%