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SCIENCE PANEL CONFERENCE CALL MEETING SUMMARY

Date: Monday, November 3, 2008

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Science Panel Members On Call:

Joel Baker
Guy Gelfenbaum
Jan Newton
Tim Quinn
Frank Shipley
John Stark
Katharine “Trina” Wellman

Staff on Call:

Scott Redman
Tammy Owings
Cullen Stephenson
Jim Cahill

Others on Call:

Karen Dinicola

Call opened at 2:00 p.m. by Science Panel Chair Joel Baker.

During this call the Science Panel discussed:

- Schedule and public comment
- Review of changes made to the draft Biennial Science Work Plan since the October 24 Conference Call
- Agree on process to get to a Draft Biennial Science Work Plan to be posted for public review on November 6
- Science Panel portion of the PSP Budget Request Proposal

Schedule

Joel Baker explained that the schedule for release of the draft Biennial Science Work Plan (BSWP) is linked to the release of the draft Action Agenda and the public comment period for this document lines up with Action Agenda comment period. The public comment period for both the Action Agenda and BSWP will end on November 20. The Leadership Council is scheduled to adopt the BSWP at its November 21 meeting.

With this timeframe, Joel's thought is that the Science Panel doesn't have time to gather, review, and make changes to the document from public comments received on the 20th. He is recommending the Science Panel accumulate the comments, categorize and use the comments that are available by the November 18-19 Science Panel meeting but won't do anything else until after the 21st. The Panel discussed this recommendation and decided to not change the BSWP through comments received but to incorporate comments into the Strategic Science Plan when possible and use comments in development of the next version of the BSWP. The Panel could also make procedural changes to the BSWP during the next two years. It was suggested to include a statement in the BSWP that the Plan may be revised throughout the biennium if necessary.

Science Capacity in the PSP Budget Request:

Jim Cahill joined the call to request the Science Panel members identify budget needs for including in the budget proposal, which is due to the Office of Financial Management (OFM). The Panel was concerned that there is not enough time for them to gather the information Jim needs. Jim explained that the Partnership is asking for 10 staff (regional liaisons and technical support). After discussion, Jim will provide the Panel with the current PSP budget request. The Panel will spend time on the Friday Conference Call to have the budget discussion.

Biennial Science Work Plan:

Joel asked for comments on the overall outline of the BSWP. The Panel talked through additional changes, additions, and modifications to the current draft. Some Panel members had additional wordsmithing comments that they will send to Scott Redman. Scott will revise the BSWP and get the next version out to the Panel for review by the end of the day on Tuesday, November 4. A subcommittee of Scott, Joel, Jan Newton, Mary Ruckelshaus, and Tammy Owings will review changes on Wednesday morning. Any final changes will be made and the document given over to the editor for release on November 6 along with the Action Agenda.

Scott will provide Panel members with a copy of the draft science section in the Action Agenda to review and make sure the two documents are coordinated.

Conference Call adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Next call is scheduled for November 7, 2008, 11:00 a.m.