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Hi Christian,

Please see Vicki's responses to your questions from yesterday. Let me know if this makes sense.

Thanks!

Erica

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**From:** Vicki Johnson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2013 9:25 AM  
**To:** Erica Brown; Patty H Larimore  
**Cc:** Jay Smith  
**Subject:** RE: Updated RFP & Questions

Patty – please correct me where I am wrong, but this is what I think on the other questions:

We can use Christian as a Subject Matter Expert much as we suggested using John. Both could speak to the Evaluation Panel prior to the distribution and review of the proposals to give insight on the project. Then, as the evaluation panel continues their review, Patty could use Christian and/or John to assist the panel if they had any questions. It is my understanding that the evaluators would not be able to talk with Christian/John directly, Patty would have to be the intermediary.

On compressing the process, the reason for the timing for questions is related to the fact that the potential Offerors have the statutory ability to protest not only the results of a procurement (protesting the award) but also the initial wording/documents (protesting the specifications). They have a fixed period of time in which to do that; however, we have to give them that time period after the initial posting and after the posting of any amendment (which is the answering of the questions). Even though protests are unlikely, the process includes that timing because it is a statutory right. All that being said, if we can answer the questions quicker, then we can post sooner and start that last clock running sooner.

I hope that helps.

Vicki

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