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Greg,

Please see question and answer below that came up from the WIP meetings with the Chairman on the FY 2014 Budget Request. NRR is aware that they have the lead, working with ADM, to prepare the waiver mentioned below. To the extent possible, NRR should work to have the letter from NEI indicating they support the RIC (as the Chairman requested) included with the waiver. ADM, OGC, OCFO, and OEDO should be on concurrence. We should have it to the Chairman by the end of June. Susan Abraham and Hong Le were just in a related budget meeting, and are familiar with this – you may want to run the ticket by them before asking the mailroom to issue.

Question from WIP Meeting:

Provide by what date the Chairman's waiver for the RIC needs to be in place prior to issuing a modification to the contract.

Response:

The Chairman's waiver for the 2013 RIC needs to be in place by July 31, 2012, prior to exercising an upcoming contract option. Two contracts support the RIC: one provides conference space at the North Bethesda Marriott and the other provides conference support related to the event website, registration, badging, and audiovisual services. Two days prior to the issuance of OMB memo M-12-12, "Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations," the agency exercised the final option year for conference space. The exercise of the next option year for conference support is scheduled for August 15, 2012. ADM recommends that the Chairman provide a waiver for the 2013 RIC from the policy prohibiting expenses in excess of \$500,000 by July 31, 2012.

Thanks,

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