1. How many people are on the proposal review committee and what are their general areas of expertise?

   Up to nine reviewers.

2. Similarly, has the Project Steering Committee been selected and can you provide names and/or affiliations of the members? If they have not been selected yet, can you list the types of experts who might serve on this committee?

   - Mark Buettner, Environmental Scientist, Klamath Tribes
   - Clayton Creager, Watershed Stewardship Coordinator, Calif North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
   - Mike Hiatt (Invited), Oregon DEQ, Klamath Basin TMDL Coordinator
   - Josh Rasmussen, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Fish Biologist
   - Evan Childress, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Sucker Program Supervisor
   - Dan Blake, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Project Leader, Klamath Falls FW O
   - Matt Baun, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Klamath Basin Coordinator

3. Task 2 mentions sharing preliminary results “throughout the course of the study at regular intervals.” Are these separate from the Steering Committee Meeting Summaries mentioned as a deliverable for Task 1?

   Yes, these are different. Task 1 is simply meeting summaries of conference calls and meetings between contractor and steering committee. Task 2 is about providing updates on pilot project aspect of this study. As clarified below, pilot study should encompass field seasons in both the summer of 2019 (whatever remains) and summer of 2020. The intent of this task is for the contractor to provide data to the steering committee that may help inform and improve the adaptive management approach to ongoing water quality projects occurring in the Upper Klamath Basin.

4. Task 4 includes identification of possible alternative methods for harvesting algae, but given the schedule for this project, this task would occur after or concurrent with the Task 2 pilot effort. Is it the expectation that the pilot study focuses on current harvesting technologies employed on the lake and a comparison of those technologies rather than alternative or novel methods that may be identified in Task 4?

   Yes, it is expected that the pilot study will likely rely on current technologies. This is not required, but given the nature of the effort and the timeline, we recognize that it is unlikely that entirely new technologies will be developed and deployed under this RFP. The intent of this task is to ensure that multiple technologies are identified and assessed (if only on paper) to ensure that any future efforts are as
effective as possible. At this stage it is important to keep options open as much as possible to avoid limiting the project unnecessarily.

5. Task 5 includes an evaluation of the options for using the harvested algal biomass to help offset the cost of the remediation. Is there an expectation to conduct a market analysis to determine the demand and potential commercial value of each algae based product?

There is an expectation that a market analysis will be conducted to determine the demand and potential commercial value of the harvested algae as a whole. Opportunity to clarify the details and specific needs of such an analysis will occur through coordination with the Steering Committee. The intent of this task is to understand possible funding offsets that will support evaluation of the feasibility of scaling up to a larger effort.

6. The AFA bloom on Upper Klamath Lake is occurring now, but the contract period is targeted for August 2019 – April 2020. While there is often a late summer AFA bloom, it is typically much smaller with a shorter peak. The pilot study will likely produce results that underestimate the potential efficacy of the biomass removal techniques. Would an extension of the period of performance for the pilot study into summer 2020 be accepted?

It is expected that the pilot study portion of this project should be carried out both in the summer of 2019 (whatever remains) and throughout the summer of 2020. The period of performance has been adjusted. The contract end date is 31 October 2020, with a final report due by 31 December 2020.

7. In relation to the questions above, the contract period of performance ends on 1 April 2020, but the final report is due 31 December 2020. Which of these dates are correct? What is the contract end date?

Contract end date is 31 October 2020.

8. What is the approximate budget range or maximum? The available budget will have a significant influence on the design, scale, and duration of the pilot study.

The budget for this award will not be disclosed during the RFP grant submission process.