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Subject: March 21, 2018 Steering Committee Call - Cancelled

Council members:

After consulting with the Chair and State Co-Chair, the March 21, 2018 Steering Committee call has been cancelled since there are no topics that warrant holding a call. Below are several topics for your action and/or information.

Proposed Topics for the April Face to Face:

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- Collaboration In Practice - Path to the next FPL
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- Progress on the Initial FPL - Members sharing current efforts under funded grants and IAAs
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- New Grants System Update - Staff will provide update on efforts to replace RAAMS
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- FPL Funding-Related Issues

Needed Action: Poll for Additional Face to Face Meeting Dates in 2018:

One item that does require your attention is participating in this **new poll** to indicate your availability for **additional potential dates** for in-person Steering Committee meetings through the end of the year. The previous poll had mixed results, so providing your availability in this new poll will help Council staff find the best dates for most. The link to the new poll is: <https://doodle.com/poll/hd6q4iwwc7cehhfa>. As a reminder, Council staff request **ONE** response per member which includes availability for the primary and/or secondary Steering Committee members (indicating availability reflects that one or both are available to participate at that time).

SEP Reminder:

As a reminder, the Gulf Consortium has submitted its Stand-Up SEP (attached) for Chair approval. Members have until March 21, 2018 to submit comments to the Chair for consideration. Such comments should be limited to the completeness of the Stand-Up SEP and the four criteria described in Sections 4.1 and 4.2.2 of the SEP Guidelines. Please provide any comments you might have to John Ettinger at

john.ettlinger@restorethegulf.gov. If you have any questions regarding the Stand-Up SEP, please contact John at (**Ex. 6**)

CPS Update:

To date, one Member has submitted an application for CPS funding in RAAMS, and another Member has requested a pre-submission application review. At least three other members have begun entering their applications into RAAMS. Please keep the April 30, 2018 deadline for submitting CPS applications in RAAMS in mind. If you have any questions regarding CPS processes, applications or guidance documentation, templates and examples, please contact Jean Cowan at jean.cowan@restorethegulf.gov or Kristin Smith at kristin.smith@restorethegulf.gov.

RAAMS Update:

The RAAMS replacement Task Force has continued its investigation of alternative grant management systems and members of the Task Force recently met with different system owners in DC. The Task Force will provide an update on the progress thus far during the next Steering Committee call.

Our next Steering Committee call is scheduled for April 4th. We look forward to speaking with you then.

Thank you.

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