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Gulf Coast Consortium Directors, Alternates and Mr. Phil Coram, Florida Department of Environmental Protection:

Hope everyone had a good Labor Day. At our August meeting it was decided that recommendations on the Draft Scope of Services be sent to Sarah Bleakley, Interim General Counsel, by September 6, 2013. In order to assemble all comments in an orderly fashion, please use the attached Word Document with Track Changes feature and submit by COB September 6, 2013 to:

sbleakley@ngn-tally.com

Our Interim General Counsel advises the following:

State law prohibits the awarding of a contract to a vendor who has gained an unfair competitive advantage by participating in the drafting of a solicitation. See section 287.057(17)(c), Florida Statutes. The Consortium may or may not be bound by this statute, as no rules addressing the issue or any other issue have been promulgated by either the United States Department of the Treasury or the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council. In an abundance of caution, we should follow the public policy expressed in that statute. Consequently, we do not want to receive comments from vendors or their representatives who may wish to submit a response to the Consortium's solicitation of services, as the person and the firm they represent would be disqualified from being awarded a contract.

Her phone number is (850) 224-4070 if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Doug Darling