



**Independent Scientific
Review (CISRERP*):
Consultation with Task
Force Regarding
Extension of the
Intergovernmental
Agreement**

Task Force Consultation Conference Call

May 20, 2009

*** Committee on Independent Scientific Review of Everglades Restoration Progress**

Presentation Purpose

- To complete Task Force Consultation requirements posed in the Programmatic Regulations for extending the 5-year COE/DOI/SFWMD* intergovernmental agreement for the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to perform independent scientific reviews of Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP)

* Corps of Engineers (COE); Department of Interior (DOI); South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)

WRDA 2000

- Congressionally mandated study of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) under the WRDA 2000.
 - ❖ “The Secretary, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Governor, in consultation with the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, shall establish an independent scientific review panel convened by a body, such as the National Academy of Sciences, to review the Plan’s progress toward achieving the natural system restoration goals of the Plan.”
 - ❖ “The panel ... shall produce a biennial report to Congress...that includes an assessment of ecological indicators and other measures of progress in restoring the ecology of the natural system, based on the Plan.”
- Study funded under a 5-yr contract with the Corps, with funding support from DOI and SFWMD

Programmatic Regulations

- Section 385.22(a)(11):
The Secretary on the Army, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Governor shall consult with the South Florida Ecosystem Task Force in their decision to exercise each five-year option to extend the agreement with the National Academy of Sciences. ...

Current Agreements, Contracts, and Completed Products

- First 5-Year COE/DOI/SFWMD Agreement executed on 6/14/04
- First 5-Year COE/NAS contract administered on 6/17/04
- CISRERP has produced two biennial reports: 2006 and 2008
- CISRERP is currently proceeding with its review process to produce a 2010 biennial report

Budgets

<u>Current (2004-2009)</u>		<u>Proposed (2009-2014)</u>	
2004-2005	\$ 420,635	2009-2010	\$ 493,000
2005-2006	444,466	2010-2011	477,500
2006-2007	436,952	2011-2012	517,001
2007-2008	457,796	2012-2013	502,000
<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>454,262</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>543,000</u>
SUM	\$2,214,111	SUM	\$2,532,501

- 50/50 Cost-Share (25% COE, 25% DOI, 50% SFWMD)

Questions?