

Tech Track Work Group – Facilitation Services Options & Recommendation

Background

TTWG facilitation was discussed at the June Task Force meeting, with a recommendation to fund Lisa Dally-Wilson to continue as technical facilitator for the TTWG work group. Concerns about transparency and potential conflict of interest perception was raised. Several options were discussed regarding a path forward but nothing was decided.

Follow Up Activities since June meeting

Washington State Department of Ecology staff did some additional research on this topic with an Ecology contracts ethics specialist and discussed several different potential options. From this discussion two seemed viable:

- Status Quo. Lisa Dally Wilson is paid by the SRSP, does not receive public funds, and continues to do the work as she is currently doing.
- Abstain. Lisa Dally Wilson participates as a contractor to SRRTTF or SRSP

Additionally, White Bluffs Consulting has conducted individual interviews with representatives of nearly all of the organizations represented on the Task Force. We still have additional interviews to conduct but the findings regarding how to move forward was overwhelming support for having Lisa continue in this work in the most acceptable manner.

Recommendations

Approve the status quo option described above, having Lisa Dally Wilson continue as Technical Facilitator for the TTWG, with her time funded by the SRSP. This recommendation assumes, of course, that the SRSP would continue to cover these costs.