

Responses to FY2020 FFPr Merit-Based NOFO Questions

Questions received Aug 5-6, 2020

1. *Q: Can USDA please specify the requirements for submitting revised Performance Indicators? Is it permissible to show the incremental impact against our existing final targets or do we need to submit a table with revised annual targets pre-award?*

A: If adding additional time to the award, the applicant will need to provide annual targets for the extension period. If there are no additional proposed targets during the extension, then zeros can be used and incremental change toward the Life of Project target must be indicated. Applicants must indicate what, if any, changes are being proposed to all current indicators.

2. *Under the C. Eligibility Information, it says that the recipients must have “completed monetization”. Can you please specify when monetization is “completed”? Does this mean that the sales agreement(s) have been signed for all budgeted commodity tonnage, that USDA has purchased and loaded the commodity (i.e. it is “on the water”), or that the commodity must have been delivered to the buyer?*

A: Monetization is considered complete once the agreement holder has been fully paid for the transaction, the commodities have been delivered and are in the possession of the buyer.