

REPORT OF THE RFQ WORK GROUP

The RFQ Work Group met on July 13, 2009, at the San Antonio River Authority to discuss the proposals for serving as the HCP contractor for the EARIP. The four proposals discussed are posted on the EARIP website at <http://earip.tamu.edu/RFP.aspx> . Work Group members Mike Gonzales, Kerim Jacaman, Rick Illgner, Nathan Pence, Todd Votteler, Tyson Broad, and Patrick Shriver were present at the meeting. Thus, all quorum requirements were satisfied. Robert Gulley, Carol Patterson, Con Mims, Annalisa Peace, and Micaela Walker also attended the meeting.

After extensive discussion, it was apparent that consensus regarding the ranking of the proposals could not be reached at the meeting. To assist the Work Group in trying to reach consensus, the Program Manager was directed to request each candidate to answer specific questions by close of business on July 21. The questions posed to the four candidates and their responses are posted on the EARIP website at <http://earip.tamu.edu/RFP.aspx> .

The RFQ Work Group met on August 7, 2009, at the San Antonio River Authority to prepare its recommendation to the Steering Committee/EARIP. Work Group members Mike Gonzales, Rick Illgner, Nathan Pence, Todd Votteler, Tyson Broad and Patrick Shriver were present at the meeting. Kerim Jaciman was not present at the meeting. Nonetheless, quorum requirements were satisfied. Robert Gulley, Con Mims, Annalisa Peace, Steve Bereyso, Jason Nanos, and Micaela Walker also attended the meeting.

The Work Group was not able to reach consensus, nor were they able to satisfy the voting requirements in the EARIP Program Operational Rules (sec. 8.5 & sec. 8.11). At the Steering Committee meeting of August 13, 2009, the Work Group will present the pros and cons of each proposal for consideration of the EARIP Steering Committee, as well as discuss the attempts to reach a decision by the Work Group.