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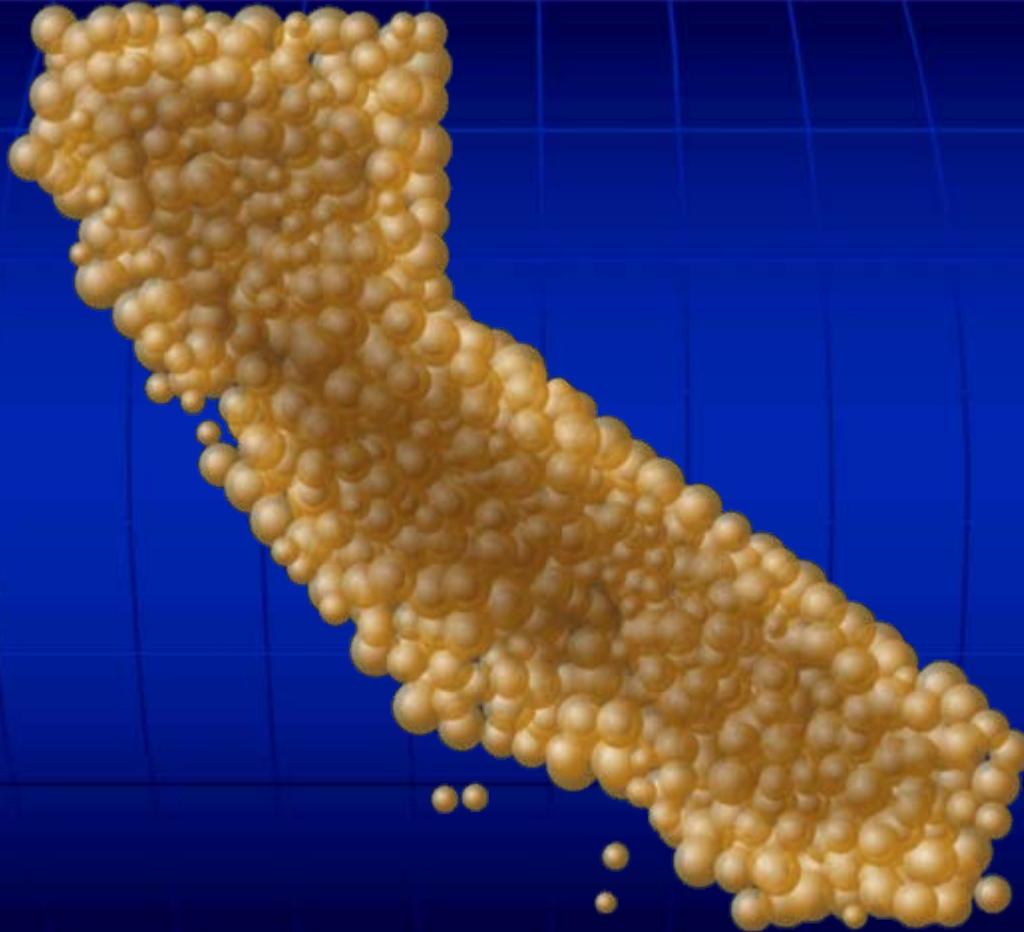
The Need for a System

I. Pre-review

- RFA development, ICOC concept approval and posting

- Receipt of Letters Of Intent and applications

II. Review by GWG

- Recruitment and assignment of reviewers

- Scientific and programmatic review

III. Post-review, approval

- Confidential and public review reports

- *ICOC approval*

IV. Pre-Award Review

- Review of eligibility of the Institution and PI

- Budget review & adjustments; SCRO, IRB, IACUC and other assurances

- Other conditions

V. Award Acceptance

- Notice of Grant Award (signed & returned to CIRM)

- Pay memo to the State Controller's Office

- *Warrants sent to grantees*

VI. Tracking Progress

- Annual scientific progress reports

- Annual financial reports

- Updated assurances and certifications

- Audits and site visits

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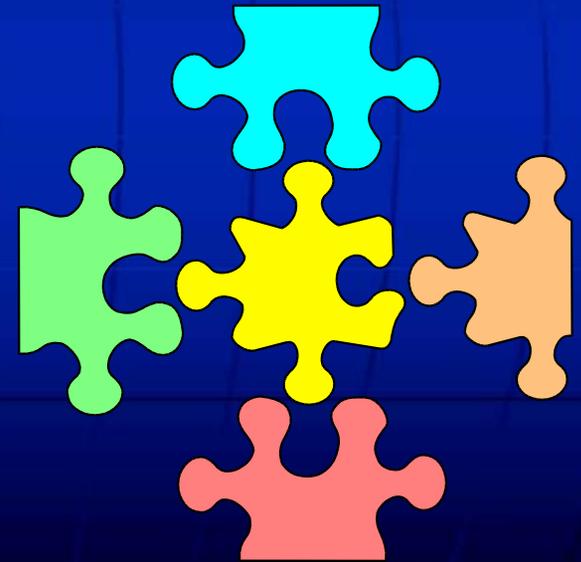
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  - 129 Functional Requirements
  - Pay for Performance
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Evaluation Metrics

- Vendor Experience
- Qualifications of Vendor Personnel
- Responsiveness to RFP
- Cost
- Timing

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- 3 Finalists
- 1 Unanimous Recommendation

Our Recommendation

Grantium

- Exclusively grants management software
- In existence for 10 years
- Customers include:
  - Alberta Advanced Education and Technology
  - The Innovation Institute of Ontario
  - USAID
  - US Dept. of State

Our Recommendation (cont.)

Grantium Contract

- 6 month implementation schedule
- $555,000 for implementation
- $49,000 / year to maintain
- 3 year contract w/option to extend
- **Total contract: $702,000**

Our Recommendation (cont.)

Grantium Strengths

- Powerful, configurable software
- Extensible system

- Project Management
- Training

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