

**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES**
Real Estate Services Division – Professional Services Branch

April 19, 2005

Ms. Julie Meier Wright
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Dear Ms. Meier Wright,

The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) forwarded your March 30, 2005, letter to the Department of General Services (DGS). We have developed the responses with CIRM and they are listed below as numbered in your letter.

Response to Question 1:

You are correct that all proposals were final offers and could not be subsequently modified.

Response to Question 2:

If a proposal did not meet the minimum requirements specified in the RFP, the evaluation team recommended that it be considered non-responsive and disqualified. The Site Search Subcommittee adopted that recommendation at its April 13, 2005, meeting. The Site Search Subcommittee determined that all responsive proposals would qualify for a site visit.

Response to Question 3:

Mr. Klein's quote is correct. However, at the time he spoke he thought that two sites might be allowable under the RFP. He subsequently learned that this was not possible. The RFP will be used to select a single site.

Response to Question 4:

DGS made the proposals available for review by the public on March 30, 2005, at their office located at 707 Third Street, West Sacramento. Please call Matt Bender at (916) 376-5038 for an appointment to review the proposals.

Response to Question 5:

All minimum requirements were weighted equally. Each of the Preferences was assigned a total point value which could be awarded. This decision was made jointly by the DGS/CIRM evaluation team, prior to the bids being opened.

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Response to Question 6:

Now that the bids have been made available to the public, there are no prohibitions to discussing them with any ICOC members.

Response to Question 7:

Under Proposition 71, CIRM can have 50 positions. To date, twelve positions have been filled. All appointments are considered permanent full time.

Response to Question 8:

The Site Search Subcommittee discussed the process for site visits at its April 13, 2005, meeting. A final decision about the process will be made at the Site Search Subcommittee meeting scheduled for April 25, 2005.

Response to Question 9:

Notification of site visits will take place after the Site Search Subcommittee meeting of April 13, 2005. Because of the short time frame before the meeting on May 2, 2005, we appreciate your flexibility in scheduling visits.

Response to Question 10:


Key dates are:

- April 25, 2005: Site Search Subcommittee determines how site visits will contribute to evaluation of finalists.
- May 2, 2005: Site Selection Committee selects one recommended site and one runner-up.
- May 6, 2005: The full ICOC determines whether to accept the subcommittee's recommendation.

Response to Question 11:

DGS is conducting the RFP and the evaluation and award process, in consultation with CIRM. As noted above, the ICOC will make the final decision. Once that decision is made, CIRM will enter into an agreement with the governmental entity and DGS will enter into an office lease agreement with the building owner to ensure occupancy between 30-90 days.

Sincerely,


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