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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. <p style="text-align: center;">001</p>	3. EFFECTIVE DATE <p style="text-align: center;">Dec 23, 2005</p>	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	5. PROJECT NO. (if applicable)
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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)  Recipients of RFP NHLBI-HR-06-08 Long-term Oxygen Treatment Trial (LOTT) – Data Coordinating Center (DCC)	(✓)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. <p style="text-align: center;">NHLBI-HR-06-08</p>
	✓	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13) <p style="text-align: center;">December 19, 2005</p>
		10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
		10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)
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**11. THIS ITEM APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS**

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers  is extended,  is not extended.

Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 2 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (if required)

**13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.**

(✓)	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation data, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

**E. IMPORTANT:** Contractor  is not,  is required to sign this document and return \_\_\_\_\_ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

**Recent inquiries are addressed on Page 2**

Note: A picture of the Contracting Officer's signature is omitted from Block 16B. of this amendment to reduce the file size.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)	16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Joanne Deshler Contracting Officer, HLVD Branch		
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR  <p style="text-align: center;">(Signature of person authorized to sign.)</p>	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY <p style="text-align: center;">/s/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Signature of Contracting Officer)</p>	16C. DATE SIGNED <p style="text-align: center;">12/23/2005</p>

1. The actual number of DSMB members (see page 57) is not specified. Our experience is 5 to 7 NHLBI-nominated members, (excluding NHLBI project staff) is a typical composition - is this correct? We are planning on paying each DSMB member a \$200 honorarium for each meeting attended.

**The Excel Workbook (Attachment 10) indicates 10 DSMB members. The honorarium rate of \$200 should be used for estimating purposes.**

2. The expected salary and other compensation factors for the 0.15 FTE NHLBI-appointed Study Chair (see page 55) are not specified. If this person would appear on the personnel line, we would expect to budget this position at the current NIH salary cap, as an independent contractor. We would not request fringe for this position as it would not be eligible for benefits in our organization. Alternatively, we could budget the Study Chair's compensation on the consultant line. We plan to budget travel for the SC position at the same levels as our staff, located in Portland, OR. Do you have guidance in this area?

**As indicated in the solicitation, the Study Chair will be identified by the NHLBI. Since this person has not been identified, it would be reasonable to estimate the base salary for this position at the current Salary Cap of \$180,100. It is unlikely that the individual identified will be an employee of your organization. Therefore, it would not be appropriate to reflect this person in your direct labor line. For estimating purposes, you should assume the person's effort and travel expenses will be reimbursed either as consultant costs or through a subcontract agreement.**

3. Are PHS-398 biosketches an appropriate format for the resumes specified on page 47?

**Yes. References to "resume" and/or "bio-sketch" is considered interchangeable.**

4. As is typically the case with NIH grants, could we expect to have authorization for pre-s. pending in the 90 days prior the projected start date of the project on 09/30/06? Our review of the Phase 1 implementation schedule indicates it would be desirable for the DCC to complete a certain amount of preparatory work in advance of the initial Steering Committee meeting.

**Pre-contract costs are not anticipated. Any cost incurred in the performance of the contract will take place after the 9/30/2006 award date.**

5. Will either the Technical Proposals and/or a listing of the RCC sites selected be available to the DCC in advance of the projected start date? As noted above, contact information for each site would be useful in advance of the actual start date to allow for meeting planning and materials preparation, development of the DCC-maintained communication hub, etc.

**No information on the selected RCC sites will be available until after contract award.**

6. Our understanding is that proposed subcontractors on the DCC application need to provide only the detailed cost-proposal spreadsheet and a consortium letter addressing the each of the points shown page 66 of the RFP. All other materials derived from the subcontractor (resumes, technical proposal content, etc.) will be integrated into the main site's application.

**Correct. The Peer Reviewers will only have access to the Technical Proposal, therefore, your Technical Proposal should address how each aspect of the statement of work will be accomplished. As indicated in the solicitation, the Technical Proposal should include information on how the project is to be organized, staffed and managed.**

7. The entire application is to be submitted in paper-only format and no electronic files (i.e. budget) are expected.

**Electronic and facsimile submissions are not authorized in this solicitation.**

8. Our PI would like to know if a detailed outline of the technical content of the application could be inserted in front of Technical Plan (see page 59) without counting against the 30 page limit for Section 5 A.

**The Technical Proposal Table of Contents indicates on page 59 that a Table of Contents should be provided on page 2.**

9. Page 56 indicates that Steering Committee meetings are to be held quarterly during Phases II & III, but page 57 indicates meetings will occur twice a year. Which is correct?

**Steering Committee meetings are to be held quarterly as noted on page 56, and in the Excel Workbook (Attachment 10).**