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Finance, Administration, Grant, and Provost Offices

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that the Government of Japan has established a 13% ceiling for charged indirect costs (IDC) for the research project on “*Effects of Marine Debris Caused by the Great Tsunami of 2011*” funded by the Japanese Ministry of the Environment (MoE). The expected duration of the project is 3 (three) years, commencing April 15, 2014 and ending March 31, 2017.

On behalf of the Japanese government, this project is being administered by the **North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES)**, which acts as the project grantee and directing organization. The PICES Secretariat thus serves as the Project Coordinator, and is responsible for all financial decisions and reporting annually on project expenditures to the MoE and the PICES Governing Council. Potential Principal investigators (PIs), *via* their institutions, submit proposals for funding directly to PICES. Proposals are accepted only for 1 (one) year increments, rather than for the entire 3-year period.

The PICES Secretariat requires that subcontracts awarded to PIs, *via* their vendors and academic institutions, adhere to the 13% IDC (AKA *Facilities and Administration costs*). PIs preparing proposals and applying for funding are thus requested to use this calculation in their grant proposal budgets.

The overall goal of the project is to assess and forecast the effects of debris generated by the tsunami that followed the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, especially those related to non-indigenous (alien/non-native) species (NIS), on ecosystem structure and function, the coastlines and communities of the west coast of North America and in Hawaii, and to suggest research and management actions to mitigate any impacts.

Please feel free to contact the PICES Secretariat if further information is required.

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