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Amendment No. 2 - sPPM Clarification

The questions and answers issued by the University on March 21, 1996 for the above referenced solicitation include several questions regarding the sPPM benchmark and its use for the demonstration of the SST system. Because of the critical importance of this requirement, the University is providing the following additional information to clarify its intent regarding improvements to the sPPM benchmark code.

The University is highly interested in improvements to the performance of its ASCI applications on the SST and will consider improvements in the efficiency of the sPPM demonstration code as suggested by the Subcontractor. The University will collaborate with the Subcontractor to explore improvements to the sPPM demonstration code. The applicability of these improvements to the larger ASCI application suite will guide the University in its decision to incorporate them into the sPPM demonstration code. For the TeraFLOP/s demonstration the University will have control over the code actually run.

In addition, this is to advise you that I will be out of the office from March 28, 1996 through April 1, 1996, returning on April 2, 1996. For urgent matters concerning this solicitation that require the University's immediate attention prior to April 2, 1996, Offerors may contact Lynn Rippe at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory who is hereby authorized to act on my behalf. She can be reached at telephone number (510) 423-2176 or FAX number (510) 423-8019.

Sincerely,

Jane Beck
Senior Contract Administrator