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Questions and Answers

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| 2 | <p>On Page 33 it is mentioned that the data provided by AAFC can only be used for the sole purpose of this project and then destroyed. We would fulfill the terms of the contract by destroying the AAFC-provided data used in the calibration of our proprietary models after the end of the project term, but the calibrated models themselves would become products that would be available to the market. Would this plan be consistent with your understanding of the using the AAFC-provided data “for the sole purpose of this project”?</p> | <p>AAFC collects various data as part of requirements of the AgriInsurance Program’s data-sharing agreements with provinces. With this project, one province has agreed to allow AAFC share a portion of its submitted data with the third-party contractor.</p> <p>The explicit data cannot be used for another project and must be destroyed once the project is completed but any enhanced calibration of proprietary models will remain the property of the third-party contractor and could be made available to the market. However, the third-party contractor would be doing so at its own risk considering a data set with the same level of granularity might not be available the next time the proprietary model needs to be updated.</p> <p>Details on the protection of data confidentiality for such a use will be defined in a Non-Disclosure Agreement initiated between AAFC and the contractor.</p> <p>In summary, yes, calibrating a model with the data provided and making the model available in the market is consistent with using the data for the sole purpose of this project only if the data is destroyed after the calibration is completed.</p> |
| 3 | <p>On Page 38 Annex B, can you clarify what entails Option 1 (\$200,000) and Option 2 (\$200,000)? We would like to guide the work on the initial phase in a logical matter so that we develop a sound modeling basis for the development of whatever work is needed for a future Option 1 and Option 2 work.</p> | <p>The possible future Options 1 and 2 are contingency funds to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Account for any additional research, technology development or data management delays;▪ Cover possible further analyses with added provincial data; and/or, |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Request supplementary analytical reports. |
| 4 | On Page 33 it is mentioned the use of the consultant own technology (web-based or software) to run the models. Can you clarify that at no point AAFC will be interested in running the model in-house accessing the consultant software or via a web-based/cloud service? | For this project, AAFC will not be running the model in-house. AAFC will not be accessing the consultant's technology or software through any means, including a web-based/cloud service. The contractor will conduct all modelling experiments, demonstrate model operations and outputs and prepare an analytical report for AAFC documenting key results of climate change impacts on crop yields, volatility and impacts to the AgrilInsurance Program. |

All other Terms and Conditions remain unchanged.