



FWS Indirect Methodology and Cost Documentation



Indirect Methodology

- ✓ Not a “rate” but a methodology
- ✓ Consistent approach - Single method for calculating indirect costs across the Service
- ✓ Calculated on a quarterly basis



Indirect Methodology

- ✓ Indirect costs are derived from direct work
- ✓ Direct cost categories are pre-defined
- ✓ Specifically developed to support Spill Response and NRDAR



Foundation for Defining Cost

Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards #4

Direct Cost

- Costs that can be specifically identified with an output
 - Salaries and benefits for employees who work directly on an output
 - Supplies and materials used to support an output
 - Various costs associated with space, equipment, facilities, utilities, etc. that are used **exclusively** to produce the output

Indirect Cost

- Costs of resources that are jointly or commonly used to produce two or more types of outputs but are not specifically identifiable with any output
 - General administrative services; general research and technical support; security; rent; employee health and recreation facilities; and operating and maintenance costs for building; equipment; and utilities



Cost Documentation

- ✓ Specifically developed for Spill Response and NRDAR
- ✓ Consistent throughout the Service
- ✓ Costs pulled directly from FWS Financial System
- ✓ No ability to manipulate costs



Cost Documentation



United States Fish and Wildlife Service Cost Documentation

Sample NRDAR Case

10/1/2010 Through 12/31/2010

Cost Category	Amount
Labor	\$1,769,511.52
Travel	\$486,627.44
Contracts	\$2,016,124.02
Supplies and Equipment	\$21,422.57
Vehicles	\$4,613.32
FWS Indirect Support	\$909,176.67
Total Cost for Billing Period	\$5,207,475.54



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United States Fish and Wildlife Service Cost Documentation Sample NRDAR Case 10/1/2010 Through 12/31/2010

Cost Category	Amount
FWS Direct Costs	\$4,298,298.87
FWS Indirect Support Costs	\$909,176.67
DOI Indirect Support Costs (16.84% of FWS Labor)	\$297,985.74
Total Cost for Billing Period 10/1/10 to 12/31/10	\$5,505,461.28

I certify to the accuracy of the information provided in this report as well as all attached supporting information.

Signature

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Timeline

- ✓ FWS Indirect Methodology and Cost Documentation process effective for costs incurred on or after October 1, 2010
- ✓ Effective for all existing and new cases



Questions?

