

Q25: Would it be possible for you to provide us with more details with regards to the TMCO cost models/independent cost analyses which will be employed during the Step 2 evaluation?

A25: No. As was emphasized during the Phase A Concept Study Kickoff Meeting on December 17th, the greater part of the TMCO evaluation is based upon the cost analysis and data provided by the proposal teams. What is MOST important is for each proposal team to do a complete and thorough cost analysis for the proposed cost of their investigation and provide the TMCO with all that data to ensure that it is cognizant of why the proposed cost is correct. While TMCO will also make its own independent estimates to corroborate the proposers' costs, these will be used primarily to backup our findings with regards to the proposers' analyses.