

Q 34: We are a bit confused as to how to treat manpower costs at NASA Centers since we have been told to assume “Full Cost Accounting” should be included in the Concept Study Report. If we include civil service salaries and etc, can we assume that the NASA OSS Cost Caps will be raised?

A 34: No, the NASA OSS Cost Cap will not be raised for this AO. Salaries at the Code S Center (JPL) will be a charge against the Cost Cap, while salaries at non-Code S Centers (ARC, GSFC, LaRC, LeRC, etc) may either be contributions, or must be accounted for as costs to Code S against the Cost Cap. Full cost accounting was requested via the AO (section 3.8.2) and proposers should make the best possible assessments of needed resources to accomplish the proposed projects regardless of whether the funds will ultimately come from Code S or from another of the HQ enterprises. All contributions MUST be Accompanied with a Letter of Endorsement from the appropriate source provider (Code R, Y, etc) to validate their support.