RE: NASBLA Final Grant Report – Updating Boating Under the Influence Detection and Enforcement Course Classroom Materials

Grant No. 1102.04

Dear Joe,

Enclosed you will find the final grant report for the NASBLA - Coast Guard Grant Agreement 1102.04. This report is for the period April 1, 2011 through July 1, 2011.

I. Narrative Performance Report

Task 1: Assemble a group of subject matter experts (SMEs). The Curriculum Revisions task force consisted of all five NASBLA course instructors, including Richard Moore, Tim Baumgarten, Nick Humphrey, Gary Owen and Kim Moeller. Also included were the primary SFST Validation study personnel, including Dary Fiorentino and Bergetta Dietel, from the Southern California Research Institute (SCRI). Four members of NASBLA staff also participated in the week-long event.

Task 2: Train NASBLA instructors in newly validated SFSTs. SCRI was responsible for developing the validated testing standards, and Bergetta Dietel trained the officers who performed the field work for the study. The five NASBLA instructors were trained by both of the SCRI personnel at the beginning of the week.

Task 3: Update wet-lab procedures and techniques to reflect the new SFSTs. Wet lab procedures, including dosing protocols and subject videos, were updated to reflect the new SFSTs. The videos were shot with newly-trained field officers, and the conditions for the video shoot were less than ideal. While the videos are usable in the classroom, we want to make them look more professional so the students can focus on the new techniques more clearly. As a result, we are going to reshoot the videos at no cost to the grant program. Our goal is to get those videos completed in time for our next course in Des Moines, Iowa on August 23-25.
Task 4: Revise and update current lesson plans, student and instructor resources and PowerPoint presentations to reflect newly validated SFST information. The student manual, instructor manual and PowerPoint presentations were updated to include the new SFST techniques. All the material was used at the first course conducted in Raleigh, North Carolina. We discovered several areas that need further polishing, and those updates are underway and will be completed in time for our next course in Des Moines, Iowa on August 23-25.

II. Obstacles/Impediments

There are no significant obstacles or impediments to report at this time. Updates to the videos and manuals are underway and were not entirely unexpected.

III. Financial Status Report

See separate financial report SF 425. Copies of this report, as well as originals of the financial report have been forwarded to the Coast Guard Grant Administrator.

If you have any questions, or if I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 859-225-9487.

Sincerely,

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