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Mr. Paul Pierson, Chief Procurement Officer
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Dear Mr. Pierson:

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY (BNL), OPERATED AND MANAGED BY BROOKHAVEN SCIENCE ASSOCIATES, LLC (BSA)

Reference: DOE Contract No. DE-SC0012704

By letter of September 2, 2022, the Brookhaven Site Office Contracting Officer extended the approval of the BSA's Acquisition Management System, under revised oversight in accordance with the Prime Contract provision H.3(b) entitled Contractor Assurance System and cited additional expectations. The expectations included an independent assessment of the system would be conducted in FY 2023 and follow-through of the corrective actions of the 2022 focused PERT review. The system approval was extended through September 30, 2024. Key actionable items were identified during the 2022 PERT review, of particular note where the following:

The area of concern is the ability and willingness to measure the corrective actions effectiveness over time to determine not only whether it was effective, but also whether the improvement/benefit is being held. Finally, there is need to translate lessons learned and communicate that information to all areas within PPM. If an area of concern is identified in construction for example, that area needs to be translated and shared across all of PPM.

It is the consensus of the PERT Team that BNL be given time to fully implement all existing corrective actions prior to conducting a full PERT Peer Review. Based on our review of the current condition of the BNL procurement system, it is our recommendation that a full PERT Peer Review be conducted no earlier than April 2024.

As you are aware, several of the corrective actions remain open to date and the follow-on PERT review has been postponed until at least FY 2026. BHSO has been reviewing the progress of BSA's corrective actions and over the course of recent reviews of procurement actions has noted, and provided expectations on procurement approach, compliance and training, particularly for the scientific department technical requisitioners.

We are extending the approval of the acquisition management system from September 30 2024 to September 30, 2026. BHSO's oversight for the acquisition system will continue under an increased and appropriate level of oversight, in accordance with the Prime Contract provision H.3(b), until such time as further progress has been made on the corrective actions, a PERT or other mutually agreeable independent review has been conducted and the satisfaction of actions identified in your letter to BHSO dated January 31, 2025.

If you have any questions, contact Sheri Alexander at extension 7812, or e-mail at Sheri.Alexander@science.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Gordon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Gordon
Contracting Officer
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