

901512 An Integrated MBARI Time-Series Program

Please note that Phase 1 requests exceed available resources:

Direct expenses

Total requests are approximately \$500,000 more than last year and exceed available funds. Some targeted reductions will be necessary during Phase 2 to balance our overall budget. In addition, travel costs seem to vary significantly between projects, even for those heading to similar locations. Please review these budget requests carefully to determine if any savings are possible. You can check with your division administrator for suggestions on typical rates for travel to a given destination. Another resource to check is <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104877>. (Note there is a link to the State Department foreign destination rates from this page as well.) If appropriate, please revise your travel budget accordingly.

Software engineering

Requests for SE time exceed the number of allocable hours and some de-scoping is required. Please ensure that requests for SE time have been carefully scoped and, if possible, reduce those requests. Where applicable, prioritize software engineering tasks, and indicate in your response which tasks may be deferred or removed to enable balancing labor resources.

Final notes

*Please be sure to make **all budget changes** (labor, ship, expense), as necessary, in the web budget system prior to the Phase 2 deadline (Tuesday, September 15 at 8:00 a.m.). All Phase 2 responses should be sent to Mandy Allen directly via email by the deadline as well.*

Rating: 1

MT contact: Scholin

Management Team Feedback

General Comments:

The management team is pleased to see that your conversations about integrating the time series programs are continuing. The focus on essential variables seems fruitful. How do your choices compare to the essential variables selected for Marine Protected Area monitoring? Does the overall effort contribute to the goals of the Marine Biodiversity Observation Network (MBON) project? The case study on the 1997-98 El Niño in relation to what is expected this year and next is intriguing.

For Phase 2 please address the following:

Additional details related to proposed technology development would be useful; as presently written, the listed activities are vague.

Brett Hobson is oversubscribed so his time should be removed from this project.