

NETC ADVISORY COMMITTEE BALLOT

NETC 14-2

BALLOT QUESTION:

To approve the No Cost Extension for NETC 14-2 “Investigation of Northern Long-Eared Bat Roosting Sites on Bridges” dated August 4, 2015.

The No Cost Extension letter is attached for your reference.

_____ **In Favor**

_____ **Opposed**

Comments: _____

NAME:

AGENCY:

DATE:

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ABOVE BALLOT AND
RETURN IT BY EMAIL OR FAX by September 1, 2015 TO:**

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August 4, 2015

Jacob Leopold
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Dear Jacob:

I would like to request that the following modifications be made to the research project listed below:

Project Name: NETC 14-2: "Investigation of Northern Long-Eared Bat Roosting Sites on Bridges"

UVM Principal Investigator: Civjan

Project Start Date: 02/01/2015

Original Project End Date: 04/02/2016

Original Project Budget: \$205,554

Modification #1, as per this August 4, 2015 Letter

Will there be changes to Key Personnel Efforts? Yes/no. If yes, what are those changes and why?

In general the effort will be similar to the original proposal. However, as noted in the reasons for requesting the extension there has been more pre-evaluation effort of bridges required which has been more time consuming than expected.

Revised Project End Date: 4/2/2017

Reasons for requesting the extension:

Though the project start date was 02/01/2015, the notice to proceed was not received until 05/07/2015. The project scope is time sensitive in that it investigates the roosting behavior of bats in New England. Task 4.2 required field observations to investigate potential roosting at New England bridges and was specified to monitor during the early, mid and late seasons for different types of roosting. This corresponds to approximately May to early June, late June to late July and August to early September. With the late notice to proceed equipment was not received until late June. This means that only part of the mid season and the late season can be observed in 2015. At the project kick-off meeting it was discussed with the Technical Committee and it was agreed that two summers would fit the intent of the project. In addition, the time sensitive need for data collection required the research team to transition into Task 4.2 with only partially complete deliverables to Tasks 1 and 2. Parts of Task 3 and Task 4.1 were also not able to be completed prior to collecting data. These will need to be completed in winter 2015/2016 with results from these tasks incorporated into summer 2016 monitoring. Finally, information collected in Tasks 1 and 2 determined that there is a dearth of information regarding bat roosting in New England bridges. This has led to a more time consuming pre-evaluation of bridges than anticipated with the research team visiting over 180 bridges for quick evaluations rather than relying on existing knowledge base of likely bridges to monitor.

Please sign and return this letter to the NETC Coordinator after the Technical Committees has approved the modifications. Per the scope of work and corresponding cost proposal, the work shall be done at cost not to exceed the project budget listed above and a time schedule not to exceed the revised project end date listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott A. Cijon". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.