

SIXTH ODP PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE (Revised, 6/25/2002)

Terms of Reference for the evaluation will embody the following general procedures and criteria.

(1) The committee will consist of international experts in the fields of science, engineering and management to be appointed by the President of JOI in consultation with NSF, the JOI Board of Governors, and JOIDES. An eminent scientist who should be knowledgeable about ODP, but not currently active in the program should chair the committee.

(2) The committee is charged with addressing the following specific issues, as well as other items considered important by the committee:

- The committee should assess to what extent the goals set up in the Long Range Plan have been achieved, **and to what extent the program was implemented in comparison to the Strategic Implementation Plan 1998 to 2003 presented by JOI (1997).**
- The committee should examine all aspects of the phase out program.
- The committee should look at all aspects of the phase out as it impacts the commencement of the new IODP drilling program.
- The committee should assess provisions to present and preserve the legacy of ODP. This should include the legacy of cores and core repositories, the legacy of tools and techniques, the legacy of databases and the scientific legacy. Since the science will not be completed for several years after the formal end of ODP, it is necessary to ensure that adequate plans are in place for carrying out this task until the end of the program in the absence of an international oversight group.
- The committee should assess the effectiveness of the JOI program management and the JOIDES scientific advice structure, which was changed in the middle of ODP on the advice of a previous PEC, **to determine whether these are the most appropriate models** for the IODP, and if not, suggest changes. These individual tasks are not separate. For instance, there is a great deal of connection between the second and third tasks.

(3) The President of JOI Inc. will brief the committee in advance of any scheduled performance evaluation.

(4) The committee will decide its own interview process. It is expected that the committee will visit JOI Headquarters in Washington DC, and the main subcontractors at TAMU and LDEO. The committee should also visit and interview some members of the past JOIDES advisory structure and the ODP community, taking special care to include non-US personnel in their formal interview sessions. In connection with interviews, the evaluation committee should explore the views of persons interviewed regarding ODP legacy issues and how the transition into the new program will affect their activity.

(5) The committee will transmit in writing to the **President of JOI** the scope and procedures of evaluation, together with any questions to be answered.

(6) After completion of each evaluation, the Chairman of the PEC will provide a preliminary written summary of the committee's findings **for discussion with JOI and its subcontractors, as mutually agreed.**

(7) Within two months of completion of site visits, the Chairman of the PEC shall submit the Performance Evaluation Report to the President of JOI. The report shall consist of a descriptive section outlining activities, a section dealing with observations and impressions, and a section on conclusions and recommendations. The report shall be accompanied by an executive summary.

(8) Within two months of receipt of the final report of the PEC, JOI is responsible for transmitting a copy of the report and JOI's response to NSF. The recommendations regarding consultations between JOI and NSF will be reviewed by those organizations prior to implementing any recommended changes.

(9) Since there will be no international oversight group in existence during the operation of PEC VI it is especially important that the committee seek input from the non-US drilling community, which should include visiting some of the supporting countries to conduct interviews.

(10) The foregoing procedures for performance evaluation will be refined and/or modified as experience is gained. The ultimate objective is to achieve a reliable and effective evaluation system that will best serve the international scientific community, JOI, NSF, and the other non-US agencies that have helped to fund the ODP over the past two decades.