Issues to be Addressed in Government–Sponsored Oral Rabies Vaccine Proposal

BACKGROUND
Describe the:
- History of rabies in area
- Habitats in the area of the proposed baiting
- Estimates of human and companion animal populations in the area
- Support for the project from local community and political groups with an interest in rabies control
- Rationale for use of oral rabies vaccine in this situation including expected outcome

PRE-BAITING EVALUATION
Describe how population studies/estimates of target species for vaccination will be done to find out the:
- Background levels of biomarker in target and non-target species
- Background levels of rabies antibodies in target and non-target species
- In case placebo baiting trials have been performed, describe here

VACCINE PACKAGE
Description of bait and rationale for use of this particular product.

VACCINE DISTRIBUTION
Describe the proposed:
- Vaccine distribution mode (airplane, helicopter, vehicle, or foot) with rationale
- Bait density (even distribution or targeted) with rationale
- Timing (time of year, frequency) with rationale
- Duration – estimate of number of years needed to continue (long-term commitment needed)
- Contingency plans if a rabid animal is identified in the baited area

POST-BAITING EVALUATION
Describe how the following will be evaluated:
- Distribution and frequency of positive rabies cases
- Biomarker levels in target and non-target species after baiting
- Antibody levels in target and non-target species after baiting

STAFFING
Describe how staff will be selected, trained and monitored.
Significant professional oversight by a veterinarian and wildlife biologist will be needed.
Describe how these services will be obtained.

COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES
Partnerships are very important for the vaccination project to succeed.
Describe your partnerships with:
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- US Department of Agriculture
- Florida Department of Health (including neighboring county health departments)
- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Animal Control officials
- Law Enforcement officials
PUBLIC RELATIONS PLAN
How public will be notified
Who will handle calls from public

SAFETY
How the human and animal medical community will be notified and educated.
What recommendations will be given for humans and animals exposed to vaccine
Any special recommendations for immunocompromised persons exposed to vaccine

BUDGET
Estimated costs for the program
Sources of funding

CERTIFICATION OF APPROVAL BY LOCAL GOVERNING BODY
Should be submitted

Submit request to Rabies Advisory Committee
c/o Dr. Carina Blackmore
Division of Disease Control and Health Protection
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #A12
Tallahassee, FL 32399