1. Can you clarify if we should submit **2009** or **2010** hourly billing rates for each key staff person who would work on this project?

Please submit **2010** hourly billing rates for each key staff person. On Page 13, the RFP incorrectly asked for 2009 Hourly Billing Rates. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this error.

2. As to the purpose of the scoping study, does NEEP want policy recommendations regarding the use/application of NTG methods? (For example, is NEEP looking for recommendations on whether NTG should be estimated and, if so, what techniques should be applied under different program conditions?) Alternatively, is the final deliverable for this scoping paper to be a literature search-and-summary as to how NTG is currently approached and estimated?

We ask the bidders to refer to Section III, Project Overview and Scope for a statement of the purpose of the study, and the goals of the Forum with respect to defining and estimating energy efficiency program net savings.

As stated on Page 4 of the RFP "The approach to the project is for a third party contractor to conduct literature and other background research and analysis of findings sufficient to characterize current practice, issues, challenges, and opportunities related to the Forum goal, and further, to recommend concepts, strategies, practical solutions, and next steps toward meeting the Forum's goal, for Forum members' consideration."

The Forum's goal, stated earlier on page 4 of the RFP, is "increasing quality and regional consistency in …defining and estimating energy efficiency program net savings."

To reinforce this, in our response here we note: The alternative you mention, "literature search-and-summary as to how NTG is currently approached and estimated" is NOT sufficient to meet the goal of this project. NEEP and the EM&V Forum members want the scoping paper to provide high level guidance on how the Forum can proceed towards meeting its goal, and we expect guidance and recommendations to be informed by some understanding of current approaches.