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Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 6:45 AM
To: Alex Weekes; Gary Streicher
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Subject: RE: Letter re Prospective 2021 Fringe Rate

Alex,

Yes.

Take Care,

Janet Turner,
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Hi Janet

Thanks so much. Just to confirm, ISB is fine charging the lower rate for FY 21?



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Alex,

Yes, I have received it. I will get back to you as soon as I can, regarding discussing the outstanding proposals.

Take Care,

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Hi Janet

I hope you are doing well and staying safe and healthy. We wanted to confirm your receipt of this letter from ISB regarding charging a lower FB rate since we are in our new year. Can you please confirm so that we can feel comfortable with this change. Also, is there any chance we can set up a time to have a conversation regarding the ISB rate negotiations. As always, I appreciate your time. Please let us know if there is a time when we can speak and your receipt of the letter regarding fringes. Thanks again!



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Subject: Letter re Prospective 2021 Fringe Rate

Janet,

The attached letter informs you of ISB's plan to use a new, lower rate for billing fringe benefits for salaried and full-time/fully benefited hourly employees effective 1/1/2021. We will continue to use our current agreed rate for part-time/not fully benefited employees.

Thanks.
Gary

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Dear Ms. Turner:

As you know we have been waiting to negotiate our indirect and fringe benefit rates based on our FYE 12/31/17 proposal. Our last rate agreement is dated 10/21/17 and in that rate agreement the fringe benefit rate for salary and full-benefit hourly employees was set at 43.0%. ISB has used that rate to bill fringe benefits from fiscal 2017 through 2020. Our fringe benefit structure has changed and our rate has decreased and as such we plan to begin billing at 34% beginning on 1/1/21 in order to avoid large over-recoveries moving forward. If we don't change our billing rate beginning 1/1/21 then we will have significant over-recoveries which will require a significant drop in our fringe benefit rate in the future.

Should you or your representatives have any questions regarding this change, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jeni Seko, Director of Financial Planning & Analysis. As we plan to start utilizing our recalculated fringe rate in January 2021, we hope to hear any questions or concerns you may have by January 15th. Otherwise, we will accept a non-response as your approval and start charging projects accordingly. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gary Streicher'.

Gary Streicher
Director of Finance