**Budget Justification**

**A. Senior personnel ($182,299)**

Salaries and wages make up the largest part of the proposal expenses.

**A1.** Co-PI Edge will be leading the development of the new proxy archive – laboratory methods development, chronology development, testing of climate-growth relationships, developing new climate reconstructions, and writing papers. 6.75 months of salary per year is requested for this work. The academic year salary is based on the salary for a research faculty position at Northern Arizona University. **A2.** PI Erb will be supporting the research in the proxy development phase and leading the proxy-model comparison—coding and testing the necessary methodological advancements, conducting analysis, and organizing other aspects of the research effort, including leading one paper. 3 months for each year of the project is requested for this work. **This is a soft-money position, so the requested salary is above the normal 2-month NSF limit for senior personnel.**

**B. Other personnel ($35,474)**

Two undergraduate students will be funded for two academic years and one summer at the Northern Arizona University to help with the laboratory preparation of geoduck samples for imaging and isotopic analyses. This will be valuable to the research project and will train the students about proxy records and laboratory methods. The students will be funded in the academic year for 10 hours per week and the summer for 40 hours per week for a total of 1400 hours per year per student.

**C. Fringe benefits ($86,038)**

Employee-related expenses (ERE) are rounded estimates based on the projected cost of health, dental, life, disability, FICA and Medicare, unemployment, and retirement benefits relative to the employee's salary and/or wages, FTE, and election of benefits. The employee’s ERE rate is calculated by dividing his/her salary by the total cost of his/her benefit package.

Fringe benefits for Erb are calculated at a rate of 36.3% for a total of $25,376.

Fringe benefits for Edge are calculated at a rate of 52.8% for a total of $59,344.

Fringe benefits for undergraduate students are calculated at a rate of 0.41% in the academic year and 8.06% in the summer for a total of $1,318.

**D. Equipment (None)**

**E. Travel ($10,000)**

Funding is requested for Co-PI Edge to travel to one scientific meeting as well as to the study area in year two. The meeting will be useful for sharing results of the research project, and for fostering collaborations with other research groups. Travel to the study area will include meeting with local researchers and stakeholders, as well as reconnaissance. Travel to the study area will also provide first-hand knowledge of the marine environment and improve ties with local stakeholders and collaborators. Funding is also requested for PI Erb to travel to AGU in year three disseminate the findings of our pan-Pacific reconstruction and model assessment.

**F. Participant Support Costs (None)**

**G. Other direct costs ($25,250)**

**G1. Materials and Supplies**

Funding is requested for sampling new geoduck shells by commercial divers in New Zealand. This sampling will add information from the southernmost known population of *P. zelandica*, ~800 km from the nearest existing collection. Funding is also requested for laboratory consumables for the preparation of geoduck samples for imaging. Funds are also requested for 15 radiocarbon samples to be analyzed at NAU.

**G2. Publication/Documentation/Dissemination**

Funds are requested to help cover the publication costs of one scientific paper per year. These publications are necessary to disseminate the research to a broader audience and advance the scientific field.

**G3. Consultant Services (None)**

**G4. Computer Services (None)**

**G5. Subawards (None)**

**G6. Other**

**H. Total Direct Costs ($336,810)**

**I. Indirect costs ($176,825)**

Indirect costs are requested at the on-campus research rate of 52.5% MTDC in accordance with Northern Arizona University's approved *Colleges and Universities Rate Agreement* (August 21, 2008) (Cognizant Agency: Department of Health and Human Services). The Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) base consists of all salaries and wages, ERE (except tuition remission); materials, supplies, services, travel, and subgrants and subcontracts up to the first $25,000 of each subgrant or subcontract. The base excludes equipment, capital expenditures, rental costs of off-site facilities, as well as the portion of each subgrant or subcontract in excess of $25,000.

**J. Total Direct and Indirect Costs ($513,636)**

**K. Fees (None)**

**L. Amount of this Request ($513,636)**