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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings

**SUMMARY:** The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory committee will meet on Friday, May 18, and on Thursday, June 14, 2007 at the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests Headquarters office, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA. These meetings will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. During these meetings Provincial Advisory Committee members will either continue discussion on Roadless Area considerations and potential Wilderness recommendations in conjunction with Forest Plan Revision for the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests or discuss Recreation Facility Master Planning. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-664-9200.

Dated: April 17, 2007.

**Paul Hart,**

*Designated Federal Official, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Availability of Seats for the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (council): Maritime Activities/Recreational Alternate. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve 2- or 3-year terms, pursuant to the council's Charter. **DATES:** Applications are due by June 15, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained from <http://www.farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac.html>, or Kelley Higgason, 991 Marine Dr., The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelley Higgason, 991 Marine Dr., The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129, 415-561-6622 ext. 202, [kelley.higgason@noaa.gov](mailto:kelley.higgason@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Sanctuary Advisory Council provides the Sanctuary Superintendent with advice on the management of the Sanctuary. Members provide advice to the Superintendent on issues affecting resource protection, the Sanctuary's primary purpose. The Council, through its members, serve as liaisons to the community regarding Sanctuary issues and act as a conduit, relaying the community's interests, concerns, and management needs to the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary Advisory Council

members represent public interest groups, local industry, commercial and recreational user groups, academia, conservation groups, government agencies, and the general public. Members serve either 2- or 3-year terms in order to stagger Council membership and allow continuity.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: April 16, 2007.

**Daniel J. Basta,**

*Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

[FR Doc. 07-1996 Filed 4-20-07; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Availability of Grants Funds for Fiscal Year 2007

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA publishes this notice to change the funding amounts, year of funds, the approximate range of awards that will be made, and the earliest start dates of awards for the solicitation "FR 2007 Regional Integrated Ocean Observing System Development," which was originally announced in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2006. This notice applies to only those applicants who have already submitted letters of intent and who have been invited to submit full proposals.

**DATES:** Proposals must be submitted through Grants.gov no later than 5 p.m., Eastern Time, April 17, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Full proposal application packages should be submitted through Grants.gov APPLY. The standard NOAA funding application package is available at <http://www.grants.gov>.

If an applicant does not have Internet access, the applicant must submit through surface mail one set of originals (signed) and two copies of the proposals and related forms to the Coastal Services Center. No e-mail or fax copies will be accepted. Any U.S. Postal Service correspondence should be sent to the

attention of James Lewis Free, NOAA Coastal Services Center, 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina, 29405-2413.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For administrative issues, contact James Lewis Free at 843-740-1185 (phone) or e-mail him at [James.L.Free@noaa.gov](mailto:James.L.Free@noaa.gov). Technical questions on the IOOS announcement should be directed to the following people according to the focus area in question: RCOOS Development, Geno Olmi by telephone at 843-740-1230 (phone) or e-mail him at [Geno.Olmi@noaa.gov](mailto:Geno.Olmi@noaa.gov); IOOS Applications and Product Development, Dave Eslinger by telephone (843) 740-1270, or by e-mail [Dave.Eslinger@noaa.gov](mailto:Dave.Eslinger@noaa.gov); and Data Management and Communications, Jim Boyd by telephone (843) 740-1278, or by e-mail [James.Boyd@noaa.gov](mailto:James.Boyd@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA publishes this notice to change the funding amounts, year of funds, the approximate range of awards that will be made, and the earliest start dates of awards for the solicitation "FY 2007 Regional Integrated Ocean Observing System Development" announced in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2006 (71 FR 77733). NOAA modifies the years of funding available to include FY 2008 funds, increases the approximate range of awards that will be made, and moves up the earliest start dates of awards for the NOAA Coastal Services Center Announcement of Opportunity, FY 2007 to more fully explain what funds will be used, how many awards might be made, and when awards may start. This notice applies to applicants who submitted letters of intent and who have been invited to submit full proposals. All other requirements for this solicitation remain the same.

#### Limitation of Liability

In no even will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if this program is cancelled because of other agency priorities.

Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds. Applicants are hereby given notice that funding for the Fiscal Year 2007 and 2008 program is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2007 and 2008 appropriations.

#### Universal Identifier

Applicants should be aware they are required to provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number during the

application process. See the October 30, 2002 **Federal Register**, (67, FR 66177) for additional information.

Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or via the Internet at <http://www.dunandbradstreet.com>.

#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NOAA must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for applicant projects or proposals which are seeking NOAA federal funding opportunities. Detailed information on NOAA compliance with NEPA can be found at the following NOAA NEPA Web site: <http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/>, including our NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 for NEPA, [http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216\\_6\\_TOC.pdf](http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216_6_TOC.pdf), and the Council on Environmental Quality implementation regulations, [http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc\\_ceq.htm](http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc_ceq.htm). Consequently, as part of an applicant's package, and under their description of their program activities, applicants are required to provide detailed information on the activities to be conducted, locations, sites, species and habitat to be affected, possible construction activities, and any environmental concerns that may exist (e.g., the use and disposal of hazardous or toxic chemicals, introduction of non-indigenous species, impacts to endangered and threatened species, aquaculture projects, and impacts to coral reef systems). In addition to providing specific information that will serve as the basis for any required impact analyses, applicants may also be requested to assist NOAA in drafting of an environmental assessment, if NOAA determines an assessment is required. Applicants will also be required to cooperate with NOAA in identifying feasible measures to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposal. The failure to do so shall be grounds for not selecting an application. In some cases if additional information is required after an application is selected, funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the recipient to submit additional environmental compliance information sufficient to enable NOAA to make an assessment on any impacts that a project may have on the environment. The Department of Commerce Preaward Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of

October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), are applicable to this solicitation.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, SF-LLL, and CD-346 has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

#### Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

#### Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: April 12, 2007.

**Nicholas Schmidt,**

*Deputy Director, Coastal Services Center.*

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**FRN and FFO Revisions**  
**April 23, 2007**

**Amendment to FRN posted on December 27, 2006**  
**Vol 71, No. 248, page 77733**  
**FY 2007 Regional Integrated Ocean Observing System Development**  
**NOS Coastal Services Center**

**Currently stated in FRN:**

**FUNDING AVAILABILITY:** Total anticipated funding for all awards is approximately \$15,000,000 and is subject to the availability of FY 2007 appropriations. Multiple awards are anticipated from this announcement. The anticipated federal funding per award (min-max) is approximately \$100,000 to \$6,000,000. The anticipated number of awards ranges from 7 to 14, approximately, and will be adjusted based on available funding.

**Requested changes:**

**FUNDING AVAILABILITY:** Total anticipated funding for all awards is approximately \$45,000,000 and is subject to the availability of FY 2007 and FY 2008 appropriations. Multiple awards are anticipated from this announcement. The anticipated federal funding per award (min-max) is approximately \$100,000 to \$3,500,000 per year. The anticipated number of awards ranges from 16 to 25, approximately, and will be adjusted based on available funding.

**Amendment to Funding Opportunity Number # NOS-CSC-2007-2000875**  
**Posted on Grants.gov December 27, 2007**  
**FY 2007 Regional Integrated Ocean Observing System Development**  
**NOS Coastal Services Center**

**Requested changes:**

Executive summary

**Funding Availability:** Total anticipated funding for all awards is approximately \$45,000,000 and is subject to the availability of FY 2007 and FY 2008 appropriations. Multiple awards are anticipated from this announcement. The anticipated federal funding per award (min-max) is \$100,000 to \$3,500,000 per year. Proposed projects may last for up to three years. The anticipated number of awards ranges from 16 to 25, approximately, and will be adjusted based on available funding.

Project / Award Period: This is a multiple year funding opportunity. Funds will be FY 2007 or FY 2008 funds and projects can last from one to three years.

Section I, Part A, 1 (first paragraph, page 4)

1. Regional Coastal Ocean Observing Systems (RCOOS) development

The purpose of this focus area is to further the development of Regional Coastal Ocean Observing Systems (RCOOS) through integration and operation of regional observing system assets. In this focus area, NOAA expects to fund five to ten awards, approximately. Funding amounts will range from approximately \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 in the first year and \$500,000 to \$3,500,000 in subsequent years. Proposed projects may last for up to three years.

Section I, Part A, 2 (first paragraph, page 6)

2. IOOS applications and products for regional stakeholders

The purpose of this focus area is to address the need to show the relevance of available IOOS observations, data management systems, and models to the societal goals outlined for IOOS (Ocean.US, 2006). In this focus area, NOAA expects to fund five to ten awards, approximately. Funding amounts will range from approximately \$100,000 to \$500,000 per year. Proposed projects may last for up to three years.

Section I, Part A, 3 (first paragraph, page 7)

3. Data management and communication: Local data network nodes

The purpose of this focus area is to provide data providers with an opportunity to develop processes and guidance that foster common standards and protocols. In this focus area, NOAA expects to fund five to ten awards, approximately. Funding amounts will range from approximately \$100,000 to \$300,000 per year. Proposed projects may last for up to three years.

Section II. Award Information (page 11)

A. Funding Availability: Total anticipated funding for all awards is approximately \$45,000,000 and is subject to the availability of FY 2007 and FY2008 appropriations. Multiple awards are anticipated from this announcement. The anticipated federal funding per award (min-max) is approximately \$100,000 to \$3,500,000. The anticipated number of awards ranges from 16 to 25, approximately, and will be adjusted based on available funding.

B. Project / Award Period: This is a multiple year funding opportunity. All funds will be FY 2007 or FY 2008 funds and projects can last from one to three years.

#### V. Application Review Information

##### D. Review and Selection Process (pages 19 and 20):

An initial administrative screening is conducted to determine compliance with requirements/completeness. All proposals will be evaluated and individually ranked in accordance with the assigned weights of the above evaluation criteria by at least three independent peer reviewers. A full merit review consisting of both mail reviews and a review panel will be conducted. The merit reviewer's ratings are used to produce a rank order of the proposals. The Selecting Official will award in the rank order unless proposals are justified to be selected out of rank order based upon one or more of the selection factors provided below. The Selecting Official will select approximately 16 to 25 proposals for award. The Selecting Official may negotiate the funding level of the proposal. The Selecting Official will make the final recommendation for award to the Grants Officer, who is authorized to obligate the funds and execute the award.

##### E. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates (page 20):

Funding is anticipated to begin October 1, 2007. The start date on proposals should be on or after October 1, 2007. The earliest start date that should be entered on SF-424 is October 1, 2007. Projects selected for funding with FY2008 resources should anticipate a start date on or after January 1, 2008. Note that an award period must start at the beginning of a month.