

Fiscal Year 2009 Funding Announcements

CSCOR FY09 NGOMEX and CRES NOTICE –

Revision to NGOMEX "Modeling the Causes of Hypoxia" announcement. Language now states funds will not exceed \$1,000,000 per project per year. **NGOMEX FRN** extended to November 20, 2008

The deadline for receipt of proposals at the NCCOS/CSCOR office is 3 p.m., Eastern Time for both of the programs. For the Coral Reef Ecosystem Studies proposals are due October 9, 2008. For the Northern Gulf of Mexico proposals are due October 20, 2008 (**now November 20, 2008**)

AGENCY: National Centers for Coastal Ocean Sciences/Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research (NCCOS/CSCOR), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability for financial assistance for project grants and cooperative agreements.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this opportunity is to advise the public that NOAA/NOS/NCCOS/CSCOR is soliciting proposals for two separate programs. Program 1 is the Regional Ecosystem Prediction Program on Coral Reef Ecosystem Studies (CRES) From Science to Conservation: Linking Coral Reefs, Coastal Watersheds and their Human Communities in the Pacific Islands. Projects under this program will be 3 to 5 years in duration. The goal of this funding opportunity is to utilize existing scientific tools and approaches (e.g., biophysical models; coupled watershed and hydrodynamic models) within a social, cultural, and economic framework to develop and implement effective coastal ecosystem management practices in the Pacific Islands. Proposals should be regional in scale, interdisciplinary, comprehensive, integrated, and include multiple investigators to develop capabilities for innovative forecasts and predictions for improved management and control capabilities. Program 2 is the Northern Gulf of Mexico Ecosystems and Hypoxia Assessment Program (NGOMEX). NGOMEX has two components. The Modeling the Causes of Hypoxia component takes a regional ecosystem prediction approach to advance model development assessing the association between the northern Gulf hypoxic zone and causative factors. The proposed research for this competition should be 3-5 years in duration. The Modeling the Impacts of Hypoxia component takes an ecosystem stressors approach to advance understanding of hypoxia on ecologically and commercially important living resource populations of the northern Gulf of Mexico ecosystem. These projects should be 3 to 5 years of duration. Funding is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2009 Federal appropriations. It is anticipated that final recommendations for funding under this announcement will be made by February 2009 and that projects funded under this announcement will have a July 1, 2009 through August 1, 2009 start date. Background information about the NCCOS/CSCOR efforts can be found at <http://www.cop.noaa.gov>.

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ADDRESSES: Applications submitted in response to this announcement are strongly encouraged to be submitted through the Grants.gov web site. This announcement will also be available by contacting the program official identified below. The closing dates will be the same as for the paper submissions noted in this announcement. NOAA strongly recommends that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process through Grants.gov. Applicants should contact the Program Manager for non-electronic submission instructions. Facsimile transmissions and electronic mail submissions of full proposals will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACTS:

Technical Information:

Program Managers contact information can be found under each program element listed in B. Program

Priorities.

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