

Fiscal Year 2011 Funding Announcements

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) July Omnibus Competitive Grants announcement has been published for availability of grant funds for Fiscal Year 2011. Announcements of Opportunity have been issued to submit proposals to the Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research (CSCOR)/Coastal Ocean Program for the Harmful Algal Bloom Program (i.e., ECOHAB, MERHAB and PCMHAB), Regional Ecosystem Prediction Program (REPP) for Understanding Coral Ecosystem Connectivity in the Gulf of Mexico-Pulley Ridge to the Florida Keys and the Regional Ecosystem Prediction Program (REPP) for Concept of Operations for Models to Support Regional Coastal Ecosystem Management.

National Competitive HAB Programs Authorized by Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research Control Act

CLOSED: 3:00 PM EST October 14, 2010

AGENCY: Federal Agency Name(s): 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 document is to advise the public that NOAA/NOS/NCCOS/CSCOR is soliciting proposals for the Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms Program, the Monitoring and Event Response for Harmful Algal Blooms Program and the Prevention, Control and Mitigation of Harmful Algal Blooms Program

DATES: The deadline for receipt of full proposals for all programs at the NCCOS/CSCOR office is 3 p.m., Eastern Time on October 14, 2010. All letters of intent for the Harmful Algal Bloom Program are due at 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the date indicated above.

ADDRESSES: Applications submitted in response to this announcement are strongly encouraged to be submitted through the Grants.gov web site. The full funding announcement for this program is available via the link at the end of this summary. 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. Please refer to important information in Submission Dates and Times (Section IV.C.) to help ensure your application is received on time. Applicants should contact the Program Manager for non-electronic submission instructions. Facsimile transmissions and electronic mail submission of full proposals will not be accepted.

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2011 REPP Pulley Ridge (REPP-Understanding Coral Ecosystem Connectivity in the GOM Pulley Ridge to the FL Keys)

CLOSED: 3 p.m. EST October 21, 2010.

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

SUMMARY: The purpose of this document is to advise the public that NOAA/NOS/NCCOS/CSCOR, in partnership with the NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, Office of Ocean Exploration and Research, National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office, and Gulf of Mexico Regional Collaboration Team, is soliciting proposals under the Regional Ecosystem Prediction Program for a project of up to 5 years in duration to conduct research to improve the understanding of population connectivity of key species between the southernmost portion of Pulley Ridge on the West Florida continental shelf, and downstream to the coral ecosystems of the Florida Keys. Coral ecosystems upstream of Pulley Ridge can be considered if directly relevant to population connectivity or to provide context to the overall study. This information will be used to improve the ability of Gulf of Mexico resource managers to proactively develop strategies to manage and protect poorly understood mesophotic coral ecosystems, including coastal and marine spatial planning and the siting of marine protected areas and marine protected area networks for shallow and mesophotic coral ecosystems.

DATES: Full proposals must be received and validated by Grants.gov on or before 3 p.m. EST on October 21, 2010. Please note: Validation or rejection of your application by Grants.gov may take up to 2 business days after submission. Please consider this process in developing your submission timeline. If an applicant does not have Internet access, hard copy proposals will be accepted, and date recorded when they are received in the NCCOS/CSCOR program office. Electronic or hard copies received after the deadline will not be considered, and hard copy applications will be returned to the sender.

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Concept of Operations for Models to Support Regional Ecosystem Management:

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SUMMARY: The purpose of this document is to advise the public that NOAA/NOS/NCCOS/CSCOR is soliciting proposals for a project of 2 years in duration to develop a concept of operations for scenario-type forecasts used for ecosystem-based management of coastal ecosystems. Note that for this opportunity, the term coastal includes Great Lakes systems. Funding is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year

2011 Federal appropriations. It is anticipated that final recommendations for funding under this announcement will be made by early Calendar Year 2011, and that any project funded under this announcement will have an August 1, 2011 start date. One project is expected to be supported for 2 years, with an annual budget less than \$250K.

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