

Element 1: Standard Form-424

All applicants requesting direct funding must submit the Standard Form, SF-424, "Application for Federal Assistance," to indicate the total amount of funding proposed for their institution for the whole project period.

The form is on the next three pages. A fillable version of this form and the form instructions may be downloaded from:

<https://coastalscience.noaa.gov/about/funding-opportunities/application-forms/>

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): _____ * Other (Specify): _____
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* 3. Date Received: Completed by Grants.gov upon submission.	4. Applicant Identifier: _____
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5a. Federal Entity Identifier: _____	5b. Federal Award Identifier: _____
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State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State: _____	7. State Application Identifier: _____
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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: _____

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): _____	* c. UEI: _____
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d. Address:

* Street1: _____
Street2: _____
* City: _____
County/Parish: _____
* State: _____
Province: _____
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code: _____

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: _____	Division Name: _____
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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: _____ * First Name: _____
Middle Name: _____
* Last Name: _____
Suffix: _____

Title: _____

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

* Email: _____

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*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

CFDA Title:

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

**** I AGREE**

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

Element 2: Summary Title Page

- One-page maximum, single spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins

The summary title page includes, in order:

- a) Project title.
- b) Letter of intent (LOI) number (provided by the Science Program after LOI review).
- c) Lead investigator's name, affiliation, complete address, phone number, and email address.
- d) The name of each natural resource manager on the team, including their affiliation, complete address, phone number, and email address.
- e) The targeted natural resource(s) and area(s) of emphasis
- f) Requested funding amounts for each fiscal year

NOTE: Applicants may suggest merit reviewers on a page after the summary title page.

Element 3: Abstract

- One-page maximum, single spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins, written in the third person

The abstract should appear on a separate single page, and include:

- a) The proposal title.
- b) The name, institution, and email address for the lead investigator, natural resource manager(s), other co-investigators, representatives from other parties with an interest in the project's targeted natural resources, and unfunded collaborators that are making a substantial contribution to the project;
- c) The total proposed cost (including shiptime, if any). The funding period.

A brief summary of your targeted natural resource(s) and management issue(s), area(s) of emphasis, research methods, expected findings and products, and approach for developing and transferring project findings and products to your resource management entities and other potential end users.

Element 4: Project Narrative

- 12-page maximum, single spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins

The project narrative must describe the project and indicate its relevance to the program priority described in the funding announcement (see Section I.B.).

Specifically, it should:

- a) Describe how the project proposes to identify, track, understand, or predict trends and variability in the Gulf of Mexico's natural resources and the abiotic and biotic factors driving those trends. Include the targeted natural resource(s) and which area(s) of emphasis the proposal intends to address.
- b) Describe the resource management entities with whom you are working, the natural resource management issue(s) the research plans to inform, and how the findings and products from the proposed research would be used by them to improve our ability to manage the targeted natural resource(s). Also describe other potential end users (*e.g.*, resource management, scientific, non-governmental organization communities, interested parties) and how project findings and products could be of use for them.
- c) Describe the methodology and approaches for: (a) conducting the research, including how the project will leverage or build upon existing and relevant datasets or generate new datasets to address your natural resource management issue, and (b) developing project findings into products for the management community. Include a description of the types of findings and products expected to come from the research and how they would be transferred to your resource management entities, other potential end users, and other interested parties during the project's period of performance.
- d) Describe the composition of the project team and the responsibilities of each team member, including a designated lead investigator, natural resource managers (one or more is required), other co-investigators, representatives from other parties with an interest in the project's targeted natural resources, and all unfunded collaborators.

Element 5: Decadal Plan:

- Two-page maximum, single spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins

The decadal plan (*i.e.*, 10 years) should provide:

- a) A rationale for why the resource management issue(s) to be addressed by the proposal requires a decade of research and investment
- b) A description of how the applicant(s) will engage the natural resource management community, scientific communities, and other interested parties throughout the 10 years and how they should benefit from the findings and products from the research
- c) An explanation of how the work accomplished in the first five years will generate hypotheses, impact resource management and decision-making, and inform the need for continued support in a subsequent five year period
- d) An overview of the work planned for a subsequent five years that would complement and build upon the work proposed in the project narrative for the initial five years.

Element 6: Statement of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- One-page maximum, single spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins

Describe how the proposed project incorporates the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Applicants may also highlight past diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and the value those experiences will add to the proposal.

Element 7: Data Management Plan

Please see <https://restoreactscienceprogram.noaa.gov/resources> for additional data management plan guidance.

- Two-page maximum, single spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins

Provide a detailed data management plan that describes how the proposal will meet NOAA's data management requirements. The plan should describe how metadata and data used as part of the proposed work will be disseminated to the broader community and include a plan for long-term archiving of these data. Costs associated with data preparation, accessibility, and archiving may be included in the proposal budget (see element 16).

Refer to sections VI.B. and VIII.A. for specific data management guidance.

A typical plan should include:

- a) Descriptions of the types of environmental data and information expected to be created during the course of the project.
- b) The tentative date by which data will be shared.
- c) The standards to be used for data/metadata format and content.
- d) Methods for providing data access.
- e) Approximate total volume of data to be collected.
- f) Prior experience in making such data accessible.

The Science Program will not offer specific technical guidance; however, use of open-standard formats and methods is encouraged.

Accepted submission of data to the NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) is one way to satisfy data sharing requirements; however, NCEI is not obligated to accept all submissions and may charge a fee, particularly for large or unusual datasets. Applicants that propose to collaborate with data centers or networks, except the NCEI, are advised to obtain letters of commitment that affirm the collaboration. Where possible, applicants are strongly encouraged to use existing data centers and data portals to archive and disseminate their data.

Refer to Section VIII.A in the funding announcement for specific Data Management Guidance.

Element 8: References Cited

- Single spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins

Each reference must include the names of all authors in the same sequence they appear in the publication, the article title, volume number, page numbers, and year of publication.

While there is no established page limitation, this section should only include bibliographic citations and should not be used to provide parenthetical information outside of the twelve (12) page project narrative.

Element 9: Natural Resource Management Letter(s) of Participation

Each proposal must include a letter of participation from each natural resource management body represented on the project team.

The letter should describe their roles in the project, how they were previously involved in the planning process and their roles in the project moving forward, and their plan for how and when they will use the findings and products from the research.

Element 10: Milestone Chart

Provide the anticipated timelines of major tasks and milestones associated with the proposed work.

Applicants are required to use the milestone chart template (which includes an example) included with the electronic proposal package (and also available at <https://restoreactscienceprogram.noaa.gov/resources>; OMB Control No. 0648-0384).

Element 11: Biographical sketches

- Two-page maximum per person, single spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins

The lead investigator and each co-investigator (including natural resource managers) must provide a summary of up to two pages that includes:

- a) Their email and mailing address.
- b) A list of professional and academic credentials and accomplishments.
- c) A list of up to five examples or publications that describe their past experience working with researcher and natural resource manager partnerships and transferring and applying research findings and products in a natural resource management context.
- d) A list of up to five archived datasets most closely related to the proposed project.

Element 12: Current and Pending Support

Using the form on the next page, describe all current and pending financial/funding support (*e.g.*, federal, state, not-for-profit institutions, for-profit organizations), including continuing grants, for the lead investigator, each co-investigators, (including natural resource managers), and each unfunded collaborator making a substantial contribution to the project.

The capability of the investigators and collaborators to complete the proposed work in light of present and future commitments to other projects should be addressed. Therefore, please discuss the percentage of time investigators and collaborators have devoted to other federal or non-federal projects, as compared to the time that will be devoted to the proposed work solicited under this notice.

A current and pending support form is available on the NCCOS website for your use:
<https://coastalscience.noaa.gov/about/funding-opportunities/application-forms/>.

The lead investigator, each co-investigator, and each unfunded collaborator making a substantial contribution to the project must respond to the requirement whether or not they have any current or pending support.

CURRENT AND PENDING SUPPORT FORM

OMB Approval: 0648-0384

Expiration Date: 01/31/2025

*The following information must be provided for each investigator and other senior personnel.
Failure to provide this information may delay consideration of this proposal.*

Investigator:

Other agencies to which this proposal has been/will be submitted:

Support: ___ Current ___ Pending ___ Submission Planned in Near Future ___ *Transfer of Support

Project/Proposal Title:

Source of Support:

Total Award Amount: \$

Total Award Period Covered:

Location of Project:

Months of Your Time Committed to the Project: FY XX: ___ FY XX: ___ FY XX: ___ FY XX: ___ Total: ___

Support: ___ Current ___ Pending ___ Submission Planned in Near Future ___ *Transfer of Support

Project/Proposal Title:

Source of Support:

Total Award Amount: \$

Total Award Period Covered:

Location of Project:

Months of Your Time Committed to the Project: FY XX: ___ FY XX: ___ FY XX: ___ FY XX: ___ Total: ___

Support: ___ Current ___ Pending ___ Submission Planned in Near Future ___ *Transfer of Support

Project/Proposal Title:

Source of Support:

Total Award Amount: \$

Total Award Period Covered:

Location of Project:

Months of Your Time Committed to the Project: FY XX: ___ FY XX: ___ FY XX: ___ FY XX: ___ Total: ___

Support: ___ Current ___ Pending ___ Submission Planned in Near Future ___ *Transfer of Support

Project/Proposal Title:

Source of Support:

Total Award Amount: \$

Total Award Period Covered:

Location of Project:

Months of Your Time Committed to the Project: FY XX: ___ FY XX: ___ FY XX: ___ FY XX: ___ Total: ___

*If this project has previously been funded by another entity, please list and furnish information for immediately preceding funding period.

NOTE: Use additional sheets as necessary

NOTICE

All NOAA COP applicants be asked to submit a COP Current and Pending form in the specified format upon application submission. The use of the Current and Pending format provides the current funding status for each applicant allowing for a complete merit review. This form is compatible with the format in use by other agencies.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the National Ocean Service, CSCOR/COP Office, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Grant files are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Confidentiality will not be maintained--the information will be made available to the public. However, unpublished research results shall not be published without prior permission from the recipient.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the 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 Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Element 13: Accomplishments from Prior Support

- Single spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins

If the lead investigator or any co-investigators have received federal or state funding awards in the past five years for research relevant to this funding opportunity, information on the awards is required.

The following information must be provided:

- a) The award number, amount, and period of support.
- b) The title of the project.
- c) A summary of the results of the completed work.
- d) Publications resulting from the award.
- e) Archived datasets resulting from the award.
- f) A brief description of outputs and outcomes, especially the application of research findings and products in a natural resource management context.
- g) As appropriate, a description of the relation of the completed work to the proposed work.

Element 14: Permits

- Single spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins

Provide a list of all applicable permits that will be required to perform the proposed work.

You must respond to this required element whether or not permits are required.

Element 15: Standard Form-424A

The Standard Form (SF)-424A Budget Form identifies the budget for each fiscal year of the proposal. For this announcement, applicants must apply for five (5) years of funding.

Since this is a five-year project and the SF-424A only has four columns (see page 2), you must use two SF-424A forms, as follows:

- a) Place the first four years on one of the forms in Section B, columns (1) through (4).
NOTE: This revised SF-424A Section B format is a NOAA requirement that is not reflected in the Instructions for the SF-424A.
- b) Total the first four years in column (5).
- c) Place the total from the first form (from column (5)) onto the second SF-424A form in Section B column (1) and use column (2) for the fifth year budget figures.
- d) Total all five years in column (5) on the second SF-424A.

The budget figures must correspond with the description contained in the budget justification.

Multi-investigator proposals using a subaward approach must submit a SF-424A for each subaward that has the same budget figures as its corresponding budget justification. The lead institution should list the total for subcontracts under 6.f. "Contractual" and the total for subawards under 6.h. "Other" in their SF-424A.

A fillable version of this form and the form instructions may be downloaded from:
<https://coastalscience.noaa.gov/about/funding-opportunities/application-forms/>

Direct link:

<https://cdn.coastalscience.noaa.gov/page-attachments/funding/SF424A-V1.0.pdf>

An example set of two SF-424a documents are provided on the next six pages.

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

OMB Number: 4040-0006
Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1. [Redacted]	[Redacted]	\$ [Redacted]	\$ [Redacted]	\$ [Redacted]	\$ [Redacted]	\$ [Redacted]
2. [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
3. [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
4. [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
5. Totals		\$ [Redacted]	\$ [Redacted]	\$ [Redacted]	\$ [Redacted]	\$ [Redacted]

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total (5)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
a. Personnel	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
b. Fringe Benefits	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
c. Travel	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
d. Equipment	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
e. Supplies	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
f. Contractual	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
g. Construction	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
h. Other	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
j. Indirect Charges	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
7. Program Income	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

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SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES

(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e)TOTALS
8. <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
9. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
10. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
11. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11)	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS

	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
14. Non-Federal	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14)	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT

(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (YEARS)			
	(b)First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16. <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
17. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
18. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
19. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16 - 19)	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION

21. Direct Charges: <input type="text"/>	22. Indirect Charges: <input type="text"/>
23. Remarks: <input type="text"/>	

Element 16: Budget Narratives

- Single spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins

Proposals must include a detailed budget narrative covering the proposed period of performance with a justification to support all proposed budget categories for each fiscal year. For additional information concerning each of the required budget categories and appropriate level of disclosure please see:

https://www.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/document/2019/Jun/gmd_budget_narrative_guidance_-_05-24-2017_final.pdf

Personnel costs should be broken out for each named investigator, number of months, and percentage of time requested per investigator. Support for each investigator should be commensurate with their stated involvement each year. Unnamed personnel (*e.g.*, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, technicians) should be identified by their job title and their personnel costs explained similar to investigator personnel costs above. The contribution of any personnel to the project goals should be explained.

Travel costs should be broken out by number of people traveling, destination and purpose of travel, and projected costs per person. Equipment costs should describe the equipment to be purchased and its contribution to the achievement of the project goals. Applicants may include publication costs and we encourage the use of open access options.

Proposals are permitted to include the costs of project-level data management, including coordinating, organizing, documenting, formatting, or otherwise preparing datasets for submission to NOAA or non-NOAA data facilities; establishing and maintaining data access tools and services and related metadata; and managing non-digital data that are not required to be made publicly accessible, including laboratory notebooks, preliminary analyses, drafts of scientific papers, plans for future research, peer review reports, communications with colleagues, or physical objects such as laboratory specimens.

A separate budget narrative is required for each institution that is proposed to receive funds through a subaward or subcontract to the lead institution. The budget narratives should describe the work to be supported and indicate the applicability or necessity to the project. When a collaborator or contractor is known before applying, signed approval from the institution of each subaward and subcontract must accompany its budget justification. The lead institution is responsible for sending funds to its subaward and subcontract institutions. For acquisition contracts, the purpose and cost or price must be fully justified and the contract must comply with 2 C.F.R. 200.317-.326.

Element 17: CD-511, Certification Regarding Lobbying

Required only for the lead institution, which may submit this form through the [Grants.gov](#) CD511 document placeholder without a hard signature because electronic signatures are allowed on documents from the submitting institution.

The form is on the next page and may also be downloaded from:

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Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 28, 'New Restrictions on Lobbying.' The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Commerce determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 28, for persons entering into a grant, cooperative agreement or contract over \$100,000 or a loan or loan guarantee over \$150,000 as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Sections 28.105 and 28.110, the applicant certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, 'Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,' in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure occurring on or before October 23, 1996, and of not less than \$11,000 and not more than \$110,000 for each such failure occurring after October 23, 1996.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above applicable certification.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

In any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, 'Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,' in accordance with its instructions.

Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure occurring on or before October 23, 1996, and of not less than \$11,000 and not more than \$110,000 for each such failure occurring after October 23, 1996.

* NAME OF APPLICANT

* AWARD NUMBER

* PROJECT NAME

Prefix:	* First Name:	Middle Name:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

* Last Name:	Suffix:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

* Title:

* SIGNATURE:

* DATE:

Element 18: SF-424B, Assurances - Non-Construction Programs

Required only for the lead institution, which may submit this form through the [Grants.gov](#) SF-424B document placeholder without a hard signature because electronic signatures are allowed on documents from the submitting institutions.

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ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee- 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

<p>SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL</p> <p>Completed on submission to Grants.gov</p>	<p>TITLE</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>
<p>APPLICANT ORGANIZATION</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	<p>DATE SUBMITTED</p> <p>Completed on submission to Grants.gov</p>

Element 19: Alphabetized list of collaborators, advisors, and advisees

Provide ONE spreadsheet per proposal that includes ALL collaborators, advisors, and advisees and their respective institutions for EACH investigator (lead investigator, co-investigators, postdocs, sub-awardees, *etc.*).

The combined and alphabetized list should be on a spreadsheet with individual column headers for (A) First Name, (B) Last Name, and (C) Institution.

Collaborators are individuals who have participated in a project or publication within the last 48 months with any investigator, including co-authors on publications. Collaborators also include those persons with whom the investigators may have ongoing collaboration negotiations.

Advisees are persons with whom the individual investigator has had an association as thesis or dissertation advisor or postdoctoral sponsor. Advisors include an individual's own graduate and postgraduate advisors. Advisees and advisors do not have a time limit.

Unfunded participants in the proposed study should also be included on the list, but not their collaborators.

This information is critical for identifying potential conflicts of interests and avoiding bias in the selection of reviewers.

Optional Elements

Optional Element 1: Letters of Support or Commitment

Letters of support or commitment in addition to the required natural resource management letter(s) of participation (see section IV.B.3. required element 9) are strongly encouraged, but not required. Consider providing letters from partners that confirm contributions to and support for the proposed work, such as team members included in the project but not funded in the budget, natural resource management bodies and other interested parties not represented on the project team who play a role in the management of the targeted natural resource(s), and individuals or groups that provide access to data or other needs for the proposed project. If applicable, the letter should summarize how input from those not on the team will be considered and how the applicants will coordinate with them on the development, transfer, and application of research findings and products.

Optional Element 2: Indirect Costs Rate Agreement

Proposals that request funds for indirect costs for institutions that have a current federally approved rate should provide the indirect cost rate agreement for the lead institution and each institution that is proposed to receive funds through a subaward or subcontract to the lead institution. An applicant without a federally approved rate should refer to Section IV.F of the Announcement regarding options.

Optional Element 3: SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

If lobbying activity is or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered federal action, complete the SF-LLL standard lobbying disclosure form, which may be found on the next page and at <https://coastalscience.noaa.gov/about/funding-opportunities/application-forms/> and submit it with your full proposal.