

Williams Engineering & Manufacturing, Inc., Chatsworth, CA  
 Williams Machine, Inc., Lake Elsinore, CA  
 Williams Machining Co., Edinboro, PA  
 Windsor Tool & Die, Inc., Cleveland, OH  
 Wintech Industries Inc., Tempe, AZ  
 Wire Cut Company, Inc., Buena Park, CA  
 Wire Tech E D M, Inc., Los Alamitos, CA  
 Wire-Tech, Inc., Tempe, AZ  
 Wirecut Technologies Inc., Indianapolis, IN  
 WireCut E D M, Inc., Dallas, TX  
 Wisconsin Engraving Company/Unitex, New Berlin, WI  
 Wise Machine Co., Inc., Butler, PA  
 Wolverine Bronze Company, Roseville, MI  
 Wolverine Tool & Engineering, Belmont, MI  
 Wolverine Tool Company, St. Clair Shores, MI  
 Woodruff Corporation, Torrance, CA  
 Wright Brothers Welding & Sheet Metal, Inc., Hollister, CA  
 WADKO Precision, Inc., Eagle Lake, TX  
 WGI Inc., Southwick, MA  
 WSI Industries, Inc., Osseo, MN  
 X-L Machine Company, Inc., Three Rivers, MI  
 XLI Corporation, Rochester, NY  
 Yarde Metals, Inc., Bristol, CT  
 Yates Tool, Inc., Medina, OH  
 Yoder Die Casting Corporation, Dayton, OH  
 Youngberg Industries, Inc., Belvidere, IL  
 Youngers and Sons Manufacturing, Company, Inc., Viola, KS  
 Youngstown Plastic Tooling & Machinery, Inc., Youngstown, OH  
 Z & Z Machine Products Inc., Racine, WI  
 Z M D Mold & Die Inc., Mentor, OH  
 Zircon Precision Products, Inc., Tempe, AZ  
 Zuelzke Tool & Engineering, Milwaukee, WI  
 4 Axis Machining, Inc., Denver, CO

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### National Ocean Service

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#### Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program Fiscal Year 2003 Funding Guidance

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Ocean Service (NOS), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Federal assistance for coral reef conservation activities.

**SUMMARY:** This document advises the public that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is soliciting proposals for the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program (Program), pursuant to the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 (Act). The Act authorizes the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), through the NOAA

Administrator (Administrator), and subject to the availability of funds, to provide matching grants of financial assistance for coral reef conservation projects under the Program. This document provides the specific Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Funding Guidance (Guidance) necessary to award \$5,590,000 in Federal assistance, of which NOAA is providing \$5,240,000 and the Department of the Interior (DOI) is providing \$350,000, consistent with the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program Implementation Guidelines (Guidelines) published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, April 19, 2002. The Guidelines can be found at <http://www.coralreef.noaa.gov/>. The information published in this Guidance includes: specific program eligibility criteria, Funding Availability, proposal submittal and selection dates, and detailed application requirements and Application Evaluation criteria. All applications submitted pursuant to this notice must be consistent with the requirements stated herein, the Guidelines, and with "A National Coral Reef Action Strategy" (Strategy), completed in September 2002. The Strategy can also be found at: <http://www.coralreef.noaa.gov/>. Applicants may also request copies of the Strategy from the contacts listed below. Funding will be subject to the availability of federal appropriations.

**DATES:** Applications must be received by NOAA before 5 P.M. Eastern Time on the dates specified below. Initial applications can be submitted by either electronic mail (e-mail) or surface mail; however, one original and two signed copies of the final application must be submitted by surface mail. Applicants should consider the delivery time when submitting their applications from international or remote areas. NOAA intends to provide funding to selected applicants no later than September 30, 2003. The following review and selection timetable applies to all applications under the Program, except the Coral Reef Research Ecosystem Program (see section IV):

Initial Applications due to NOAA—March 14, 2003

NOAA returns proposal comments to applicants—May 9, 2003

Final Applications due to NOAA—June 6, 2003

The NOAA Grants Officer will provide written notice to each successful applicant with written notice of the final funding selection on or before September 30, 2003. It is the goal of the NOAA Program Officer to also provide notice to each unsuccessful applicant before September 30, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Initial applications may be submitted by surface mail or e-mail. Submissions by e-mail are preferred. If submitting by surface mail, applicants are encouraged to include a copy of the initial application in electronic format on disk or cd and mail both to: David Kennedy, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program Coordinator, Office of Response and Restoration, N/ ORR, Room 10102, NOAA National Ocean Service, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Applications submitted by e-mail must be sent to [coral.grants@noaa.gov](mailto:coral.grants@noaa.gov). Fax submittals will not be accepted except for the International Coral Reef Conservation proposals, Section VII (Fax: 301-713-4389).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Administrative questions should be directed to Bill Millhouser, 301-713-3155, extension 189 or e-mail at [bill.millhouser@noaa.gov](mailto:bill.millhouser@noaa.gov).

Technical point of contact for State and Territory Coral Reef Management is Bill Millhouser, 301-713-3155, extension 189 or e-mail at [bill.millhouser@noaa.gov](mailto:bill.millhouser@noaa.gov).

Technical point of contact for State and Territory Coral Reef Ecosystem Monitoring is John Christensen, 301-713-3028, extension 153 or e-mail at [john.christensen@noaa.gov](mailto:john.christensen@noaa.gov).

Technical point of contact for Coral Reef Ecosystem Research is Kimberly Puglise, 301-713-2427, extension 199 or e-mail at [kimberly.puglise@noaa.gov](mailto:kimberly.puglise@noaa.gov).

Technical point of contact for General Coral Reef Conservation is Tom Hourigan, 301-713-3459, extension 122 or e-mail at [tom.hourigan@noaa.gov](mailto:tom.hourigan@noaa.gov).

Technical point of contact for Projects to Improve or Amend Coral Reef Fishery Management Plans is Tom Hourigan, 301-713-3459, extension 122 or e-mail at [tom.hourigan@noaa.gov](mailto:tom.hourigan@noaa.gov).

Technical point of contact for International Coral Reef Conservation is Arthur Paterson, 301-713-3078, extension 217 or e-mail at [arthur.e.paterson@noaa.gov](mailto:arthur.e.paterson@noaa.gov).

For general information on NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program, contact Roger Griffis, 301-713-3989, extension 115 or e-mail at [roger.b.griffis@noaa.gov](mailto:roger.b.griffis@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA announces the availability of \$5,590,000 of Federal assistance in FY 2003 for Coral Conservation Activities. NOAA is providing \$5,240,000 and DOI is providing \$350,000. These funds will be used to support grants of financial assistance under the following six program categories: State and Territory Coral Reef Management; State and Territory Coral Reef Ecosystem