

funds for any project under \$200,000 (including in-kind contribution) to the governments of Insular Areas, defined as the jurisdictions of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

5. FY2004 Coastal Services Center Broad Area Announcement

Summary Description: NOS is soliciting projects for the Coastal Services Center (CSC) Director's Office (DO) program, with an anticipated start date of May 1, 2004. The DO program is seeking proposals for grant projects that enhance the organization, implementation, and application of regional coastal ocean observing systems. Coastal observing systems are meant to include the sensors, personnel, and data management that obtain, process and apply regular and sustained in-situ and/or remote observations of the physical, chemical, and biological environment of Great Lakes, estuaries, and the near shore ocean of the United States. Of particular interest is the utility of such systems for management of coastal and ocean resources and for the benefit of coastal communities. Two types of projects to benefit the development of regional coastal ocean observing systems are requested: (1) projects that facilitate building partnerships and regional organizational structures for Regional Observing System Coordination, and (2) projects that will support implementation of Regional Coastal Ocean Observation Pilot Projects.

Funding Availability: Estimated available funding for both types of projects is expected to be between \$1,000,000 to \$15,000,000 depending on congressional appropriation. For the Regional Observation System Coordination, funding is expected to be between \$200,000 to \$500,000 with two to five grants being awarded ranging from \$20,000 to \$100,000. For the Regional Coastal Ocean Observation Pilot Projects, funding is expected to be between \$500,000 to \$14,000,000 with two to ten grants being awarded ranging from \$100,000 to \$3,000,000. Applications must clearly state which type of project is targeted.

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1456c and 33 U.S.C. 1442.

CFDA: 11.473, Coastal Services Center.

Application Deadline: Applicants applying for federal assistance under the DO program, must submit their

applications by 5:00 p.m. EST, October 31, 2003.

Address for submitting Proposals: Coastal Services Center, 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413 to the attention of Geno Olmi, room 234A.

Information Contact(s): For administrative questions, contact Violet Legette, NOAA CSC; 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Room 218; Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or by phone at 843-740-1222, or by fax 843-740-1232, or via internet at Violet.Legette@noaa.gov. For technical questions, contact Geno Olmi, NOAA CSC; 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Room 234A, Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or by phone at 843-740-1230, or by fax 843-740-1297, or via internet at Geno.Olmi@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profit and for-profit organizations, foreign governments, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments. Federal agencies or institutions are not eligible to receive Federal assistance under this announcement, but may be project partners.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

6. FY2004 Coastal Services Center Broad Area Announcement

Summary Description: NOS is soliciting projects for the Coastal Services Center (CSC) Geographic Information System (GIS) Integration and Development (I&D) program, with an anticipated start date of March 1, 2004. THE GIS I&D program seeks proposals for a one to two year cooperative agreements under which cooperators and the Center will jointly develop technical projects related to the goal of the GIS I&D program, which is to provide relevant, easily accessible spatial data, tools, and support services to the coastal resource management community. A priority of the GIS I&D program is to fund a state and local level coastal resource management organizations proposing geospatial solutions to issues related to coastal hazards, smart growth, marine protected areas, permitting systems, data access and distribution, or Internet mapping.

Funding Availability: Funding is estimated to be \$200,000. Typically the GIS I&D program funds two to three

projects with awards ranging from about \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Statutory Authority: 33 U.S.C. 883a; 33 U.S.C. 883c; and 16 U.S.C. 1456c.

CFDA: 11.473, Coastal Services Center.

Application Deadline: Applicants applying for federal assistance under the GIS I&D program, must submit their applications by 5:00 p.m. EDT, October 6, 2003.

Address for submitting Proposals: Coastal Services Center, 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413 to the attention of James Lewis Free, room 213.

Information Contact(s): For administrative questions, contact Violet Legette, NOAA CSC; 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Room 218; Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or by phone at 843-740-1222, or by fax 843-740-1232, or via internet at Violet.Legette@noaa.gov. For technical questions, contact Hamilton Smillie, NOAA CSC; 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Room 153; Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or by phone at 843-740-1192, or by fax 843-740-1315, or via internet at Hamilton.Smillie@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profits, commercial organizations, foreign government, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments. Federal agencies or institutions are not eligible to receive Federal assistance under this announcement, but may be project partners.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

7. FY2004 Coastal Services Center Broad Area Announcement

Summary Description: NOS is soliciting projects for the Coastal Services Center (CSC) Information Resources (IR) program with an anticipated start date of March 1, 2004. The IR program is seeking proposals for a one year grant to make coastal data, products, and publications of importance to U.S. coastal resource managers available on-line using standard documentation formats and information retrieval protocols. Allowable documentation formats are the Federal Geographic Data Committee's (FGDC) content standard for geospatial data, commonly referred to as the FGDC metadata standard, and