



IOOS 5 Year Federal Funding Opportunity Q&A Session

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SECOORA
Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing
Regional Association



IOOS
Integrated Ocean
Observing System

Overview of Technology

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Associates, Inc.



Background

- SECOORA will submit a proposal to the US IOOS FY 2020 Notice of Funding Opportunity
- 5-year period: June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2026
- Informed by *Regional Coastal Ocean Observing System Strategic Operational Plan 2021 – 2026*



The cover of the SECOORA Regional Coastal Ocean Observing System Strategic Operational Plan 2021 - 2026 document. It features the SECOORA logo (a stylized blue swirl) and the text "SECOORA Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association". Below the logo, the title "Regional Coastal Ocean Observing System Strategic Operational Plan 2021 - 2026" is displayed in a bold, blue font. A paragraph of text describes the document's purpose: "This document presents the Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association (SECOORA) priorities for contributing to our improved understanding, management, and stewardship of valued coastal ocean resources. It will serve as a guide for future investments in SECOORA's regional coastal ocean observing system (RCOOS)." In the bottom right corner, there is a circular seal that reads "U.S. INTEGRATED OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM CERTIFIED".

Process

- Solicit Letters of Intent (LOIs) from a broad stakeholder base
- Conduct a two-part LOI evaluation
 - Subject Matter Expert (SME) reviews
 - Comprehensive Review Panel
- Assemble 5-year proposal from the top ranking LOIs
- SECOORA submits proposal in November 2020

SECOORA is looking for projects that are

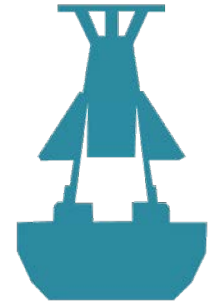
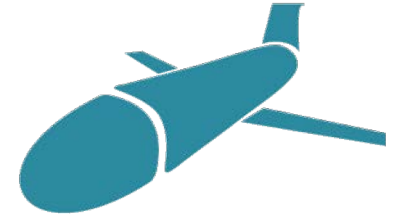
- Regional in scope or contribute to a regional-scale enterprise
- Leverage funding
- Include partnerships with end-users
- Address at least one of the following SECOORA priority theme areas:
 - Coastal Hazards and Climate Variability
 - Ecosystems: Living Marine Resources and Water Quality
 - Marine Operations



Eligible Activities and Budget Targets

- Observing: \$2M – \$3M/yr
- Modeling: \$400 – \$600K/yr
- Products: \$200 – \$300K/yr
- E&O: \$200 – \$300K/yr

- DMAC contract was awarded via earlier RFQ to Axiom Data Science



Timeline

May

- 5/26 LOIs are due

June / July

- IOOS Notice of Funding Opportunity is released (date TBD)
- 6/30: SME Reviews due back to SECOORA
- Comprehensive Review Panel begins review

August /
September

- Comprehensive Review Panel final recommendations
- Invitations sent to LOI PIs to participate on writing team
- Writing team workshop (or webinars)

October

- Draft proposal complete
- Comprehensive Review Panel and Board review of draft proposal

November

- Final draft delivered to Board for endorsement
- SECOORA Submits proposal (November 15, 2020)

Weighted Criteria for Review

Technical and Scientific Merit	30%
Innovation, Efficiency, and Effectiveness	10%
Integration and Leveraging Potential	20%
End User and Co-Sponsor Engagement	30%
Budget	10%

<https://secoora.org/secoora-proposal-development-us-integrated-ocean-observing-system-ioos-federal-funding-opportunity/>

Change in the Submission Process

- SECOORA will use Ecsion software for LOI submissions
- Email will be sent to the SECOORA mailing list and people who registered for this session as soon as website is available 5/21/20

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FAQs

- How many LOIs will SECOORA receive?
 - Anticipate ~50 LOIs will be submitted
- Can a NOAA employee be included as a co-PI?
 - Yes, but they cannot receive salary or travel funds
- Can another NOAA line office (e.g. AOML, NWS) receive funding?
 - Yes, but funds cannot be used for salary or travel for federal employees
- Can other federal agency receive funding?
 - Yes, but funds cannot be used for salary or travel for federal employees
 - Additionally, NOAA will have to establish an interagency agreement in order to move funds (~6+ month process)

FAQs

- Can a NOAA or other federal agency contractor receive salary?
 - Yes; however, the agreement will need to be with the contract agency and not the federal agency
- Can a person be a PI or Co-PI on multiple LOIs?
 - Yes, you can participate on multiple LOIs
- Who are the SME reviewers?
 - We have approximately 25 reviewers from a breadth of regions and backgrounds
 - Each will review 5-7 LOIs
- When will I find out if my LOI was successful?
 - Mid- to late-August, based on the comprehensive review panel schedule

Q&A Session

Review how to ask questions.

