

[Ecological Forecasting](#)

Closes 3:00 PM EST *November 18, 2005

(Above is a direct link to Full Announcement of Federal Funding Opportunity posted on the [Grants.gov](#) website as part of the NOAA FY 2006 Omnibus Federal Register Notice)

AGENCY: National Centers for Coastal Ocean Sciences/Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research/Coastal Ocean Program (NCCOS/CSCOR/ COP), 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.

*** Solicitation for FY 2006 Ecological Forecasting (ECOFORE) proposals re-issue!**

NOAA's Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research (CSCSOR) announces the re-issue of the solicitation of proposals for the FY 2006 Ecological Forecasting Program. This program was originally solicited in the Federal Register on June 30, 2005, as part of the June, 2005 NOAA Omnibus solicitation. The original deadline for receipt of proposals was 3 p.m., EST, on October 25, 2005. The ECOFORE component of that Omnibus solicitation did not include commercial organizations as eligible applicants. NOAA has determined that expanding the pool of potential applicants to include commercial organizations would enhance the program's ability to make financial assistance awards to recipients with the highest level of expertise in atmospheric forecasting. **The new deadline for the receipt of proposals is 3 p.m., EST, on November 18, 2005, for both electronic and paper applications.** Applications that were submitted before the original deadline and the date of publication of this notice will be considered timely. To view this reopening announcement, please visit the following web link: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/EPSTData/DOC/Synopses/1250/NOS-NCCOS-2006-2000325/ECOFOR%26%23032%3BExtension%26%23032%3B10-21-05.pdf>

Applicants that had already submitted proposals to comply with the October 25, 2005 deadline are welcomed, **but not required**, to re-submit their proposals. If you are interested in re-submitting you must follow the original process through Grants.gov but add the word "Re-submission" to the original title in the title page of the new proposal. Proposal requirements remain the same as in the first announcement. Instructions on how to prepare the proposals can be found under the original ECOFORE announcement located online at: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/EPSTData/DOC/Synopses/1250/NOS-NCCOS-2006-2000325/June%26%23032%3B30-2005%26%23032%3BFRN.pdf>

For more information about the FY 2006 Ecofore Program and the re-issue of the solicitation for proposals please contact: Elizabeth Turner (603-862-4680), Elizabeth.turner@noaa.gov

SUMMARY: The NOAA/NOS/NCCOS/CSCOR is soliciting proposals for projects of 2 to 5 years in duration for the development of new ecological forecasting capabilities and the transition of existing ecological forecasts to operational status. These ecological forecasts are to support critical management decisions for the management of the Nation's Great Lake , estuarine, coastal and ocean ecosystems. The EcoFore program seeks to develop capabilities to provide coastal managers with state-of-the-art science in a form that they can utilize to make proactive management decisions in an ecosystem context.

Proposals should provide detailed descriptions of the predictive/forecasting capability to be developed, management issue(s) to be addressed, the target audience or users of developed forecasts, and how forecasts will be provided to users. Explicit identification of the end user group(s) is required.