



NOAA announces matching fund program opportunity

Request for proposals and letters of interest

Due October 10, 2025

NOAA's Office of Coast Survey and National Geodetic Survey announces the FY2027 Rear Admiral Richard T. Brennan Ocean Mapping Fund program. This program invites non-Federal entities to partner on jointly funded ocean and coastal mapping projects of interest. Proposers benefit from this opportunity by leveraging NOAA's contracting expertise, including its pool of pre-qualified technical experts in surveying and mapping, as well as data management to ensure that the mapping data are fit for purpose and are usable for a broad set of purposes. Proposals will be evaluated based on the review process described in section V of the [Federal Register Notice](#).

Bottom Line Up Front!

- NOAA will match selected non-Federal partners at a 70:30 NOAA: partner ratio for contract mapping projects totaling up to \$1,000,000 for ocean, coastal and/or Great Lakes mapping data (subject to appropriations).
- Projects will leverage NOAA's geospatial contracting vehicles and NOAA mapping and data management expertise.
- Proposals are due October 10, 2025, by 5PM ET to iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov.

GOALS

Leverage NOAA and non-Federal partner funds to acquire more ocean and coastal mapping data collected by qualified contract surveyors during FY 2027.

Increase hydrographic surveying and coastal mapping to support:

- Maritime commerce
- Hazard mitigation and emergency response
- Tourism and recreation
- Domestic energy and seafood production
- Deeper understanding of natural resources
- MANY** other activities

Successful FY27 Brennan Ocean Mapping Fund proposals support national priorities as well as strategic mapping goals within three plans:

- **Map U.S. Waters:** National Strategy for Mapping, Exploring, and Characterizing the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone, Goal 2.
- **Expand Alaska Coastal Data Collection to Deliver the Priority Geospatial Products Stakeholders Require:** Alaska Coastal Mapping Strategy, Goal 2.
- **Collaborate to Increase Ocean and Coastal Mapping in U.S. Waters:** Office of Coast Survey Strategic Plan 2023-2027.

Eligibility: Non-Federal entities must demonstrate the ability to provide at least 30% matching funds for transfer to NOAA by October 1, 2026 via a memorandum of agreement.

Federal Register Notice at <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2025-11107>.

Informational Webinar on August 14, 2025 at 1PM ET, registration at <https://forms.gle/BEowFcoMRnkap2Qi9>.

Virtual Office Hours on September 19, 2025 between 10AM-5PM ET, schedule by emailing iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov

Cost Estimator Worksheet available by contacting iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov

For reference, materials from the previous FY26 Matching Fund Webinar are available at <https://iocm.noaa.gov/planning/contracts-grants-agreements.html>.

- For more information, contact iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov •