



## 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](mailto: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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime commerce                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic energy and seafood production    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazard mitigation and emergency response | <input type="checkbox"/> Deeper understanding of natural resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism and recreation                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MANY</b> 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 17, 2025 between 10AM-5PM ET, schedule by emailing [iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov](mailto:iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov)

**Cost Estimator Worksheet** available by contacting [iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov](mailto: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](mailto:iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov) •

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