



NOAA announces matching fund program opportunity

Request for proposals and request for interest

Due October 11, 2024

NOAA's Office of Coast Survey and National Geodetic Survey announces the FY2026 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 11, 2024, 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 2025.

Increase hydrographic surveying and coastal mapping to support:

- Safer navigation
- Hazard mitigation for coastal resilience and climate change
- Preservation of marine habitats and heritage
- Coastal and ocean science
- Deeper understanding of natural resources for sustainable ocean economies
- MANY** other activities

Successful FY25 Brennan Matching Fund proposals support national priorities for climate and infrastructure 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.
- **Expand Coastal Mapping to Inform Science-based Decision-making Capabilities:** Ocean Climate Action Plan for coastal climate resilience.

Eligibility: Non-Federal entities must demonstrate the ability to provide at least 30% matching funds for transfer to NOAA by September 2025 via a memorandum of agreement.

Federal Register Notice at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-06-18/pdf/2024-13387.pdf>

Informational Webinar on August 1st, 1PM ET, registration at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8298435806847389269>

Virtual Office Hours on September 13th from 8am-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 FY25 Matching Fund Webinar are available at <https://iocm.noaa.gov/planning/contracts-grants-agreements.html>

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