

# **Rear Admiral Richard T. Brennan Ocean Mapping Fund Informational Webinar**



In honor of RDML Richard T. Brennan

We will start at 1pm E.T. Meredith Westington Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping

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# Seminar Logistics

- We encourage you to share input and feedback using the webinar and email:
  - We will be recording; attendees or their likeness will not be posted
  - Use "Questions" function to write your questions.
  - When submitting a question, please let us know if you would like to speak and we will unmute you. We will hold questions for the Q&A portion.
  - You can email us at <u>iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov</u> for any follow-up questions.
  - If you are having technical difficulties, please contact Amber Butler at <u>amber.butler@noaa.gov</u>.

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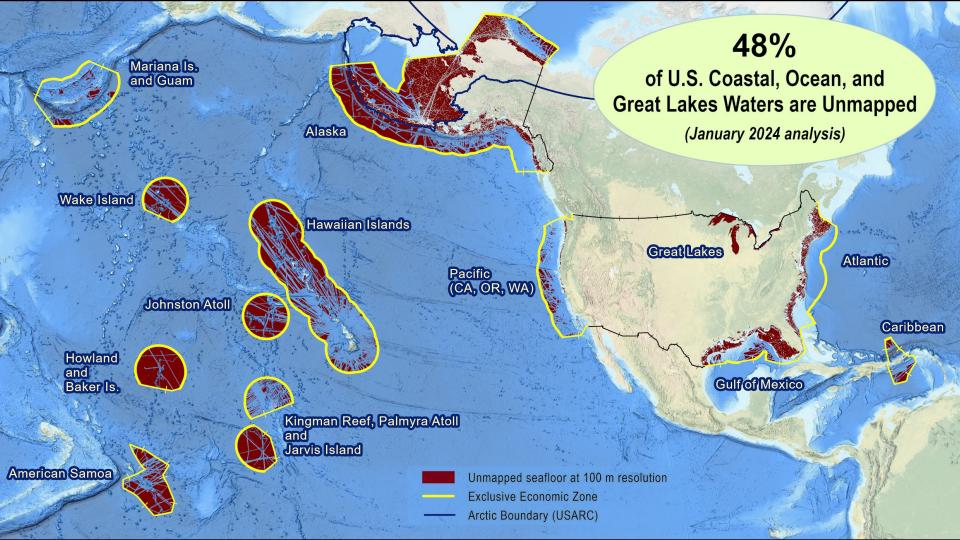
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# Rear Admiral Richard T. Brennan





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NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR MAPPING, EXPLORING, AND CHARACTERIZING THE UNITED STATES EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE

> Prepared by the OCEAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

> > of the OCEAN POLICY COMMITTEE

> > > June 2020





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### **OCEAN CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

A REPORT BY THE OCEAN POLICY COMMITTEE MARCH 2023



# **Matching Fund in Brief**

Leverage NOAA and non-Federal partner funds to acquire more ocean and coastal mapping data collected by qualified contract surveyors during FY 2026

Increase hydrographic surveying and coastal mapping to support:

- Safer navigation
- Hazard mitigation for coastal resilience
- Preservation of marine habitats and heritage

- **Coastal and ocean science**
- Deeper understanding of natural resources for sustainable ocean economies
- □ MANY other activities

# What's New for FY26?

- □ 48% of U.S. waters are considered unmapped
- Updated resource documents
  - Hydrographic Surveys Specifications and Deliverables: <u>https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/publications/standards-and-requirements.html</u> (updated)
  - NOAA's Equitable Climate Services Action Plan: <u>https://www.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/2024-04/NOAA-ECSAP-Final.pdf</u> (new!)



NOAA ships Fairweather and Rainier, photo by NOAA

# Areas of Focus

For this opportunity, proposals will be considered that are aligned with national priorities for climate and infrastructure, and the goals of the NOMEC, ACMS, and the Coast Survey Ocean Mapping Plan



- A. Map the United States Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
- B. Expand Alaska Coastal Data Collection to Deliver the Priority Geospatial Products Stakeholders Require
- C. Expand coastal mapping to inform science-based decision-making capabilities

### **Tools to Use**

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### **Mapping Data Acquisition Cost Estimation Sheet** Email iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov

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### Resources on AWS

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Description NOAA National Bathymetric Source Data

Resource type S3 Bucket

Amazon Resource Name (ARN) arn:aws:s3:::noaa-ocs-nationalbathymetry-pds

AWS Region

us-east-1

### AWS CLI Access (No AWS account required)

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### HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS SPECIFICATIONS AND DELIVERABLES

May 2020



# Eligibility

### □ Non-Federal entities. Examples:

- State/local governments
- Tribal entities
- Universities/academia
- Private sector
- □ NGOs/philanthropic orgs
- Coalitions of non-federal entities
- Qualifying proposals must demonstrate the ability to provide at least 30% matching funds, for transfer to NOAA by September 2025 via memorandum of agreement



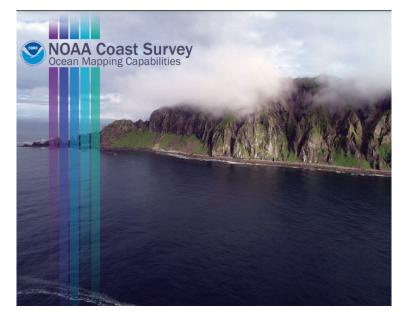
Port Valdez Marina, located near a Brennan Matching Fund Opportunity mapping site



Long Island Sound lighthouse, located near a Brennan Matching Fund Opportunity mapping site

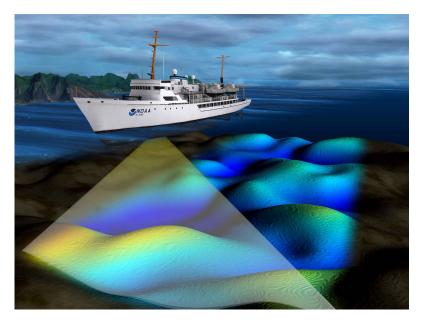
### What NOAA Brings

- Hydrographic surveying and shoreline mapping expertise
- 70% match
- **G** 33 U.S.C. 883e authority to receive funds
- Value-added contract management and oversight
- Survey compliance
- □ Survey/control and correction/calibration services
- Data processing, quality assessment and review of all acquired hydrographic data
- Data management and stewardship from ping to hi-res products to archive at NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information



<u>https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/about/docs/about/</u> <u>ocean-mapping-capabilities.pdf</u>





### Potential products include, but not limited to:

- Bathymetric data (multibeam, single beam, lidar)
- Backscatter
- Water column (depth dependent)
- Side scan sonar imagery
- **G** Feature detection reports
- Sensor/data corrections and calibrations (e.g., conductivity, temperature and depth casts)
- Survey and control services, including the installation, operation, and removal of water level and Global Positioning System stations
- Data processing, quality assessment and review of all acquired hydrographic data
- Data management and stewardship through data archive at the National Centers for Environmental Information
- □ High-resolution topographic/bathymetric product generation

### How Mapping is Executed

### **Geospatial Contract Vehicles**

A number of federal agencies have geospatial contract vehicles that are available for use by other agencies and partners. A memorandum of agreement must be signed detailing the partnership, but once that is accomplished, the partner benefits from the expertise these agencies have and managing an acquiring ocean and coastal mapping data with the private sector.

Hydrographic Surveying Services: NOAA's Coast Survey manages the contract vehicle for hydrographic data, including multibeam sounding data, side scan sonar, acoustic backscatter, processing of the data, quality control, and resulting products

Shoreline Mapping Support Services: NOAA's National Geodetic Survey manages this contract for remote-sensing, digital shoreline mapping, surveying, and associated tasks. Services include planning, collecting remotely since data from ground, aircraft, and/or satellite based sensors, conducting geodetic surveys, determining tidal datums, and digital map compilation.

Coastal Geospatial Services: NOAA's Office of Coastal Management manages this contract for geospatial services. Services include lidar and imagery data acquisition, high-resolution topographic and/or bathymetric product generation, thematic mapping, survey and control services and training, and geospatial data management, integration, modeling, and visualization.

# Funding Availability & Project Period

Coast Survey and the National Geodetic Survey anticipate funding up to five survey projects at a 70% match of up to \$1 million per project. All projects are expected to

have an FY2026 project start date and all non-Federal partner matching funds must be received by NOAA in September 2025. NOAA intends to complete each selected project within two (2) years.



# **Deadlines and Dates**

### To: iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov

- September 13th, 2024: Option to schedule a 30 minute "office hours" one-on-one session to validate proposals
- October 11th, 2024: Due date for proposals, statements of interest regarding potential future proposals, and all supporting GIS files
- November 18, 2024: NOAA issues its decisions on proposals
- December 2024 January 2025: NOAA works with selected partners to develop memoranda of agreement to facilitate the transfer of funds from the non-Federal partner to NOAA
- March 2025: NOAA finalizes the memoranda of agreement with partners
- □ June-September 2025: Non-Federal partners transfer matching funds to NOAA; funds must be available to NOAA for contracting in October 2025
- January-September 2026: NOAA issues task orders to its established survey contractors for NOAA/partner FY26 projects



# Submission Requirements

Six (6) total pages (plus optional GIS files of project areas) and the following **three** components:

- A project title; executive summary (3-5 sentences); and the names, affiliations, and roles of the project partners and any co-investigators, as well as the project lead that will serve as primary contact (1 page maximum).
- 2 A justification and statement of need; description and graphics of the proposed survey area, including relevance to the strategic areas of focus noted in Section III and degree of flexibility on timing of survey effort (4 pages maximum).
- A project budget that lists the source(s) and amount(s) of funding that the partner would provide as its match to NOAA. Budget must confirm that partner funds can be transferred to NOAA by September 2025 (1 page maximum).

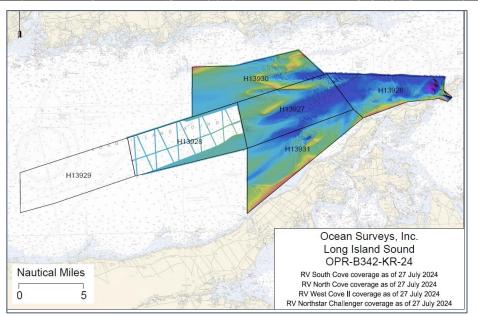
## **Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated by the Brennan Matching Fund Program Management Team.

### E.g., does the proposal have:

- □ Intrinsic IOCM value and/or relevance to NOAA missions and priorities?
- □ Clear need, anticipated outcomes, public benefit?
- POC and partners identified? Funding sources identified?
- Realistic proposed budget?
- □ Feasibility, flexibility?

# **Current BMF Projects**



FY24: NOAA partnering with Connecticut Dept of Energy and Environmental Protection—\$1.8M

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# FY25: NOAA partnering with City of Valdez for hazard detection and planning

# **Questions?**

We want to hear from you!

Interested, but the timing doesn't work? You'd consider submitting a proposal in future?



One page letter of interest: Tell us what your timing hurdles are, where/what you are interested in, potential partners if more time, etc.

If you have outstanding questions, you can also join us for office hours on September 13 by emailing <u>iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov</u>

# **Contact information**

Proposals must be submitted in PDF format via email to: iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov by 5pm ET, October 11, 2024

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping at <u>iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov</u> or Meredith Westington at <u>meredith.westington@noaa.gov</u>

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