

**RESTORE Act Centers of Excellence Research Grant Program Application Narrative -
Department of the Treasury**

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The Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program Funding Opportunity Announcement describes in detail the content and information required for your application submission. This application form must be included with your application, along with the separate Centers of Excellence Application Narrative Supplement (i.e., project and budget narratives) and other documentation as required by the relevant Funding Opportunity Announcement.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Applicant Name:

Federal Funding Opportunity Announcement #:

Is this application to fund the establishment of a new/additional Center(s) of Excellence and/or an existing Center(s) of Excellence?

- Existing Center(s) of Excellence (If yes, complete Sections A, C, D, and E)
- New/Additional Center(s) of Excellence (If yes, complete Sections B, C, D, and E)
- Both Existing and New/Additional Center(s) of Excellence (If yes, complete Sections A, B, C, D, and E)

A. EXISTING CENTER(S) OF EXCELLENCE:

1. Selection Process and Public Input

- a.** List existing Center(s) and the corresponding grant number(s) under which it was first established, thereby incorporating previous responses by reference.
- b.** Provide a description of any modifications to the rules and policies that were approved after consideration of meaningful input from the public made since the selection of the existing Center(s).

B. NEW/ADDITIONAL CENTER(S) OF EXCELLENCE:

1. Selection Process – New/Additional Center(s) of Excellence

Describe the competitive review process that the applicant used, or will use, to select a new/additional Center(s) of Excellence, including: a) the qualifications for entities and consortia; b) the criteria for selection and how those criteria have been/will be applied; c) how priority has been/will be given to entities and consortia that demonstrate the ability to organize the broadest cross-section of participants with interest and expertise in the discipline(s) on which this application is focused, including participation by minority-serving institutions; d) timeframe of selection process; and e) any other selection factors. As appropriate, provide references to existing state statutory or regulatory

requirements.

2. Public Input – New/Additional Center(s) of Excellence

Explain the process the applicant has engaged in or will engage in to provide 45-day minimum public review and comment on its rules and policies, including the competitive selection process, and the consideration of meaningful input from the public, including broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, Indian tribes, and non-profit organizations. Provide links to public comments, newspaper articles, transcripts, or minutes of meetings, etc. If these are not available on the Internet, please attach relevant documents to the application package.

C. RECIPIENT INFORMATION (required for all applications):

1. Subaward Management

Describe how the applicant will manage the subaward(s) to the Center(s), including the applicant's policies and procedures for issuing subawards; the process to guard against conflicts of interest; the process for selecting science, technology, or monitoring projects; and monitoring subrecipient's performance and compliance, including the subrecipient's oversight of lower tier subrecipients.

D. CENTER OF EXCELLENCE INFORMATION (required for all applications):

1. Contact Information

Please provide the name of the Center(s) of Excellence and the name and address for each entity selected to operate the Center(s) of Excellence as a subrecipient of the applicant; attach more pages as needed. Also, provide the Principal Investigator's (PI) contact information.

- a. Name of Center of Excellence:
- b. Name of Subrecipient:
- c. Street address:
- d. City:
- e. County/Parish:
- f. State:
- g. Zip code:
- h. UEI Number
- i. PI Name:
- j. PI Phone Number:
- k. PI Email Address:

2. Eligible Disciplines

Select the applicable eligible disciplines that each Center will be focusing on as part of this grant request. (Select all that apply)

- Coastal and deltaic sustainability, restoration and protection, including solutions and technology that allow citizens to live in a safe and sustainable

- manner in a coastal delta in the Gulf Coast Region
- Coastal fisheries and wildlife ecosystem research and monitoring in the Gulf Coast Region
- Offshore energy development, including research and technology to improve the sustainable and safe development of energy resources in the Gulf of Mexico
- Sustainable and resilient growth and economic and commercial development in the Gulf Coast Region
- Comprehensive observation, monitoring, and mapping of the Gulf of Mexico

3. Center Details

Provide more information on each Center, including what type of entity it is and whether it is a consortium.

- a. Type of Entity (Institution of higher education, corporation, etc.):
- b. Is the Center of Excellence a consortium?
 - No.
 - Yes. If yes, list all member organizations and addresses:

4. Minority-Serving Institutions

Select whether there is a Minority-Serving Institution(s) and name the entity and type of MSI if applicable.

- No.
- Yes. If yes, name and type of institution(s): (e.g., Historically Black College or University or Hispanic Serving Institution – see definition of [Minority Institution and list of institutions.](#))

5. Location

Is the Center of Excellence located in the Gulf Coast Region, as defined at 31 CFR § 34.2? Explain or upload a map if necessary.

- No.
- Yes.

E. PROGRAM DETAILS (required for all applications):

1. Proposed Scope of Work

A detailed scope of work that fully describes the program for which funding is requested, including:

- a. Key Personnel. Include the name and contact information for the following:
 - i. Applicant’s Authorizing Official authorized to sign the grant application and award:
 - Name
 - Email
 - Phone
 - ii. Project Director responsible for the project:

Name
Email
Phone

iii. Financial Officer responsible for maintaining accounting and financial records of the grant:

Name
Email
Phone

- b. Program Description. The Program Description must include the following:
Need:
Purpose:
Objectives, including how they are designed to contribute to establishing/maintaining the Center(s) and monitoring the subrecipient(s) Science, technology, and monitoring activities and how these activities relate to the eligible discipline(s):
- c. Subrecipient Scope of Work. Include a separate, clearly defined scope of work for the subrecipient(s) and a detailed subrecipient budget.

2. Budget Justification

Explain in detail how the proposed budget supports the proposed scope of work. The budget justification should relate each budget category listed in the SF-424A to the specific tasks identified in the proposed scope of work. The budget justification should provide specific justification for all budget categories that apply, including an explanation of the necessity, allowability, reasonableness, and allocability of proposed costs. (See the Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program Funding Opportunity Announcement for a complete description of the budget categories.)

- a. Indirect costs must be supported by a current federally approved Indirect Cost Rate. Applicants electing to use a federally approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement should upload the current agreement. *Please contact Treasury if the applicant does not have an indirect cost rate from its cognizant federal agency and wishes to include indirect costs in the proposed budget.*

3. Permits

Do the Center's proposed activities require any federal, tribal, state, or other permits?

- No.
- Yes. If yes, provide a list of specific federal, tribal, state, or other permits or authorizations required for science, technology, and monitoring activities in this program and their status. If permits or authorizations have been obtained, include them with the application. (For federal environmental requirements, see Environmental Checklist - Reference Guidance on the RESTORE Act Centers of Excellence Resources webpage.)