

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

OMB Approval No. 1505-0250

Directions: Complete this form to apply for Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program funding.	
GENERAL INFORMATION:	
Applicant Name:	
Point of Contact (POC) for this Application:	POC Name:
	POC Title:
	POC Email:
	POC Phone:
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?	New/Additional Center(s) of Excellence (complete Section A)
	Existing Center(s) of Excellence (complete Section B)
	Both New/Additional and Existing Center(s) of Excellence (complete Sections A and B)
A. NEW/ADDITIONAL CENTER(S) OF EXCELLENCE:	
1. Selection Process – New/Additional Center(s) of Excellence	
<p>Directions: 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 (see http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/edlite-minorityinst.html); d) timeframe of selection process; and e) any other selection factors. As appropriate, provide references to existing state statutory or regulatory requirements.</p>	
2. Public Input – New/Additional Center(s) of Excellence	
<p>Directions: 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.</p>	

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1505-0250. Comments concerning the time required to complete this information collection, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information, should be directed to the Department of the Treasury, Office of Gulf Coast Restoration, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20220.

B. EXISTING CENTER(S) OF EXCELLENCE:
1. Selection Process and Public Input
(a) Directions: List existing Center(s) and the corresponding grant number(s) under which it was first established, thereby incorporating previous responses by reference.
(b) Directions: Provide an explanation of any modifications to the competitive selection process used to select the existing Center(s).
(c) Directions: Provide an explanation of any modifications to the rules and policies that were approved after consideration of meaningful input from the public and used to select the existing Center(s).
C. RECIPIENT INFORMATION
1. Subaward Management
Directions: 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.
2. Key Personnel
Directions: Key personnel should include the applicant's Authorizing Official who is authorized to sign the grant application and award, the Project Director who is responsible for the project, and the Financial Officer who is responsible for maintaining the accounting and financial records of the grant. The RESTORE Act Standard Terms and Conditions require the applicant to notify Treasury if there are any changes in key personnel. Also include the name of the principal investigator/program director for each Center of Excellence.

D. CENTER OF EXCELLENCE INFORMATION:		
<p>1. 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.</p>	Name of Center of Excellence:	
	Name of Subrecipient:	
	Street address:	
	City:	
	County/Parish:	
	State:	
	Zip code:	
	DUNS Number:	
	PI Name:	
	PI Phone Number:	
PI Email Address:		
<p>2. Select the applicable eligible disciplines that each Center will be focusing on as part of this grant request.</p>	<p>Select all that apply</p>	<p>Eligible Discipline</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>A. 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</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>B. Coastal fisheries and wildlife ecosystem research and monitoring in the Gulf Coast Region</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>C. Offshore energy development, including research and technology to improve the sustainable and safe development of energy resources in the Gulf of Mexico</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>D. Sustainable and resilient growth and economic and commercial development in the Gulf Coast Region</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>E. Comprehensive observation, monitoring, and mapping of the Gulf of Mexico</p>

7. Budget Justification (See OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards)

Directions: 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 discussed in the response to D6. Provide specific justification for ALL budget categories that apply, including an explanation of the necessity, allowability, reasonableness, and allocability of proposed costs. Please refer to the relevant Funding Opportunity Announcement for descriptions of the budget categories.

8. Permits

Does the Center(s)'s proposed activities require any federal, tribal, state, or local permits? For potential federal permits needed, see: <https://www.permits.performance.gov/tools/permit-inventory>.

Yes

No

If yes, list federal, tribal, state, or local permits required for this project and the status of the permits: