

NOAA Grants Application Package referenced above.

Selection Criteria (With Weights)

All proposals will be scored according to the following criteria:

1. Importance and Relevance of Research to the Assimilation of Satellite Data in NWP Models (25 Points)

Will the proposed work advance the goal of the JCSDA? Will the proposed project make a significant contribution to the high priority research and technical areas listed above?

2. Technical Merit (25 Points)

Is the approach technically sound? Does the proposed project build on existing knowledge? Is the approach innovative?

3. Applicability and Effectiveness (25 Points)

Does the proposed work have the potential to significantly advance the use of satellite observations in numerical weather and short-term climate prediction models? Does the proposed work provide for flexible, early and effective opportunities for evaluation at the JCSDA (e.g., through cooperative experiments, demonstrations, or JCSDA evaluations)? Does the proposed work have the potential for long-term (lasting) value and widespread applicability? Does the proposed work include an effective mechanism by which the project's progress can be evaluated?

4. Cost Efficiency (10 Points)

Is the budget realistic and commensurate with the project needs? Does the budget narrative justify the proposed expenditures?

5. Meaningful Participation of Minority Serving (MSI) Institution(s) (5 Points)

Is there meaningful participation by an MSI in the proposed work? Are there subgrants, subcontracts or other partnership arrangements proposed with MSIs?

6. Overall Qualifications (10 Points)

Are the proposers capable of conducting a project of the scope and scale proposed (i.e., scientific, professional, facility, and administrative resources/capabilities)? Are appropriate partnerships going to be employed to achieve the highest quality content and maximal efficiency?

Selection Process

A selection panel will be convened to review and to provide recommendations on selection using the criteria published

in these guidelines. The panel may include both Federal and non-Federal individuals. Each member of the review panel will review each proposal and assign the proposal a score. No consensus advice will be given by the panel. Proposals will be ranked and presented to the Selecting Official for final selection. In addition to the individual proposal rankings assigned by the panel, the Selecting Official may consider the following programmatic factors: balance among the prioritized research areas of programmatic interest described in the "Program Description" section of this Notice, extent of collaboration between non-Federal and Federal investigators, and duplication of existing supported research.

Disposition of Unsuccessful Proposals. Proposals will be held in the Program Office until awards are made to the selected applicants and then destroyed.

Project Management

All projects will be reviewed at an annual meeting of all grantees and JCSDA staff. Semi-annual progress reports will be required of all grantees.

Intergovernmental Review

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Executive Order 12866

It has been determined that this notice is not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

Because notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, for notices relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)), a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required and has not been prepared for this notice, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Notice of Dates and Locations for Public Scoping Meetings on the Review of the Gerry E. Studds Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSPP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

SUMMARY: The Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary (SBNMS) was designated in 1992. Encompassing an 842-square mile area off the coast of Massachusetts, SBNMS protects one of the most biologically diverse areas along the eastern seaboard. It is one of the primary feeding grounds of the highly migratory humpback whale, the part-time home of the endangered northern right whale, and has a highly varied seafloor that supports a wide variety of demersal fish species and invertebrate species.

In accordance with Section 304(e) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, as amended, (NMSA) (16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*), the NMSPP has re-initiated a review of the SBNMS management plan to evaluate the substantive progress toward implementing the management plan and goals of the Sanctuary and to make revisions to the plan and regulations as necessary to fulfill the purposes and policies of the NMSA. NOAA is currently seeking comments on the scope, types, and significance of issues related to the Sanctuary management plan and regulations.

Background

The current management plan for the Sanctuary was originally published in July 1993. In December 1998 and January 1999, the NMSPP initiated a review of this plan by holding scoping meetings to solicit public comments on the status of site management. Scoping participants commented on a variety of issues, which were then characterized by Sanctuary staff and drafted into a

"State of the Sanctuary Report" during Winter 2001/2002 (a change in Sanctuary administration delayed the management plan review process for approximately one year).

The State of the Sanctuary Report, which also contains current background information on the Sanctuary's administrative capacities, its environmental features and human uses, and its going activities, has been released to familiarize the public with the current status of Sanctuary management and the range of issues identified during the initial scoping period of 1998/1999. The report can be obtained by contacting the SBNMS Management Plan Review Coordinator at the address below or by downloading it from the SBNMS website at <http://stellwagen.nos.noaa.gov>. Interested parties should refer to this report when submitting comments on the Sanctuary's management plan during this re-initiation of the scoping period.

Comments on the Sanctuary management plan or regulations may be submitted in three ways: (1) In writing to SBNMS Management Plan Review Coordinator at the address or fax number below; (2) via email to sbnmsplan@noaa.gov; or (3) in writing or orally at one of the public meetings.

The public meetings will begin on September 24, 2002. A complete list of dates and address for these meetings is as follows:

Meeting 1—6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 24, 2002 at the Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, CT; <http://www.mysticaquarium.org>.

Meeting 2—6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 25, 2002 at the New Bedford Whaling Museum in New Bedford, MA (18 Johnny Cake Hill Rd); <http://whalingmuseum.org>.

Meeting 3—6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 26, 2002 at the Provincetown Town Hall Auditorium in Provincetown, MA (260 Commercial St.); <http://www.provincetowngov.org>.

Meeting 4—10 a.m. Saturday, September 28, 2002 at the Sea Education Association in Falmouth, MA (177 Woods Hole Rd.); <http://www.sea.edu>.

Meeting 5—6:30 p.m. Monday, September 30, 2002 at the Gloucester City Hall Council Chamber in Gloucester, MA (9 Dale Ave.); <http://www.ci.gloucester.ma.us>.

Meeting 6—6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2002 at the University of Maine School of Law in Portland, ME (246 Deering Ave.); <http://www.law.usm.maine.edu/about-dir.htm>.

Meeting 7—6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 2, 2002 at Yokens Restaurant and Conference Center in Portsmouth,

NH (Rte. 1, So. 1390 Lafayette Rd.); <http://www.yokens.com>.

Meeting 8—6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 3, 2002 at the New England Aquarium in Boston, MA (Central Wharf); <http://www.neaq.org>.

Meeting 9—11 a.m. Saturday, October 5, 2002 at the Plymouth Public Library in Plymouth, MA (132 South St.); <http://www.gis.net/~ppl/>.

DATES: The public meetings begin on September 24, 2002 and end on October 5, 2002; comments on the management plan or regulations should be received on or before October 18, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Addresses for the upcoming public meetings are detailed in the Background section above. For a copy of the State of the Sanctuary Report, contact the Management Plan Review Coordinator, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Rd. Scituate, MA 02066. Copies can also be downloaded from the SBNMS website at <http://stellwagen.nos.noaa.gov>.

To submit comments, you may (1) mail them to the address above; (2) fax them to (781) 545-8036; (3) email them to sbnmsplan@noaa.gov; or (4) attend one of the upcoming public meetings. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Management Plan Review Coordinator.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katrina VanDine at (781) 545-8026 X203 or via e-mail at sbnmsplan@noaa.gov.

Dated: September 17, 2002.

Jamison S. Hawkins,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Board of Visitors Meeting

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition University, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Board of Visitors meeting.

SUMMARY: The September 18, 2002 meeting of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Board of Visitors (BoV) announced in the **Federal Register** on August 20, 2002 (67 FR 53916) has been canceled. The meeting has been rescheduled for October 22, 2002. The purpose of this meeting is to report back to the BoV on continuing items of interest.

DATES: October 22, 2002 from 0900-1500.

ADDRESSES: Packard Conference Center, Building 184, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Diane Reid at 703-805-5133.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public; however, because of space limitations, allocation of seating will be made on a first-come, first served basis. Persons desiring to attend the meeting should call Ms. Diane Reid at 703-805-5133.

Dated: September 12, 2002.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternative OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the 2003 Science and Technology Review. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the SAB and study leadership to assess the quality and long-term relevance of scientific research. Because classified and contractor-proprietary information will be discussed, this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: October 28 to November 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Major John Pernot, Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat, 1180 Air Force Pentagon, Rm 5D982, Washington DC 20330-1180, (703) 697-4811.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the