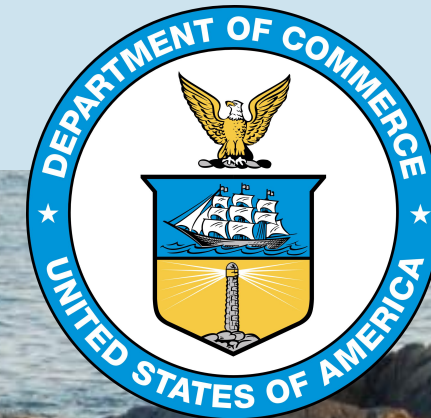


INFLATION REDUCTION ACT CLIMATE-READY WORKFORCE FOR
COASTAL STATES, TRIBES & TERRITORIES COMPETITION

Tips & Tricks for New Applicants





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Register in All the Right Places

The Places

SAM.gov

Grants.gov

[eRA Commons](https://public.era.nih.gov/commonsplus/public/login.era) (<https://public.era.nih.gov/commonsplus/public/login.era>)

The Timing

- Each can take 6 or more weeks to complete
- Register early
- No financial cost, does take time



Know Your Dates



Letter of Intent

November 30, 2023

Full Proposal

February 13, 2024

Project Start

August 1, 2024



Ask Questions Early



**We can help more
early on**

**Once key dates have passed, our ability to
help becomes more limited**



Submit to the Right Place



Letter of Intent

Email to
sg.grants@noaa.gov

Full Proposal

Submit at [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov);
NOAA-OAR-SG-2024-200
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**Look for and keep
confirmation of
submissions**



- This is an **expression of intent**
- It doesn't commit you to anything
- It opens the door to submitting a full proposal
- If in doubt, **submit something**

Letters of Intent



Full Proposals

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- This is where the rubber meets the bureaucratic road
- As this is a competition, **we make decisions based on what you submit**
- There are **few chances** to correct or revise materials



- Applications have a long list of parts, forms, and other elements
- Make sure you have **all** of those elements or the application **will not** be reviewed
- Double check **everything**

Check The Minimum Requirements



Tell Your Story

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- You have limited space
- Provide requested context
- Focus on what you need the funding for
- Leave out things that are not relevant to the funding effort
- Make it easy to see how you are addressing the priorities
- **Make sure you are addressing the evaluation criteria in your narrative**



- Reviewers are humans, and often volunteers
- They know this field
- They are excited to learn about what you want to do
- Make their job easy - give them what they need and nothing extra
- They can't give you credit for what isn't included

Remember the Reviewers



- There are lots of forms that request breakdowns on the budget
- **Make sure that they all show the same totals at the end**

Check Your Math



Questions

Please use the webinar's Q & A feature

seagrant.noaa.gov/CRW





Example: Letter of Intent

PART 1

Working project title: Climate Ready Jobs in Point Nemo

Lead Applicant Name(s): Joshua Brown

Lead Applicant Position(s) and Affiliation(s): Workforce Lead, Point Nemo Development Bureau

Lead Applicant Contact Information: Joshua.Brown@pointnemo.gov

Climate Service Practitioner Name(s): Ned Gardiner

Climate Service Practitioner Position(s) and Affiliation(s): Climatologist, Point Nemo University

Climate Service Practitioner Contact Information: ng@pointnemo.edu

Number of phases to be completed within the scope of the project: 2

The approximate funding to be requested: \$5M

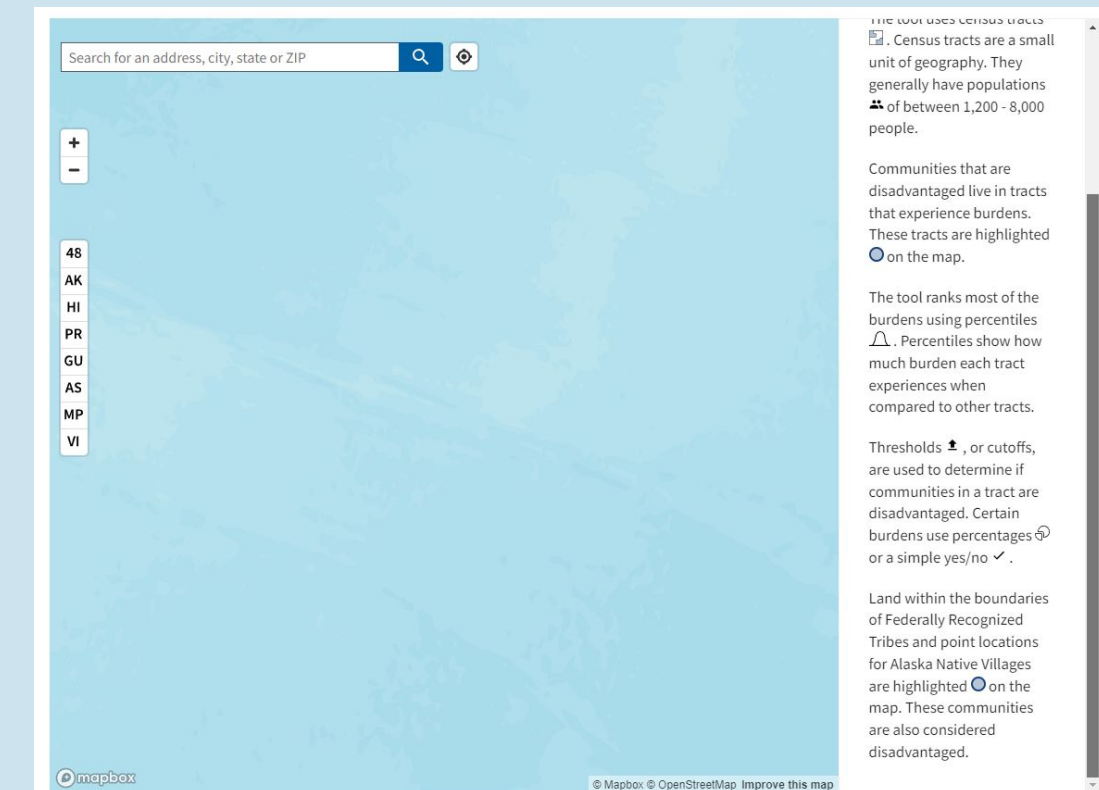


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PART 2

Brief discussion of the partnership, its approach, and its impact:

This project will occur in the region around Point Nemo (FIPS 0000000), a remote region that is deeply vulnerable to climate change. As you can see on the CEJST map to the right, Point Nemo is already completely submerged. With a small, highly motivated population, Point Nemo will engage in a whole-community approach to building a climate ready workforce. This work will focus on the aquaculture, tourism, environmental engineering, and underwater habitat construction industry. We have engaged with the leading employers in each sector, who have specific skill needs to adapt their businesses and our community to climate-driven challenges. Trainees will learn about climate impacts to Point Nemo, and how it will impact their work.





Example: Letter of Intent

PART 3

| Partner | Role | Commitment |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Nautilus Submarine Housing | Employer | 25 Housing Contractors |
| Deepwater Tours | Employer | 17 Climate-Ready Guides |
| Middle-of-Nowhere Farms | Employer | 12 Climate-Driven Impact Managers |
| CoastBuilders | Employer | 37 Coastal Landscapers |
| NOAA Climate Program Office | Strategic Partner | Climate Resilience Expertise |
| Point Nemo University | Strategic Partner | Localized Climate Data |
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