

University of New Orleans

Economic Evaluation of the Fiscal Justification Project for Coastal Land Loss in Louisiana

Request for Proposal
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Introduction

The University of New Orleans (UNO) is seeking a nationally-recognized partner in response to an anticipated request from the Louisiana Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration (OCPR) to respond to a Scope of Work entitled “Economic Evaluation of the Fiscal Justification Project for Coastal Land Loss in Louisiana”. UNO expects to successfully compete for this project by building a nationally-known team of experts who are knowledgeable in coastal land loss in Louisiana, GIS mapping and visualization, and economic evaluation of the impact of current and future land loss. Evidence of previous work by the national partner on one or more of these topics is highly desirable. The national partner should be familiar with Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast.

Potential Tasks

Specific action items to which the national partner may contribute to the success of the project include:

1. Estimation of future land-water configurations and the distribution of emergent habitat types.
2. Estimation of flood risk due to hurricane storm surge and waves.
3. GIS mapping and visualization of items 1 and 2.
4. Estimation of economic impact to Louisiana and the nation of items 1 and 2.

The primary contribution of the national partner is for the estimation of the economic impact task. Partners with expertise in that task are strongly encouraged to apply even if they cannot contribute to the other tasks. Total value of the award to the UNO team is anticipated to exceed \$1M. The amount of the award distributed to each member of the team is dependent upon the contribution to the project deliverables. The team will be directed by a steering committee composed of national leaders in the area.

Request for Proposal Timeline

The timeline for the RFP is:

- RFP posted to website: **April 1, 2010**
- Proposals due: **May 1, 2010**
- Steering Committee evaluations: **May, 2010**
- Notice to proposers: **Late May, 2010**
- Period of Performance: **18 months** following contract signing.

Proposals not received by the deadlines for submission will not be accepted. RFP will be posted to <http://orsp.uno.edu>. UNO, OCPR and the Steering Committee may elect to contact national partners that they believe could respond to the RFP.

Proposal Format

The content of a proposal should include:

1. Full contact information including a point of contact (POC).
2. Previous work directly related to the Potential Tasks.
3. Evidence of national stature in the area including resumes of key personnel and copies of relevant reports and publications.
4. Proposed contribution to one or more of the potential tasks.

5. Availability of key personnel during the next 18 months.
6. Cost, including a detailed budget, for the proposed contribution.

UNO and the Steering Committee reserve the right to reject all proposals. This RFP is not intended and shall not be construed to commit OCPR or UNO or members of the Steering Committee to pay any costs incurred in connection with any proposal or to procure or contract for any services.

Proposal—Evaluation and Criteria

OCPR will assemble a Steering Committee with the appropriate disciplinary and professional expertise to enable a thorough evaluation of each proposal. The Steering Committee will use several factors in reaching its decision including, but not limited to: previous work in the area, potential contributions to this project, cost, availability and evidence of national stature in the project area. The decision of the Steering Committee is final.

Deadline and Submission Information

Proposals must be submitted via email to vcresearch@uno.edu by 5:00pm CST on May 1, 2010 in Word or PDF format. Insert "Coastal Economic Impact RFP" in the email subject line.

The narrative should not exceed 10 pages. Appendices may be provided but the Steering Committee will focus their evaluation on the narrative of the proposal.

Confirmation of proposal receipt will be sent by return email to the originating mailbox only.

If you do not have email access, please contact Dr. Whittenburg at the phone number below.

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