



## ROSA REGIONAL RFP 01: Questions & Answers

This document provides answers to questions submitted regarding ROSA's Regional RFP 01: "Advancing Regional Solutions for Fisheries and Offshore Wind." More information on the solicitation is available on ROSA's website here: <https://www.rosascience.org/regional-rfp/>

### **Could ROSA clarify information about federal staff applying to this RFP?**

Federal (and state) agencies are not eligible to apply directly to the RFP. Staff working at Federal agencies may join a project team and receive funding as subcontractors. The maximum value assigned to subcontracts (this includes federal staff and any other subcontractors on the project team) must be less than 50% of the final budget amount. An indirect cost of 15% may only be applied to the first \$50,000 of the budget for each subcontractor.

### **What is the ability for a state agency to submit or participate in a proposal?**

A state agency would not be eligible to be the lead or applicant but can participate as a subcontractor. State agencies applying as a subcontractor must be part of an application with another eligible entity. A state agency can be a subcontractor on more than one application.

### **Are FFRDCs eligible to be a subcontractor? If yes, are indirects/fees in the subcontract subject to the 15% cap?**

Eligibility can be found on page 2 of the RFP. FFRDCs are eligible to apply as both a lead applicant and as a subcontractor on a project. Information on the indirect policy can be found on page 19 of the RFP. The maximum value assigned to subcontracts (this would include the FFRDC and any other subcontractors on the project team) must be less than 50% of the final budget amount. An indirect cost of 15% may only be applied to the first \$50,000 of the budget for each subcontractor.

### **Does this funding allow for the inclusion of a fee as part of a for-profit company's cost proposal? Is a for-profit company eligible as a subcontractor? If yes, are indirects/fees in their subcontract subject to the 15% cap?**

Yes, a proposal could include a fee as part of a cost proposal. Yes, a for-profit company is eligible as a subcontractor. Information on the indirect policy can be found on page 19 of the RFP. The maximum value assigned to subcontracts (this would include the for-profit and any other subcontractors on the project team) must be less than 50% of the final budget amount. An indirect cost of 15% may only be applied to the first \$50,000 of the budget for each subcontractor.

### **Is the budget template on the website specific to this RFP? An error was found in the budget template.**

Yes, this budget template is for ROSA Regional RFP "Advancing Regional Solutions for Fisheries

and Offshore Wind." However, the budget template is only required to submit at the full application stage. ROSA is currently accepting submissions of concept papers for this RFP until December 20 at 5 PM ET. Successful concept papers will be notified and invited by ROSA to submit full applications. The error has been resolved and an updated Budget Justification and Proposed Payment Schedule has been uploaded to our RFP webpage.

**I have an idea for a study we have been trying to advance that may be a good fit for this RFP, could we find a time to chat?**

ROSA is not meeting one-on-one with potential applicants while the solicitation is open. ROSA encourages interested parties to consult the RFP and apply if one's project objectives support those listed. ROSA staff encourages applicants to consult research needs within FishFORWRD and align proposed work with these needs for this RFP and others. These resources and more can be found on our Regional Research Coordination webpage here:

<https://www.rosascience.org/research-coordination/>

**Could ROSA connect me with potential partners for applying to this RFP?**

ROSA is not able to connect you with any potential project partners. I encourage you to reach out to colleagues, perhaps by visiting ROSA's [FishFORWRD Database Center](#) and examining the PI names.

**Is there an allowance beyond the 3 page narrative limit to include a page of references?**

Yes, ROSA will allow inclusion of a reference list that exceeds the 3 page narrative limit.

**What is ROSA's definition of recreational fishing?**

ROSA considers recreational fishing as both for hire and recreational anglers.

**Can ROSA clarify the geographic scope of this RFP?**

The geographic scope for this round of funding is focused on the East Coast.