

Ocean and Atmospheric Research

1. THORPEX: A Global Atmospheric Research Program

NOAA Line Office: Ocean and Atmospheric Research (OAR)

Summary Description: The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), is soliciting preapplications (PA, or Letters of Intent) and proposals under the United States Weather Research Program (USWRP) for THORPEX: A Global Atmospheric Research Program. THORPEX is a major long-term international program aimed at improving the accuracy and utility of operational global numerical weather predictions (NWP) on time scales out to two weeks through international collaboration between the operational and research communities. This notice provides guidelines for the submission of full proposals.

Funding Availability: The estimate for total funding that will be available in FY 2004 will not exceed \$1,500,000, but this amount is expected to increase substantially in future years. Funding of any THORPEX proposals is contingent upon availability of these funds. It is anticipated that 10-15 awards will be made. Although there are no restrictions on amount, it is likely the awards will range from \$25,000 to \$200,000.

Statutory Authority: 49 U.S.C. 44720(b), 33 U.S.C. 883d

CFDA: 11.431, Climate and Atmospheric Research

Preapplication/Application Deadline: Preapplications must be received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS FROM PUBLISH DATE]. Response letters will be sent from NOAA no later than [INSERT DATE 45 DAYS FROM PUBLISH DATE]. Full proposals must be received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on [INSERT DATE 75 DAYS FROM PUBLISH DATE].

Address for submitting Proposals: Preapplications and Full proposals may be sent as printed hard copy to: John Gaynor, Director, Interagency Program Office of the U.S. Weather Research, Room 11116, SSMC 3, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910; or they may be submitted electronically by sending in portable document format (PDF) via e-mail to John.Gaynor@noaa.gov with a copy to Zolton.Toth@noaa.gov.

Information Contact(s): Karen King, DOC/NOAA, Office of Weather & Air Quality Research, Routing Code R/WA, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 11216, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone (301) 713-0460 ext. 202, email Karen.King@noaa.gov.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, other nonprofits, commercial organizations, international organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments, and Federal agencies.

Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

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