

## List of Frequently Asked Questions pertaining to OER's 2019 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

**Question:** How do I submit my pre-proposal that is due on July 26 at 5 pm EDT.

**Response:** All pre-proposals and the required cover sheet must be emailed to [oer.ffo2019@noaa.gov](mailto:oer.ffo2019@noaa.gov) by 5:00 PM EDT. Pre-proposals received after this deadline will not be considered.

**Question:** Does the area of interest for the NOFO include the entire U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and potential Extended Continental Shelf (ECS)?

**Response:** Operational areas of interest are waters under U.S. jurisdiction, including the entire U.S. EEZ and areas of interest to the U.S. ECS Project, some of which have already been mapped.

**Question:** How should ship time and platform costs be accounted for in a proposal?

**Response:** Required ship time should be specified in detail in the proposal. Any needed costs should be included in the budget. Ship time and platform costs must also be included on the cover sheet.

**Question:** How does OER define "deep ocean"?

**Response:** Although there isn't a rigidly defined minimum operational depth, the NOFO states that OER emphasizes work in depths greater than 200 meters. Marine archaeology proposals may be conducted in shallower waters.

**Question:** Are the three Program Priorities listed in the NOFO the same as the Priority Themes on the Cover Sheet?

**Response:** Yes, they are the same. Priority Themes on the cover sheet are concise descriptions of the three Program Priorities explained in more detail in the NOFO.