

List of Frequently Asked Questions pertaining to Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO)

Question: How do I submit my pre-proposal??

Response: All pre-proposals and the required [cover sheet](#) must be emailed to oer.ffe2020@noaa.gov by 11:59 PM EDT on May 24, 2019. Pre-proposals received after this deadline will not be considered.

Question: **Non-federal** applicants must submit their full proposals through Grants.gov. How do **federal** applicants submit a full proposal?

Response: All federal applicants must submit their full proposals through this email, oer.ffe2020@noaa.gov.

Question: I'm a federal applicant and if I receive an award how long do I have to spend the funds?

Response: This response is for federal applicants only. OER awards all funds through the fiscal year 2020 budget allocation, including multiple year awards. Federal applicants must be able to allocate OER FFO funds for their project during FY2020.

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

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

Question: How does OER define "deep ocean"?

Response: Areas proposed for exploration and/or initial characterization must be at a minimum depth of 200 meters. Technology and Marine archaeology proposals may be conducted in shallower waters. Please consult the FFO announcement for specific language.

Question: Are the three Program Priorities listed in the FFO 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 FFO.