RISA Federal Funding Opportunity
FY 2017

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RISA FY2017 Webinar

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The RISA Program: Informing Decisions

RISA was one of four federal programs praised for “pioneer[ing] collaboration between universities and users in subnational governments, business, and civil society” to inform decisions and build resilience, according to the 2016 National Research Council report on “Enhancing Participation in the US Global Change Research Program.”
The RISA Program: Informing Decisions

Decision Makers ↔ Usable Science

- Water Utility Managers
- City Planners
- Communities (Tribes, towns)
- Sea Grant Extension
- National Weather Service (RFC, WFOs)
- Public Health Officials
- Department of Interior
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - National Park Service
  - Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
  - Forest Service
  - Agricultural Extension

Understand Decision Context

Advance Knowledge of Impacts and Adaptation

Analyze Risk

Foster Networks for Information Flow and Learning
RISA Teams and Regions

Currently Funded RISAs

- Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy (ACCAP)
- Climate Impacts Research Consortium (CIRC)
- Western Water Assessment (WWA)
- Great Lakes Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments Center (GLRISA)
- Consortium on Climate Risk in the Urban NE (CCRUN)
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (MARISA)
- Climate Assessment for the Southwest (CLIMAS)
- Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program (SCIPP)
- Carolinas Integrated Sciences and Assessments (CISA)
FY17 RISA Competitions

The RISA program is soliciting proposals for three regions in FY2017:

- **Competition 1: Arizona/New Mexico**
- **Competition 2:**
  - **California/Nevada**
  - **Midwest** (To include a subset of the region of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin)
    - 2-3 states would be a manageable RISA region
    - Should distinguish issue and geographic focus from the existing Great Lakes RISA- GLISA.

Letter of Intent due date: **November 29, 2016, 5pm ET**
Proposal due date: **February 6, 2017, 5 pm ET**
NIDIS Regional Drought Early Warning System
NOAA Regional Partners

• Regional Climate Service Directors
  – Midwest: Doug Kluck (doug.kluck@noaa.gov)
• Regional Climate Centers
• Sea Grant
• National Weather Service
• Etc.
Costs

$600,000-$700,000 per year for up to 5 years.

AZ/NM: 1/3 Coping with Drought (NIDIS)

CA/NV and Midwest: ½ Coping with Drought (NIDIS)

Depend upon annual appropriations from Congress and NOAA/CPO priorities
Budget Forms

SF424A- you will need 2 forms, one for years 1-4 and the second for year 5 and the project total (sum of all 5 years)
Submitting an LOI and Proposal

Letters of Intent are due 5pm ET, November 29, 2016 via email to oar.cpo.risa@noaa.gov

Full Proposals are due 5pm ET, February 6, 2017 via grants.gov

Faxed or emailed copies cannot be accepted!
Letter of Intent

• Purpose
• Components – see page 9 of the FFO
• Review Process
  • Will receive a response within four weeks of submission.
Full Proposal

• Submission Process
  • Grants.gov – make sure account is up to date well in advance of the submission deadline
• Components – starts on page 9 of the FFO
Review criteria

**Technical:** 60% of overall score  
Technical merit (70% of Technical score)  
- Scientific merit and innovativeness  
- Clear goals and objectives, research questions  
- Applicant’s credibility in capacity-building approaches  
- How well the proposal clearly identifies an institutional framework for implementing the research articulated.

Qualifications of investigators (20% of Technical score)  
- Includes the PIs’ record(s) of collaborating with decision-making communities.

Project Costs (10% of Technical score)  
- Budget is realistic and commensurate with tasks

**Relevance:** 40% of overall score  
- Relevance to program objectives  
- Applicant’s approach for engaging decision makers and building networks of relationships to help support decision makers with scientific information  
- Data-sharing approaches
More information found at:

http://cpo.noaa.gov/ClimatePrograms/ClimateandSocietalInteractions/RISAProgram/RISAFederalFundingOpportunityFY17.aspx

Download and read thoroughly:
1. Full FFO
2. RISA information sheet

We will be adding and periodically updating FAQ on website
Questions?

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