

2010 GMD Workshop Session Descriptions

Pre-Award Process/BAA

This session is directed to Federal Program Officers and will cover the funding announcement types, Competitive, Non-competitive, and the Broad Agency Announcement (BAA). Components of a Federal Funding opportunity, the process map to posting on Grants.gov, application basics, program administrative review, and the application evaluation, review and selection process will also be discussed.

Award Review Process, Cost Share and Matching

In this session guidance will be provided to ensure that grant application packages are clear, concise and contains all of the pertinent information and documentation required to receive approval. This session will define non-Federal contributions and how these costs are valued to be included in financial assistance awards. Test your knowledge on third party contributions and valuation of non-Federal sources. Federal forms, budget justifications/narratives, project descriptions are topics for discussion

Post Award /Monitoring Activities

This session will guide you through reporting on your federal funds, post award actions and how to request post award actions in the grants online system.

Contract vs. Grants

Should it be a Contract or Grant? When applying for federal funds its important to know the appropriate funding instrument to use in support of a funded project. In this session we will provide the difference between government procurement as opposed to a financial assistance award.

One on One with GMD

Still got questions? No problem. We've got answers! The staff of the Grants Management Division will make themselves available to answer any questions (big or small) that you may have in reference to financial assistance awards or opportunities.

One on One with the Program Office

Program Office staff are available to address any questions as it relates to the NOAA programs. Now is the time to ask all of your questions. In this session you can talk about NOAA programs, mission objectives and eligibility criteria.

OIG/Audits

We all want to be good stewards of federal funds. Therefore it is imperative that we know and understand the cost principles and audit requirements associated with financial assistance awards. Representatives from the Department of Commerce Office of the Inspector General will review common audit findings, how to do well during an audit and the uses of the OMB Circular A-133 institution-wide audits. In addition this session will cover and discuss how to recognize grant fraud.

DOC General Counsel/Financial Assistance Law Division (FALD) – FPOs Only

Representatives from the Financial Assistance Law Division will inform the Federal Program Officers of any legal concerns, current appeals and decisions that may affect NOAA recipients and impact grant law, the difference between financial assistance vs. contracts, legal review of applications, and statutory authorities.

American Reinvestment Recovery Act (ARRA)

This session will focus on the President's Initiative to stimulate the economy. NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service has funded habitat conservation projects. Also, NOAA is administering the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) for the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA).

NEPA for Federal Program Officers and Recipients

The National Environmental Policy Act requires federal agencies to integrate environmental values into their decision making processes by considering the environmental impacts of their proposed actions and reasonable alternatives to those actions. Representatives from the NOAA NEPA will make themselves available to clarify the act.

Award Payment and Closeout Process

This session will guide you through how funds are obligated, and how to request and receive payment via the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP.gov). There will also be a focus on the process to closeout a financial assistance award.