

Web-based surveys and dialogue boxes that offer customers the opportunity to express their views on the programs they are asked to evaluate. NIST will limit its inquiries to data collections that solicit strictly voluntary opinions and will not collect information that is required or regulated.

II. Method of Collection

NIST will collect this information by electronic means, when possible, as well as by mail, telephone and person-to-person interviews.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0693–0033.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission, extension of a current information collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government; Federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Estimated Time per Response: Varied, dependent upon the data collection method used. The response time may vary from two minutes for a response card or two hours for focus group participation. The average time per response is expected to be 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 20,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that

your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Judges Panel) reports the results of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Award) activities to the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) each year, along with its recommendations for the improvement of the Award process. The purpose of this meeting is to review the results of examiners' ratings of applications. Panel members will vote on which applicants merit site visits by examiners to verify the accuracy of quality improvements claimed by applicants. The meeting is closed to the public to protect the proprietary data to be examined and discussed.

DATES: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel will meet on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time (all times are Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: The closed meeting will only be accessible via teleconference.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Fangmeyer, Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, phone: 301–975–2361, email robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Judges Panel, composed of approximately nine members preeminent in the field of organizational

performance excellence and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, makes an annual report on the results of Award activities to the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), along with its recommendations for improvement of the Award process.

Agenda

The meeting will include a discussion of the 2025 Baldrige Award process, including the identification of which award applicant organizations should be advanced to the site visit phase. The meeting will include discussions of lessons learned from the 2024 judging process and on the 2024 Award process.

The agenda may change to accommodate the Judges Panel's business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Baldrige Performance Excellence website at <https://www.nist.gov/baldrige/how-baldrige-works/baldrige-community/judges-panel>.

Open Session Attendance

There will be no open session during this meeting.

Special Accommodations

There will be no public participation during this meeting; therefore, public accommodations will not be necessary.

Public Participation

There will be no public participation during this meeting.

Closure Determination

The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Deputy Secretary of Commerce, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409, that the August 13, 2025 meeting of the Judges Panel may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) because the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and are privileged or confidential, and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) because the meeting is likely to disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. This meeting is closed to the public in order to protect the proprietary data to be examined and discussed.

Meeting Cancellation

If the meeting is canceled, a cancellation notice will be posted on the website at: <https://www.nist.gov/baldrige/how-baldrige-works/baldrige-community/judges-panel>.

Alicia Chambers,

NIST Executive Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Notice of Brennan Ocean Mapping Fund Opportunity for Ocean and Coastal Mapping and Request for Partnership Proposals

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of matching fund opportunity; request for proposals.

SUMMARY: This notice invites non-Federal entities to partner with the ocean and coastal mapping programs of NOAA's National Ocean Service on jointly-funded projects of mutual interest and establishes selection criteria and submission requirements for such projects under the Brennan Ocean Mapping Fund opportunity. With this funding opportunity, NOAA will match selected non-Federal partners at a 70:30/NOAA:partner ratio for projects proposing to contract for ocean, coastal, and/or Great Lakes mapping data totaling up to \$1,000,000 per project. Selected non-Federal partners further benefit from this opportunity by leveraging NOAA's contracting and data management expertise. This ocean and coastal mapping funding opportunity is subject to the availability of funds.

DATES: Please note the following dates associated with this opportunity:

- *Informational Webinar:* Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 1 p.m. Eastern Time (ET): This informational webinar will provide more information about the matching fund opportunity and answer any questions. Advanced registration is required. Register by 11:59 p.m. ET on Thursday, August 14, 2025.

- *Virtual office hours:* Friday, September 19, 2025, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET: Advanced registration is required. Register by 11:59 p.m. ET on September 17, 2025.

- Proposal submission and selection timeline:

- Statements of interest or proposals as described in Section VI of

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION are due Friday, October 10, 2025, by 5 p.m. ET.

- NOAA plans to issue its decision on the proposals in December 2025. NOAA will then work with selected project partners to develop draft agreements by the end of January 2026.

- Following final agreement approval, project partners will be expected to transfer their matching funds to NOAA in June to September 2026. Funds must be transferred before October 1, 2026.

- NOAA would issue task orders to its survey contractors under these agreements from January to September 2027.

ADDRESSES: For additional information, including a summary of the informational webinar, presentation slides, and questions and answers, visit: <https://iocm.noaa.gov/planning/contracts-grants-agreements.html>.

- Register for the informational webinar by Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. ET at <https://forms.gle/BEowFcoMRnkap2Qi9>.

- Request a 30-minute time slot during virtual office hours by September 17, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. ET at iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov.

- Proposals must be submitted via email by Friday, October 10, 2025, at 5 p.m. ET to iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Meredith Westington, NOAA Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping, 505–278–9851, iwgocm.staff@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

NOAA's Office of Coast Survey (OCS) and National Geodetic Survey (NGS) conduct mapping activities that are foundational to maritime commerce, domestic energy and seafood production, tourism and recreation, and hazard mitigation and emergency response, among other interests. NOAA has considerable hydrographic and shoreline mapping contracting expertise, including a cutting-edge understanding of the science and related acoustic systems as well as data standards to ensure broad usability of that data.

The Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act establishes the Interagency Working Group on Ocean and Coastal Mapping (IWG–OCM) and directs NOAA to use the IWG–OCM to “establish and maintain a program to coordinate comprehensive Federal ocean and coastal mapping efforts.” (33 U.S.C. 3501, 3502) NOAA is committed to meeting this mapping requirement as collaboratively as possible and adhering to the Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping (IOCM) principle of “Map

Once, Use Many Times.” However, the resources needed to fully achieve the goal of comprehensively mapping U.S. waters and coasts currently exceed the capacity of NOAA and its Federal partners. Mapping the full extent of waters subject to U.S. jurisdiction relies on non-Federal partners to contribute to the effort.

The Brennan Ocean Mapping Fund, which was established by statute in 2022 (33 U.S.C. 3504a, 3506), is one way that NOAA seeks to increase the coordinated acquisition, processing, stewardship, and archival of new ocean and coastal mapping data in U.S. waters. NOAA Rear Admiral Richard T. Brennan, former OCS Director and former President of the Hydrographic Society of America, was one of IOCM's strongest advocates. Sadly, Rear Admiral Brennan passed away in May 2021. IOCM continues to implement Rear Admiral Brennan's vision and passion for collaborative ocean mapping through this matching fund opportunity named in his honor.

II. Description

This notice invites non-Federal entities to partner with the ocean and coastal mapping programs of NOAA's National Ocean Service on jointly-funded projects of mutual interest that address the strategic areas of focus noted in section III. These projects will establish ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes survey and mapping partnerships using NOAA's geospatial contracting vehicles with pre-qualified technical experts in surveying and mapping. NOAA will use the selection criteria and submission requirements described below in sections V and VI, respectively, to review project proposals.

The goal of this Brennan Ocean Mapping Fund opportunity is to leverage NOAA and non-Federal partner funds to acquire more ocean and coastal mapping data from qualified contract surveyors during Fiscal Year (FY) 2027, which spans October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027. Subject to the availability of funds, NOAA will provide up to 70 percent of the total project cost, with the selected entity providing at least 30 percent of the total project cost. For example, for a \$1 million project, NOAA would provide up to \$700,000, and the partner must provide at least \$300,000.

Subject to the availability of funds, NOAA anticipates funding between two and five projects, with a total cost of up to \$1 million per project. NOAA may consider providing additional funding for a project, thereby exceeding \$1 million, subject to the availability of funds and NOAA's discretion. All