



# Offshore Wind Solicitation Informational Webinar

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# Webinar Logistics

- **This webinar is being recorded**

Webinar slides and recording will be available on OPC's solicitation webpage.

- Questions will be answered at the end of the webinar presentation.
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- Please reserve very specific questions for email: [OPC-OSW@resources.ca.gov](mailto:OPC-OSW@resources.ca.gov)



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# Ocean Protection Council

- The mission of OPC is to ensure that California maintains healthy, resilient, and productive ocean and coastal ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations
- OPC is at the intersection of science, policy, and management



# OPC's Strategic Plan

- OPC's vision and goals, including our current priorities, can be found within our Strategic Plan
- This Request for Proposals (RFP) is meant to implement Strategic Plan targets and objectives
- Objective 4.4: Guide Sustainable Renewable Energy Projects



# Funding Overview

Goal: Develop comprehensive environmental monitoring guidance

\*Not a project to conduct actual monitoring

Maximum award amount: \$450,000

Maximum project length: 2 years

**New due date for proposal: 7/31 5:00 PM PST**



# Environmental Monitoring Guidance

- Environmental monitoring guidance should cover:
  - Priority questions and needs
  - Specific design recommendations
  - Evaluation of data for permitting and policies
  - Protocols for data sharing, analysis, and interpretation
- Guidance and direction from an advisory committee.
- Facilitate coordination with OSW key players, including agencies, tribes, industry, eNGO.
- Outreach stakeholder and/or public



# Solicitation Timeline

| Activity  | Time Period                     |
|---|---------------------------------|
| RFP released  | May 17 2023                     |
| <b>Deadline for Proposal Receipt by OPC</b>                 | <b>July 31 2023 5:00 PM PST</b> |
| Evaluation of Proposals                                     | August – September 2023         |
| Selection of Grantee  | Mid/late September 2023         |
| Approximate Start Date, if a Suitable Grantee is Identified | Fall 2023                       |
| Approximate Project End Date                                | Fall 2025                       |





# Applicant and Project Eligibility

Funds can be awarded to:

- Public agencies, public or private universities, nonprofits, private entities, and California Native American Tribes

\*Priority will be given to California applicants as the project must benefit the state of California. Out-of-state applicants may be considered. However, international applicants and partners are not allowed.



# Application Instruction

1. Carefully review the RFP
2. Download the Proposal Template and follow its instruction to complete your proposal
3. Submit all materials (proposal + letters of support) as one attached PDF file to **[OPC-OSW@resources.ca.gov](mailto:OPC-OSW@resources.ca.gov)** with the subject “Offshore Wind Full Proposal – [Your Organization]” by **5:00 pm on July 31**

*All resources for applicants can be found at:*

**<https://www.opc.ca.gov/solicitations>**



# Application Instructions – Proposal Overview

Section 1: Cover Page

Section 2: Application Completeness Checklist

Section 3: Projection Description

Section 4: Tasks and Project Management

Section 5: Stakeholders/ Community Engagement,

Section 6: Budget

Section 7: Schedule and Deliverables

Section 8: Supplemental Documents

\*Refer to evaluation criteria in RFP. Don't exceed page limits.



# Next Steps

- OPC staff will provide applicants with opportunities to ask questions through:
  - Virtual office hour on **Wednesday, May 31 at 3 pm**. Registration link is available on our solicitation webpage
  - Contact us via the OSW email: [OPC-OSW@resources.ca.gov](mailto:OPC-OSW@resources.ca.gov)
- A FAQ that compiles questions asked in today's webinar and via email will be posted soon to our solicitation webpage



# Q&A

- During Q&A, please use the chat box to type in questions or use the “**Raise Hand**” function to be unmuted and avoid talking over others
- We will get to as many questions as we can!
- Please reserve very specific questions for email:  
[OPC-OSW@resources.ca.gov](mailto:OPC-OSW@resources.ca.gov)
  - While we cannot comment on specific project ideas, we are happy to clarify the priorities or eligibility requirements





# Thank you!

Please email questions and proposals to [OPC-OSW@resources.ca.gov](mailto:OPC-OSW@resources.ca.gov)

Proposal Deadline: July 31, 2023