

INFORMATION SHEET ON CDEP FY2005 PRIORITIES

In FY05 CDEP anticipates initiating a modest number of short term collaborative projects between and with CDEP Applied Research Centers (ARCs) aimed at conducting applied research and development activity towards enhancing NOAA intraseasonal to interannual climate prediction products and services. August 2003, a workshop on NOAA Intraseasonal to Interannual Prediction was conducted at Silver Spring. At this workshop, several priority areas were identified as crucial to achieve the Climate goal in NOAA's Strategic Plan. The collaborative projects will focus on these R&D priorities.

Preference will be given to projects that build on existing long term efforts at the ARCs. Prospective investigators must identify relevant partnerships with/among ARCs in their letter of intent.

Identified themes include, *e.g.*, quantification of predictability to guide operational seasonal prediction effort, development of best practices for operational seasonal forecasting, improved seasonal climate forecast products and decision support tools for drought, agriculture and fire danger applications.

Proposals on the theme of improved hydrologic prediction on timescales of intraseasonal to interannual, using coupled global, regional and hydrologic models are also encouraged; these would be co-reviewed and co-funded with the CPPA program. Information on programmatic interests of CPPA program in FY05 may be found at ([URL:http://www.ogp.noaa.gov/grants/2005/cppa.pdf](http://www.ogp.noaa.gov/grants/2005/cppa.pdf)). These proposals may be submitted to both programs; on the proposal cover sheet both program names should be listed.

Proposals should be submitted to the CDEP program manager Anjuli.Bamzai@noaa.gov For further information/clarifications, investigators may contact the CDEP program manager, Anjuli Bamzai (Anjuli.Bamzai@noaa.gov, 301-427-2089 ext. 113, fax: 301-427-2073).