

ROSES 2008  
Applied Sciences Program  
A.18 and A.19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)/Clarifications

Public Health

Q: Does Section 1.3.6 (Public Health) of A.18 preclude proposals that deal with public health focus areas other than “Oceans and Human Health” and “Public Health Impacts of Climate Change”?

A: No. Proposals regarding the public health focus areas of infectious disease, environmental health, and emergency preparedness/response are neither specifically encouraged nor discouraged in this solicitation.

Disaster Management

Q. Are Disaster Management proposals limited to Wildfire and Earthquake topics?

A. No, proposals can come from a variety of hazard areas. The desire is to increase the Program portfolio with wildfire and earthquake related projects, but all hazard types are welcomed if the proposal meets the requirements of the solicitation in using NASA data, focusing on areas of National Priority, and reap a significant potential for success in societal benefit.

Q. I have an AWIPS proposal that does not include wildfire or earthquake, but I heard AWIPS is a program focus area in the Applied Sciences Program, will my AWIPS related proposal be rejected?

A. No, AWIPS II or AWIPS Next Generation proposals are desired as the NWS moves to a new AWIPS platform, so AWIPS II related proposals will be accepted for submission in all weather, hazard, wildfire, coastal, marine, and any and all NWS mission requirements. One must be careful, however, that the AWIPS proposal supports the NWS move to the next generation system and the proposal is not to support the current AWIPS platforms currently installed at NWS Forecast Offices.

Water Resources

Q. The recent Water Resources amendment said projects concerning flood and drought are discouraged. Does this mean proposals in the area will be rejected or non-compliant?

A. No, proposals concerning flood and drought will be accepted if they meet the solicitation requirements. The Water Resources programs desired proposals related to water quality and availability, but proposals can include flood and drought topics either in a water quality/availability area as well as stand on their own.

### Non-NASA Civil Servant Funding

Since the May 30, 2008 Pre-Proposal Telecon, the Applied Sciences Program has received a number of inquiries about whether or not non-NASA civil servants could be supported under ROSES 2008 (A.18, A.19). During the Telecon, NASA Headquarters stated that salaries of non-NASA civil servants could not be supported. After review of the solicitation language, the Applied Sciences Program has determined that non-NASA civil servants can be funded in accordance with Section III(a) (Eligibility of Applicants) and Section IV(d) (Proposal Funding Restrictions).

### Dual PIs/Roles

The Program encourages proposals teams to have a dual project leadership team - one person to lead the technical and scientific aspects, and one person to lead the end-user engagement and decision-making improvement aspects. However, NASA requires that a proposal team designate a single PI who will take authority and responsibility for the proper conduct of the research, including the appropriate use of funds and administrative requirements such as the submission of scientific progress reports to the agency. A second project leader may be designated as the “Co-I/Science PI” or “Co-I/Institutional PI,” and the project management arrangements should be articulated in the appropriate section of the proposal.