



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
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Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

THE DIRECTOR

## **CORRECTED**

April 9, 2007

Dear Grant Recipient:

As an agency with responsibilities for maintaining and improving the viability of marine and coastal ecosystems, for delivering valuable weather, climate, and water information and services, for understanding the science and consequences of climate change, and for supporting the global commerce and transportation upon which we all depend, NOAA must remain current and responsive in an ever-changing world. We do this in concert with our partners and stakeholders in federal, state, and local governments and private organizations, applying a systematic approach that links our strategic goals through multi-year plans to the daily activities of our employees. Every year we are committed to re-evaluate our progress and priorities, look for efficiencies, and take advantage of new opportunities to improve our information, products, and services.

In furtherance of this objective, on February 20, 2007, NOAA published in the Federal Register a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA). This BAA allows you the opportunity to apply and compete for Federal funds for 2007. The purpose of this notice is to invite proposals for special projects and programs associated with the Agency's strategic plan and mission goals, and to provide the general public with information and guidelines on how NOAA will evaluate and select proposals and administer discretionary Federal assistance under this BAA. NOAA issued the BAA for extramural research, innovative projects, and sponsorships that address one or more of the five mission goal descriptions contained in the announcement.

An application package has been posted at [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) and you are invited to submit an application for review and possible funding if found to be meritorious and applicable to NOAA's mission. Enclosed is an instruction page to help you navigate through the download portion of the application process. Please be advised that funding decisions are made as awards are received, therefore you are encouraged to submit an application as soon as you can. In any event, in order to ensure timely decisions for funding in this fiscal year and allow adequate time for the evaluation process, applications should be submitted by May 10, 2007. Receipt of funding in a prior fiscal year does not guarantee funding in FY2007. Our agency is under no obligation to fund any application submitted through the BAA.

THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR  
FOR FISHERIES



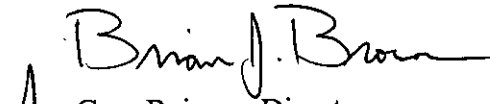
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Grants.gov is available at the URL: <http://www.grants.gov>. If you are not registered at Grants.gov, please begin the registration process immediately. It can take up to 2 weeks to fulfill all of the registration requirements.

Should you have any general questions regarding the BAA or application process, please call JoAnna Grable, 301, 713-1364, x118. For specific information, please call your regional program office, as noted in the enclosure under contact.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Reisner, Director  
Office of Management and  
Budget, NMFS

Enclosure

April 9, 2007

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

To retrieve your application package from the Grants.gov home page:

- 1) Click the "Apply for Grants" link in the upper left (under "For Applicants"). Review the instructions and download/install the PureEdge forms program if you have not already done so.
- 2) Click the "Download a Grant Application Package and Instructions" link.
- 3) Either enter the general Funding Opportunity Number, or call your program office for their more specific information or Funding Opportunity Number. See contact list, below.

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- 4) Click the Download Package button.
- 5) Click the "download" link under the Instructions & Application column.
- 6) Click the download links for the instructions and the application package.
- 7) Fill out the application and follow the Grants.gov instructions for submission.

If you have had previous experience with the application process and NOAA, please contact the NOAA Program Officer you interacted with for verification of when your specific application must be submitted for timely award processing and any other pertinent administrative information that might be available. See contact list, below.

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