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1. Policy:

An agreement between the organizations is required for NOAA to provide Internet services for an external organization. An agreement between the organizations is likewise required for an external organization to provide NOAA Internet services. The agreement must:

- be reviewed and approved by the NOAA Office of the General Counsel;
- be authorized under applicable transactional and programmatic legal authorities;
- for Joint Project Agreements, demonstrate a mutual interest can be shown and that costs are equitably apportioned;
- for Economy Act Agreements, show that the services being obtained from the agency could not be obtained from a private source for a lower cost;
- clearly delineate sources of information to be provided;
- address how content will be managed by the parties;
- assure NOAA content complies with applicable NOAA policies and regulations.

The NOAA.GOV domain name may only be used for sites that are fully compliant with NOAA policy. Sites using the NOAA.GOV domain shall contain only NOAA mission-related content.

2. Purpose and Authority: The purpose of this policy is to assure that NOAA Internet resources are used only to support NOAA's mission and to prevent the creation of unauthorized performance obligations. NOAA derives authority for this policy from NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 212-14.

3. Scope: Every Chief Information Officer (CIO) for a NOAA organization shall ensure that the web assets owned or managed by that organization comply with the Department of Commerce and NOAA Web policies and regulations.

4. Terms:

Internet Service - hosting of web pages, web sites, internet discussion forums, list servers, email base collaborations service, and any internet based service.

Transactional and programmatic legal authorities - laws and regulations granting government legal authority for activity. For example, NWS Organic Act, 15 U.S.C. 313, OMB A-76, Economy Act, etc.