

National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) Study on Climate Services Within NOAA

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 (H.Rept. 111-366, P.L. 111-117), asks the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) to research options for structuring a National Climate Service within NOAA.
- NOAA has developed an organization approach to establish a climate service within the agency. NOAA requests that NAPA focus their study on reviewing NOAA's proposed organizational changes by addressing several key questions.

Scope of NAPA Study on Climate Service Within NOAA

Key questions for the NAPA study:

- Are NOAA's organizational design criteria appropriate? If the design criteria are not appropriate, does NAPA recommend additional design criteria? Does NOAA's proposed organizational approach meet the design criteria established by NOAA?
- Is NOAA's proposal to align core climate programs and resources into a Climate Science and Service Line Office the recommended approach? Will establishing this new Line Office reduce duplications and leverage climate-related resources, relative to NOAA's existing climate science and service operating framework?
- Are NOAA's current resources sufficient to establish a Climate Science and Service Line Office that can meet current and future demands? What key resource needs remain?
- What additional business practices should NOAA consider to enhance climate services beyond NOAA's proposed organizational changes?

NAPA Project Website: http://www.napawash.org/pc_management_studies/NOAA/index.html