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Breaking News from the US Global Change Research Program and National Climate Assessment

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Welcome to a special edition of the USGCRP and NCA newsletter. We have two exciting opportunities to tell you about - the release of the draft USGCRP 2012-2021 Strategic Plan for public comment and the continuing request for information from the NCA.

The USGCRP 2012-2021 Draft Strategic Plan is open for public comment until November 29, 2011

As announced in the NCA newsletter of Sept. 12, 2011, the the US Global Change Research Program has been developing a ten year strategic plan for Federal research aimed at understanding, assessing and responding to global change, as required by the Global Change Research Act of 1990. Developed by an interagency team, the Draft Strategic Plan for 2012-2021 has undergone review and revision within the Program, and will undergo a formal review by the National Research Council. It is now available for public comment from any interested parties, as described in the announcement below. Please review the draft Strategic Plan and register your comments.

AGENCY: National Science Foundation

ACTION: Announcement of Strategic Plan Outline and Public Comment Period

SUMMARY: This Notice advises the public that the public comment period for the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) Strategic Plan is now open. Every ten years, in accordance with the Global Change Research Act of 1990 (Sec 104, P.L. 101-606), the USGCRP must produce a 10 year National Global Change Research Plan (i.e. a Strategic Plan for the USGCRP). The public comment period invites the public to provide comments and feedback on the U.S. Global Change Research Program Strategic Plan.

DATES: Public Comments are due by November 29, 2011.

ADDRESSES: To download the draft Strategic Plan, visit: <http://strategicplancomments.globalchange.gov>. Respondents are encouraged to submit comments through the same website. Comments may also be sent to strategicplancomments@usgcrp.gov. Detailed instructions for electronic mail submissions are also available at <http://strategicplancomments.globalchange.gov/email-guidelines>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Any questions about the content of this request should be sent to Dr. Julie Morris, Technical Coordinator for the Strategic Plan, U.S. Global Change Research Program Office, 1717 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Suite 250, Washington, DC 20006, Telephone (202) 223-6262, Fax (202) 223-3065, e-mail strategicplancomments@usgcrp.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Strategic Plan Goals: The following

goals frame the U.S. Global Change Research Program Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Advance Science: Advance scientific knowledge of the integrated natural and human components of the Earth system

Goal 2: Inform Decisions: Provide the scientific basis to inform and enable timely decisions on adaptation and mitigation

Goal 3: Sustained Assessments: Build sustained assessment capacity that improves the nation's ability to understand, anticipate, and respond to global change impacts and vulnerabilities

Goal 4: Communicate and Educate: Advance communications and education to broaden public understanding of global change, and empower the workforce of the future

Request for Information still open for National Climate Assessment

A big thank you to everyone that submitted expressions of interest in providing technical inputs and assessment capacity to the National Climate Assessment. By October 1, we had received over 100 expressions of interest from individuals and teams, offering inputs on every sector, region, and cross-cutting topic listed in the outline for the 2013 NCA report.

If you missed the October 1 deadline and would still like to submit an expression of interest, or if you would like to revise an EOI that you have already submitted, it is not too late! We are happy to continue to accept expressions of interest on a rolling basis, as individuals and teams have them ready, but please remember that all inputs targeting the 2013 NCA report are due March 1, 2012. Expressions of interest and inputs targeting the sustained assessment process will be accepted at any time. If you have questions about the recent request for information, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions available [here](#), or contact Emily Therese Cloyd, NCA Public Participation and Engagement Coordinator, at ecloyd@usgcrp.gov.

About Us

The [U.S. Global Change Research Program \(USGCRP\)](#) coordinates and integrates federal research on changes in the global environment and their implications for society. The USGCRP began as a presidential initiative in 1989 and was mandated by Congress in the Global Change Research Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-606), which called for "*a comprehensive and integrated United States research program which will assist the Nation and the world to understand, assess, predict, and respond to human-induced and natural processes of global change.*"

The [National Climate Assessment \(NCA\)](#) is being conducted under the auspices of the Global Change Research Act of 1990, which requires a report to the President and the Congress that evaluates, integrates and interprets the findings of the USGCRP every four years. The NCA aims to incorporate advances in the understanding of climate science into larger social, ecological, and policy systems, and with this provide integrated analyses of impacts and vulnerability, helping the federal government prioritize climate science investments, and helping to provide the science that can be used by communities around our Nation try to create a more sustainable and environmentally-sound plan for our future.