

Pre-Application Teleconference for: **Financial Assistance to Establish Five (5) NOAA Cooperative Science Centers at Minority Serving Institutions**

A web- and teleconference-based technical assistance meeting for Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) Number: NOAA - SEC-OED-2011-2002684 will be held **Wednesday, August 25, 2010 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT Eastern Daylight Savings Time.**

The purpose of the meeting is to provide technical assistance for the application process for this financial assistance opportunity. NOAA's Office of Education (OEd), Educational Partnership Program (EPP) with Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) solicits applications from accredited postsecondary MSIs to establish five NOAA Cooperative Science Centers (CSCs). The CSCs are to build sustainable capacity, maintaining newly established curricula, as well as upgraded research facilities at MSIs that will enhance the ability to conduct NOAA education and research that contributes to a pipeline of students trained in STEM fields. We will answer any questions regarding the application process and responsiveness issues. We anticipate providing an FAQ about the meeting and a link to it will be made available within 2-3 days of the meeting on the NOAA Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions web site, <http://www.epp.noaa.gov>. The meeting is open to any individual or institution intending to apply and applicants are highly encouraged to attend, but is not a prerequisite to applying. Awards under this solicitation will be made based on response to the published Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) and quality of application as determined through the competitive merit review process. If the evaluation process indicates submitted applications, in any science theme area, are lacking in quality no CSC award will be made for that area.

Details about joining the meeting:

Meeting Name: FFO NOAA -SEC-OED-2011-2002684 Informational Meeting

Summary: Pre-application Informational Session for Applications to:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=FqwIMVfd4Hz2d3c8x3y4J1THgd5jVyKThjxTJXvfG49Jbct56wtXl-1941321387?oppld=56018&mode=VIEW>

Speaker: Audrey A. Trotman, Ph.D., Lead Program and Policy Analyst

Affiliation: NOAA Office of Education, Educational Partnership Program

Pre-registration instructions for online meeting:

While participants are not required to pre-register, providing the following information will allow us to plan better the meeting and to contact, more efficiently, interested individuals if and when any additional information becomes available or in case of technical difficulties.

Please send the following to oed.epp10@noaa.gov. In the subject line, please write: "Interested in FFO Teleconference – Need Details" and please include the following within the email:

Your Name:

Your Institution:

Your Department Name:

Email address:

Up to 5 questions or topics for discussion/clarification

While we anticipate there will be an opportunity to ask questions during the meeting, we ask participants to send questions in advance so that we are sure to cover those most commonly submitted.

For Inquiries: Use oed.epp10@noaa.gov or Phone, 301-713-9437.