



**INTEGRATED COASTAL AND OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM (ICOOS)
ACT OF 2009
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

ACTIVITY: “[D]emonstrate an organizational structure capable of gathering required System observation data, supporting and integrating all aspects of coastal and ocean observing and information programs within a region and that reflects the needs of State and local governments, commercial interests, and other users and beneficiaries of the System and other requirements specified under this subtitle and the System Plan”

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“[D]evelop and operate under a strategic operational plan that will ensure the efficient and effective administration of programs and assets to support daily data observations for integration into the System, pursuant to the standards approved by the Council”

ICOOS ACT REFERENCE: §12304(c)(4)(A)(i) & 12304(c)(4)(A)(iii)

PLAN:

- **Objectives/Milestones for each RICE/RA:**
 - a. Develop and operate under strategic operational plans that will ensure the efficient and effective administration of programs and assets.
 - b. Demonstrate an organizational structure capable of:
 - Gathering required System observation data;
 - Supporting and integrating all aspects of coastal and ocean observing data; and
 - Reflecting the needs of State and local governments, commercial interests, and other users and beneficiaries within the RICE/RA.
- **Execution Plan:**

Utilize the IOOC Certification criteria and the ICOOS Act Lead Federal Agency’s program guidelines for certification to:

 1. Ensure each RICE/RA develops and operates under a strategic operational plan that demonstrates the efficient and effective administration of programs and assets to support daily data observations for integration into the System.

2. Ensure each RICE/RA demonstrates an organizational structure that is capable of gathering required system observation data.
 3. Ensure each RICE/RA demonstrates an organizational structure that is capable of supporting and integrating all aspects of coastal and ocean observing data.
 4. Ensure each RICE/RA demonstrates an organizational structure that reflects the needs of State and local governments, commercial interests, and other users and beneficiaries within the RICE/RAs.
- **Dependent Activities:**
 - a. This activity requires the completion of the certification criteria by the IOOC as defined in §12304 (c)(2)(E) and the promulgation of ICOOS Act Lead Federal Agency program guidelines for certification as defined in §12304 (c)(3)(C) for all non-federal assets, including RICE/RAs.
 - **Additional Needs:** N/A

GROUP RESPONSIBLE: NOAA/IOOS/Regional and External Affairs Division (READ)

DELIVERABLES:

Utilize the IOOC Certification criteria and the ICOOS Act Lead Federal Agency's program guidelines for certification to:

1. Ensure each RICE/RA has developed and is operating under a strategic operational plan that demonstrates the efficient and effective administration of programs and assets to support daily data observations for integration into the System.
2. Ensure each RICE/RA has demonstrated an organizational structure that is capable of gathering required system observation data.
3. Ensure each RICE/RA has demonstrated an organization structure that is capable of supporting and integrating all aspects of coastal and ocean observing data.
4. Ensure each RICE/RA demonstrates an organizational structure that reflects the needs of State and local governments, commercial interests, and other users and beneficiaries with the RICE/RAs.

DUE DATE: There is no specific due date assigned in the Act.

OUTSTANDING DECISIONS NEEDED: N/A

COMPLETION SUMMARY: N/A