

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Federal Agency Name(s): National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce

Funding Opportunity Title: 2010 Western Pacific Demonstration Projects

Announcement Type: Initial

Funding Opportunity Number: NOAA-NMFS-PIRO-2010-2002228

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Dates: Preliminary proposals (letters of intent) must be received at the Pacific Islands Regional Office by 5:00 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time on February 18, 2010. NOAA reserves 15 days to review preliminary proposals against NOAA's mission requirements. If an applicant is invited to submit a full proposal, it must be received by 5:00 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time, 75 days after this announcement is published in the Federal Register. Preliminary proposals and full proposals received after the established deadlines will be rejected and returned to the sender without consideration. For applications submitted through Grants.gov, a date and time receipt indication will be the basis of determining timeliness. For those not having access to the internet, one signed original and two hard copy applications must be received by NOAA 5:00 p.m. at the following address: NOAA Federal Program Officer for Western Pacific Demonstration Projects, Pacific Islands Regional Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814. Use of U.S. mail or another delivery service must be documented with a receipt. No facsimile or electronic mail preliminary proposals (letters of intent) or proposals/applications will be accepted. July 1, 2010 should be used as the anticipated start date on proposals, unless otherwise directed by the Program Officer.

Funding Opportunity Description: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA/NMFS) is soliciting applications for financial assistance for Western Pacific Demonstration Projects. Eligible applicants are encouraged to submit projects intended to foster and promote use of traditional indigenous fishing practices and/or develop or enhance Western Pacific community-based fishing opportunities benefiting the island communities in American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

## FULL ANNOUNCEMENT TEXT

### I. Funding Opportunity Description

#### A. Program Objective

NOAA/NMFS is seeking projects that foster and promote use of traditional indigenous fishing practices and/or develop or enhance Western Pacific community-based fishing opportunities benefiting the island communities in American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Pre-proposals will be reviewed against NOAA's mission requirements and regional interest. Selected projects will be invited to submit full proposals for funding consideration. This solicitation announces the potential of \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2010 (FY 2010). Actual funding availability for this program is contingent upon FY 2010 appropriations. Applicants will be selected by NOAA/NMFS on a competitive basis.

#### B. Program Priorities

Priority will be given to projects that best foster and promote traditional indigenous fishing practices within the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) jurisdiction. Applicants should ensure that their project proposals address one or more of the following priorities, which are listed in no particular rank order of preference (i.e., no one factor carrying a higher priority than any another). If a project meets more than one of the listed priorities, applicants should list first the priority that most closely reflects the objectives of the proposed project.

1. Community Education - Projects that promote economic growth and stability in indigenous communities (e.g., fisheries), and conservation-related educational activities that increase skills and knowledge. These activities should not only support island traditions and principles of self-sufficiency, but also empower communities to better incorporate such traditional practices and principles in their plans for sustaining their future cultural and economic well-being.

2. Processing of Fishery Products and Byproducts - Projects that encourage the accommodation of traditional island practices that promote and support responsible and sustainable use of marine resources. By implementing a conservation ethic, subject fisheries will become more efficient, eliminating waste and discards of bycatch.

3. Feasibility Studies for Participation in Fishery and Fishery Related Activities -

Projects that improve Western Pacific community-based fishing opportunities through research and the study of traditional practices that may be beneficial to the economic, social and cultural good of island communities. These projects would include, but are not limited to, community training and vocational education in fish harvesting, storage, processing, distribution and marketing.

4. Increase Opportunities for Participation in the Council Activities and Process - Projects that broaden the involvement of Western Pacific communities in fisheries conservation and management activities and processes that empower such parties to more effectively participate in future decisions over the allocation of the regional fisheries resource.

5. Demonstrate Traditional and/or Cultural Fishing Practices - Projects that study the feasibility of using more contemporary, non-traditional materials, equipment, and techniques in a demonstration of how the use of such gear improvements and fishing techniques may be made more consistent with the historical practices of native Pacific island cultures in the wise use of marine resources.

#### C. Program Authority

Authority for the Western Pacific Demonstration Projects is provided under 16 U.S.C. 1855 note.

## II. Award Information

### A. Funding Availability

Total funding available under this notice is anticipated to be approximately \$500,000. Actual funding availability for this program is contingent upon FY 2010 Congressional appropriations. Proposals in any amount may be submitted. Award amounts will be determined by the proposals and available funds. There is no set minimum or maximum amount, within the available funding, for any award. There is also no limit on the number of applications that can be submitted by the same applicant; however, multiple applications submitted by the same applicant must clearly identify different projects. If an application for a financial assistance award is selected for funding, NOAA/NMFS has no obligation to provide any additional funding in connection with that award in subsequent years. Notwithstanding verbal or written assurance that may have been received, pre-award costs

are not allowed under the award unless approved by the NOAA Grants Officer.

#### B. Project/Award Period

The project budget period is 12 months in duration, with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2010, unless otherwise directed by the NOAA Program Officer. If an application is selected for initial funding, NOAA/NMFS has no obligation to provide additional funding in connection with that award in subsequent years. Applications for renewal or supplementation of existing projects are eligible to compete with applications for new awards.

#### C. Type of Funding Instrument

Under this solicitation, NOAA will fund the projects under the 2010 Western Pacific Demonstration Projects as grants and/or cooperative agreements. The government may be substantially involved in the issuance of cooperative agreements. This substantial involvement may include but is not limited to partnering in collaboration to meet regional interests.

### III. Eligibility Information

#### A. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are limited to communities in the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Area, as defined at section 305(i)(2)(D) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1855(i)(2)(D); and meet the standards for determining eligibility set forth in section 305(i)(2)(B) of the Act, 16 U.S.C. 1855(i)(2)(B). The eligibility criteria developed by the Council and approved by the Secretary was published in the Federal Register on April 16, 2002 (67 FR 18512, 18514). The published criteria supplement those set forth in section 305(i)(2)(B) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and shall be applied equally in determining a party's eligibility to participate in the demonstration project. Given this, applicants must:

1. Be located within the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Area (American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam or Hawaii);

2. Consist of community residents descended from aboriginal people indigenous to the western Pacific area who conducted commercial or subsistence fishing using traditional fishing practices in the waters of the western Pacific;

3. Consist of community residents who reside in their ancestral homeland;
4. Have knowledge of customary practices relevant to fisheries of the western Pacific;
5. Have traditional dependence on fisheries of the western Pacific;

6. Experience economic or other barriers that have prevented full participation in the western Pacific fisheries and, in recent years, have not had harvesting, processing or marketing capability sufficient to support substantial participation in fisheries in the area; and,

7. Develop and submit a Community Development Plan to the Western Pacific Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service. For the purposes of determining eligibility to participate and receive funding assistance authorized under Section 111(b) of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, Pub. L. 104-297, as amended, and published in 16 U.S.C. 1855 note, a project proposal shall be considered a Community Development Plan.

B. Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

No cost sharing or matching is required under this program.

C. Other Criteria that Affect Eligibility

None

IV. Application and Submission Information

A. Address to Request Application Package

The standard application package is available at <http://www.grants.gov>. For applicants without internet access, an application package may be secured by contacting Scott W.S. Bloom, NOAA Federal Program Officer for Western Pacific Demonstration Projects, Pacific Islands Regional Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814.

## B. Content and Form of Application

Both preliminary proposals and full proposals must be submitted by an applicant who is authorized and certified as a representative of a qualifying community, an organization of indigenous peoples, or entity serving such communities or organizations, including institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations and charitable foundations that are recognized as such by competent authority, for-profit commercial parties, state and local governments, or other authorized instruments of governance.

Where the applicant is an individual, such authority must be certified through written documentation that identifies the named individual, his/her relationship with a community eligible to participate in the grant program, and the scope of his/her authority to act on behalf of that community. The applicant must reside in the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Area.

Where the applicant is an eligible nonprofit organization, which has not previously received NOAA support, it must submit proof of its status with its application. Any of the following would give evidence of such status:

A reference to the applicant in the Internal Revenue Service's most recent list of tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c) of the IRS Code;

A copy of a currently valid IRS tax exemption certificate on which the applicant is named;

A statement from a state taxing authority or state's attorney general certifying that the applicant has non-profit status and that none of the net earnings accrue to any private shareholder;

A certified copy of the organization's certificate of incorporation or similar

document that clearly establishes nonprofit status; or

Any of the above proof regarding a parent organization, if one exists, and a statement signed by the parent organization that the applicant is a local nonprofit affiliate.

#### 1. Preliminary proposal (letter of intent)

Each preliminary proposal (letter of intent) should not exceed three typewritten pages using 12 point font or larger, and provide the title of the research project; the title, name and address of investigators and partners; a background section that sets the stage for the work and identifies how the activities would fit into the program priorities; a rationale of why the work should be conducted; a clear statement of objectives; the general methodology that will be used; and an estimated budget amount. In addition, and not counted in the three page limit, the applicant should provide: 1) a one page biography for each investigator, and 2) a cover page that includes the title of the project, the name and address of the investigators with e-mail and phone contact information, the budgets requested, duration of the project, and the date of submission. The criteria for recommendation of preliminary proposals are the degree to which they fit the priority areas and evaluation criteria listed in this notice. NOAA will inform applicants if proposals merit further consideration in the form of a full proposal request.

#### 2. Full Proposals

Proposals must include a project narrative giving detail on the proposed work to be performed by the recipient, how it plans to accomplish such tasks, and its related benefits and monetary costs. Proposals may not exceed 20 pages of double-spaced, white 8-1/2" x 11" bond paper exclusive of the required Application for Federal Assistance forms and documentation described below. A minimum 12-point font size is recommended. All information needed for a comprehensive review of the proposal should be found in the Project narrative and required Federal financial assistance application forms described below. No appendices are permitted. NMFS will strictly enforce the 20-page limit on the narrative. Project proposals must include the following information in this order:

a. Name of Responsible Party (include specific information about the community represented and documented authorities certifying the responsible party to act on its behalf).

b. Address (mailing address that will be used to contact responsible parties).

c. Telephone number (if cell contact, the name of the subscriber).

d. Fax number, if available.

e. E-mail address, if available.

f. Introduction or Background - explain the purpose and need for the Project in terms of the challenge(s) that hinder the recipient's ability to participate in the fisheries, including a discussion of the historical impediments to capacity building faced by the participating community.

g. Project Description - describe the scope of work (Statement of Work) in detail, incorporating a discussion of its primary goals, individual tasks and performance milestones, address project management and administration, including the vitae of key personnel, contributions/donations, equipment purchases (or leasing), subcontracting (including justification if noncompetitive), and travel requirements.

h. Methods - describe the methods, procedures, and any special equipment that will be used or tested in support of the Project goals.

i. Anticipated Benefits - describe the benefits expected from the successful completion of the Project in terms of the funding priorities of this notice, including advancement of capacity-building within the indigenous community and support for traditional fishing practices.



j. Proposed Budget - list by category of expenditures the total cost to accomplish the purposes and objectives contained in the Project Description. Cost sharing is not required. However, if cost sharing occurs it must be indicated as Federal and non-Federal shares, divided into cash and in-kind contributions. Travel costs must be reasonably explained in terms of actual trip details or, if such detail is unavailable, the basis for such charges including destination or estimated mileage, method of travel, cost per mile and duration, number of travelers, and per diem rate for lodging, meals, and incidental expenses. Direct costs must be detailed to the extent practicable, including the information regarding the rate of and total compensation received by Project personnel. The grant application should also itemize the costs and rate of compensation received for services that will be provided by individuals who are not residents of the participating community or not descended from the aboriginal people indigenous to the area. Indirect costs are anticipated and should be identified. (If the applicant has not previously established an indirect cost rate with a Federal agency and their proposal is recommended for funding, the negotiation and approval of a rate will be subject to the procedures in the application cost principles and section B.5. of the Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the Federal Register notice of February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696). Fees or profits are not allowable categories. An individual may participate in more than one Project. However, the total time that may be contributed by any individual to Projects funded under this authority shall not exceed 100 percent of what is customarily considered full-time employment in the community receiving the award.

NOAA employees (whether full-time, part-time, or intermittent) are not permitted to assist in the preparation of an application, except that staff may provide information on program goals, funding priorities, application procedures, and completion of application forms. Since this is a competitive program, NOAA and Council employees will not provide assistance in conceptualizing, developing, or structuring proposals, or write letters of support for a proposal.

### 3. Required Elements for Full Proposals

The following forms are required as part of each application: Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424); Budget Information, Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A); Assurances, Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B); Certification Regarding Lobbying (CD-511); and, if applicable, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL). These forms are available for download from the NOAA Grants Online application package.

### C. Submission Dates and Times

Preliminary proposals (letters of intent) must be received at the Pacific Islands Regional Office by 5:00 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time on February 18, 2010. NOAA reserves 15 days to review preliminary proposals against NOAA's mission requirements. If after review, a project is invited to submit a full proposal, it must be received by 5:00 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time, 75 days after publication of this announcement in the Federal Register. Anticipated start dates will be July 1, 2010. For applications submitted through Grants.gov, a date and time receipt indication will be the basis of determining timeliness. For those not having access to the internet, one signed original and two hard copy applications must be received at the following address: NOAA Federal Program Officer for Western Pacific Demonstration Projects, Pacific Islands Regional Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814. Both preliminary proposals and full proposals will be date and time stamped when they are received. Preliminary proposals and full proposals received after the established deadlines will be rejected and returned to the sender without consideration. No facsimile or electronic mail preliminary proposals (letters of intent) or proposals/applications will be accepted.

### D. Intergovernmental Review

This federal funding opportunity is subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." An applicant should consult the office or official designated as the single point of contact in his or her State for more information on the process the State requires to be followed in applying for assistance, if the State has selected the program for review. The names and addresses of these contacts are available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

### E. Funding Restrictions

Eligible applicants are limited to communities in the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Area, as defined at section 305(i)(2)(D) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1855(i)(2)(D); and meet the standards for determining eligibility set forth in section 305(i)(2)(B) of the Act; 16 U.S.C. 1855(i)(2)(B). The eligibility criteria developed by the Council and approved by the Secretary to participate in western Pacific community development programs was published in the Federal Register on April 16, 2002 (67 FR 18512, 18513). Applicants cannot be reimbursed for time expended or costs incurred in developing a project or preparing the application.

### F. Other Submission Requirements

Permits, Pre-approvals, and Clearances: The applicant is required to obtain the necessary permits, approvals and/or clearances that authorize the actions and activities required to

carry out the project as proposed. This shall include meeting the requirements of applicable Federal law and all local regulations. To ensure that such permits, approvals, and clearances, where required, are obtained prior to the release of funds to the recipient, specific requirements in the form of Special Award Conditions may be attached to the NOAA award documents.

When requested, the applicant must also be available to respond to questions during all phases of review and evaluation of applications.

Proposals should be submitted through Grants.gov. For those applicants without internet access, proposals should be submitted to NOAA Federal Program Officer, Pacific Islands Regional Office, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814.

## V. Application Review Information

### A. Evaluation Criteria

An Advisory Panel, will evaluate proposals by assigning scores up to the maximum indicated for each of the following criteria:

1. Importance and/or Relevance and Applicability of Proposed Project to the Program Goals (30%). This criterion ascertains whether there is intrinsic value in the proposed work and/or relevance to NOAA, Federal, regional, state, or local activities.

2. Technical/Scientific Merit (30%). This criterion assesses whether the approach is technically sound and/or innovative, if the methods are appropriate, and whether there are clear project goals and objectives. Proposals should provide a clear definition of the project design, strengths and/or weaknesses and the means that are to be employed for securing productive results.

3. Overall Qualifications of the Applicants (15%). This criterion ascertains whether the applicant possesses the necessary education, experience, facilities, and administrative resources to accomplish the project. Reviewers will consider previous related experience and qualifications of the project's PM or PI, Co-Manager(s) or Co-Investigator(s) and other personnel, including designated contractors, consultants, and cooperators. Reviewers will also consider past award performance of the applicant(s) and PM/PI.

4. Project Costs (15%). This criterion evaluates the budget to determine if it is realistic and commensurate with the project needs and time-frame. This includes reviewing the reasonableness of the costs associated with the required tasks to be performed, and the overall relationship with the cost effectiveness for successfully completing the project.

5. Outreach and Education (10%). This criterion assesses whether the project provides a focused and effective education and outreach strategy regarding NOAA's mission to protect the Nation's natural resources.

#### B. Review and Selection Process

Preliminary proposals and full grant applications failing to meet the required standards of eligibility and consistency (in format and required documentation) shall be returned to the applicant without further review. Within approximately 10 days of the closing date of the Federal Register notice, NOAA/NMFS shall forward copies of preliminary proposals to the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council for recommendation as to which letters of intent will be invited to apply for full proposals for Advisory Panel review.

All full proposals will then be evaluated and ranked in accordance with the above evaluation criteria by an Advisory Panel (AP). The AP shall conduct a competitive merit review and technical evaluation of each proposal. The AP's ratings are used to produce a rank order of the proposals.

Within approximately 30 days from the date of receipt of the AP's ranking, the Council will submit the administrative record of the AP merit review process to NOAA/NMFS. Project proposals and grant applications not recommended by the AP for further consideration for Federal funding will also be transmitted to the NOAA/NMFS Selecting Official along with documentation citing the AP's findings supporting its decision.

The Selecting Official selects proposals after considering the AP's rank order, recommendations and the selection factors listed below. In making the final selections, the Selecting Official will award in rank order unless the proposal is selected out of rank order based upon one or more of the selection factors. Contingent upon appropriations and the availability of funds, the Selecting Official will use the AP's rank order and

recommendations to consider funding for Fiscal Year 2010.

If the Selecting Official accepts a proposal and/or a grant application for a project not in accordance with the rank given or the recommendation of the Advisory Panel, the Selecting Official will consult with the Council's designee and provide a detailed written explanation of the reasons for the action based on the selection factors below. The authority for approving a grant award rests solely with NOAA.

### C. Selection Factors

The merit review ratings shall provide a rank order to the Selecting Official for final recommendation to the NOAA Grants Officer. The Selecting Official shall award in the rank order unless the proposal is justified to be selected out of rank order based on one or more of the following factors:

1. Availability of funds.
  
2. Balance/distribution of funds:
  - (a) geographically,
  - (b) by type of institutions,
  - (c) by type of patterns,
  - (d) by research areas, and
  - (e) by project types.
  
3. Whether this project duplicates other projects funded or considered for funding by NOAA or other federal agencies.
  
4. Program priorities and policy factors.

5. Applicant's prior award performance.

6. Partnerships and/or participation of targeted groups.

7. Adequacy of information necessary for NOAA staff to make a NEPA determination and draft necessary documentation before recommendations for funding are made to the Grants Officer.

#### D. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

Review of proposals should occur late April to early May 2010. July 1, 2010 should be used as the proposed start date on proposals, unless otherwise directed by the Program Officer.

### VI. Award Administration Information

#### A. Award Notices

Successful applicants will receive notification that the application has been recommended for funding to the NOAA Grants Management Division. This notification is not an authorization to begin performance of the project. Official notification of funding, signed by a NOAA Grants Officer, is the authorizing document that allows the project to begin. Notifications will be issued to the Authorizing Official and the Project Manager/Principal Investigator of the project either electronically or in hard copy. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified that their proposal was not selected for recommendation. These proposals will be returned to the applicant.

#### B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

##### 1. Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements.

Administrative and national policy requirements for all Department of Commerce awards are contained in the Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2008 (73FR 7696). You may obtain a copy of this notice by contacting the agency contact, or by going to the website at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>.

## 2. Limitation of Liability.

Funding for programs listed in this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations. Applicants are hereby given notice that funds have not yet been appropriated for the programs listed in this notice. In no event will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if these programs fail to receive funding or are cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

## 3. Universal Identifier.

Applicants should be aware that, they are required to provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number during the application process. See the October 30, 2002 Federal Register, Vol. 67, No. 210, pp. 66177-66178 for additional information. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or via the internet (<http://www.dunandbradstreet.com>).

## 4. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

NOAA must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for each project which seeks NOAA funding. Detailed information on NEPA can be found at the following NOAA NEPA web site: [www.nepa.noaa.gov](http://www.nepa.noaa.gov), including our NOAA Administrative order 216-6 for NEPA, [www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216\\_6\\_TOC.pdf](http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216_6_TOC.pdf), and the Council on Environmental Quality implementation regulations, [ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc\\_ceq.htm](http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc_ceq.htm).

If needed by NOAA for NEPA assessment, applicants will be asked to provide detailed information on the activities to be conducted, locations, sites, species, and habitat to be affected, possible construction activities, and any environmental concerns that may exist (e.g., the use and disposal of hazardous or toxic chemicals, introduction of non-indigenous species, impacts to endangered and threatened species, aquaculture projects, and impacts to

coral reef systems.). In addition to providing specific information that will serve as the basis for any required impact analyses, applicants may also be requested to assist NOAA in drafting an environmental assessment if NOAA determines an assessment is required. Applicants will also be required to cooperate with NOAA in identifying feasible measures to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposal. The failure to do so shall be grounds for not selecting an application. In some cases if additional information is required after an application is selected, funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the recipient to submit additional environmental compliance information sufficient to enable NOAA to make an assessment on any impacts that a project may have on the environment.

### C. Reporting

Award recipients will be required to submit financial and performance (technical) reports. All financial reports shall be submitted to NOAA's Grants Management Division in accordance with the award conditions via NOAA's Grants Online. Performance reports should be submitted to the NOAA Program Officer (Scott Bloom, Pacific Islands Regional Office). Electronic submission of performance reports via NOAA's Grants Online web based software is preferred method and is strongly encouraged. However, in special circumstances, the Program Officer will accept hard copies. All reports will be submitted in accordance to the NOAA Special Award Conditions. The comprehensive final report is due 90 days after the award expiration. The final report shall serve as an overall evaluation of the recipient's success in achieving the goals and objectives of the approved project, specifically describing the work that was performed and its resulting benefit in terms of meeting the needs of the community as described in its proposal and grant application. The level of detail should allow for NOAA's assessment of the overall success of the project and potential application to other indigenous island communities. Reports should be submitted in electronic format, where possible, to allow for its timely distribution throughout the Western Pacific community and to stimulate wide-spread discussion about the lessons gained from the demonstration project.

## VII. Agency Contacts

Points of contact are Scott W.S. Bloom (NMFS), NOAA Federal Program Officer for Western Pacific Demonstration Projects, Pacific Islands Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814; or by telephone at 808-944-2218, or by e-mail at [Scott.Bloom@noaa.gov](mailto:Scott.Bloom@noaa.gov); or Charles Ka\_ai\_ai, Indigenous Coordinator for the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite



1400, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813 or by telephone at 808-522-8220, or by email at Charles.Kaaiyai@noaa.gov

## VIII. Other Information

### Freedom of Information Act

U.S. Department of Commerce regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) are found at 15 C.F.R. Part 4, "Public Information." These regulations set forth rules for the Department regarding making requested materials, information, and records publicly available under the FOIA. Applications submitted in response to this Federal Funding Opportunity may be subject to requests for release under the Act. In the event that an application contains information or data that the applicant deems to be confidential commercial information which is exempt from disclosure under FOIA, that information should be identified, bracketed, and marked as "Privileged, Confidential, Commercial or Financial Information." Based on these markings, the confidentiality of the contents of those pages will be protected to the extent permitted by law.