TO: Interested Applicants

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SUBJECT: Attached Request for Proposals for Passive Acoustic Monitoring of Cetaceans

DATE: 5/4/2022

Attached to this email is a Request for Proposals (RFP) for passive acoustic monitoring for cetaceans in the NY/NJ Bight. The requested work is highly technical in nature and requires a multidisciplinary research team to propose an optimal number and layout of receivers as part of the grid design referenced in the RFP.

CLARIFICATION: While the RFP states that the grid layout\(^1\) was designed to provide 100% North Atlantic Right Whale detections in the offshore space, we are seeking proposals that will make use of the grid framework, but fill in as many receiver locations as possible for a minimum two years given the project spending cap. We do not expect 100% NARW detections and/or for the full grid to be filled in by this project, but rather are interested in applicants proposing an optimal number of receivers and their locations given the funding amount.

Extensive knowledge of the use of passive acoustic monitoring for marine mammal detections, compliance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and federal permitting requirements are necessary to achieve the goals of this work.

All proposals in response to this RFP must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. EST on June 7, 2022, using the proposal elements contained therein. All proposals must be submitted by email to Renee.Reilly@dep.nj.gov with a copy to Nadine.Sheppard@dep.nj.gov no later than the date and time noted above with the subject line Response to Offshore Wind PAM RFP. Any proposals received after this time cannot be accepted.

Contract award is dependent on funding availability and suitability of proposals received. NJDEP reserves the right to not issue an award.


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**Please note:** The winning bidder must attend and participate in the Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative (RWSC) for Offshore Wind’s Marine Mammal Subcommittee meetings to ensure regional coordination and collaboration.

**For non-State of New Jersey Colleges and Universities:** The winning bidder will be required to complete New Jersey’s Direct Purchase Authority paperwork before the state can engage a vendor and execute a purchase order. Failure to complete this paperwork will result in disqualification of the award. The winning bidder must also be registered in NJSTART. If your proposal is selected and you are a new vendor (not in the State of New Jersey’s Treasury System) you must register at [www.njstart.gov](http://www.njstart.gov).

Thank you in advance for your interest regarding this RFP and look forward to confidentially evaluating your submission.