



Frequently asked questions related to Arctic IoNS 2019 Funded Solicitation (RFP)

This document answers common questions associated with the Request for Proposal (RFP) in Association with ADAC's Arctic-related Incidents of National Significance (Arctic IoNS) 2019 Workshops: Seeking solutions to support the U.S. Coast Guard in managing a complex Arctic crisis. If you have a question about the RFP solicitation, please review these FAQs carefully, these FAQs are explained in more detail in the RFP. If you still have questions after reviewing the content below, you may send follow-on questions to ADAC by sending an email to uaa.adac@alaska.edu

What are the focused areas of interest regarding the RFP?

- Communicating with Vessel Master, Responders, and Remote Communities in the Arctic Technologies;
- Maritime Domain Awareness Technologies;
- Latent Detection Challenge Technologies;
- Adverse Weather Response;
- Predicting, Detecting, and Assessing Crisis Response Action Technologies;
- Technologies to Establish Communications with Remote Populations with Compromised Infrastructure.

How will the proposals be reviewed?

- An initial ADAC leadership review for any conflicts of interest which will disqualify an application.
- Reviewers from the academic and/or research community and DHS will evaluate the proposals.
- Proposals receive Merit-based evaluation criteria to determine the award(s) based on scientific quality and relevance to DHS and USCG mission.

Can I obtain a waiver of the page limitation if my project is large and complex and I am collaborating with multiple organizations?

No, all proposals must adhere to the page limit given in the RFP.

Can projects involve international collaborators?

Yes, ADAC advises and encourages international applicants to consider joint proposals with a qualified U.S.-based entity.

What is meant by an Academic partnership?

All proposals must include an academic partnership, (with the designated overall research lead of the project associated with a U.S. accredited academic institution of higher education).

Is the submission deadline flexible?

No, the deadline for receipt of the application (and validated by email response) is 5 PM Alaska Daylight Time, Monday, 7 October 2019. ADAC will respectfully reject applications received after the deadline without further consideration.

Does solicitation list maximum duration and budgets?

- Yes, Awards made under this RFP may have a maximum period of 12 months; awards may be shorter in duration. ADAC will not accept proposals requesting funding for a longer performance period than 12 months.
- Yes, ADAC respectfully recommends proposals scoped between approximately \$200,000 to \$350,000 U.S. dollars.

I was not able to attend the Arctic IoNS Workshop, where can I find information from the workshop?

Please closely review the “Stressing the system...managing a complex Arctic Crisis” Anchorage Arctic IoNS Rapporteur’s Report dated 16 July, 2019. Please also review the preceding report Arctic IoNS 2019 Alaska Native & Rural Arctic “Insights” Community Workshop, dated 11 July 2019, which can be found on ADAC website.

I never worked in the Arctic before but I think my research could translate, should I submit a proposal?

Yes, ADAC welcomes proposals from investigators new to the Arctic provided all requirements of the solicitation are met.