

## *CONTRACT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY*

### **2012-13 STATE CLIMATOLOGIST EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

#### **Overview**

The National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) supports a three-tiered program for climate services that leverages the expertise and capabilities of its partners. NCDC provides climate monitoring, data archival, and climate products and services at a national scale. It also supports an emerging regional climate services partnership, the second tier, through the efforts of NOAA's six Regional Climate Services Directors (RCSDs), six Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) and other partners. NCDC additionally supports State Climatologists (SCs) through the American Association of State Climatologists (AASC), as the third tier of its climate services program. State Climatologists assist NCDC with addressing climate information needs at state and local levels and have been using the State Climatologist Exchange Program (SCEP) as their mechanism for formal collaboration since 1984.

SCEP activities shall be handled through a contract with AASC. Through its Executive Board, this organization shall manage the strategic direction of state and local climate services in coordination with NCDC. It shall encourage close collaboration between SCs, RCCs, and RCSDs in the identification of information needs as well as the development and delivery of climate services to address those needs. This collaboration shall be evident in the implementation of the following set of tasks:

- 1. Climate Impacts Monitoring Program:** To the extent resources allow, the AASC shall fund the development of monthly state climate reports in support of NCDC and RCC monitoring efforts. These reports shall be delivered to the RCCs for inclusion in RCC Reports and NCDC monitoring products.
- 2. Funding for Travel Support:** SCs and Assistant State Climatologists may apply for travel support to attend formal meetings and workshops which strengthen partnering on climate services at the local, state and regional level. Applicable meetings are those meetings that meet two or more of these criteria: the meeting is sponsored by an RCC or RCSDs; supports a sustained national climate assessment; and directly leads to development of new products and services at the local, state and regional scale. SCs shall submit a copy of the agenda, invitation and estimated cost of travel to AASC to be considered for travel support. A detailed summary of these meetings shall be submitted to AASC for inclusion in AASC reports, its website, or other material.
- 3. AASC/NCDC Collaborations:** The AASC Executive Board shall dedicate resources under this contract to fund SCO activities in support of climate research and service-based activities. Activities shall be co-developed with RCSDs or RCCs and advance understanding of state and local vulnerabilities, impacts, or adaptation strategies for one of these NCDC priorities: extreme events, coastal inundation, and drought and floods. The leveraging of other funding sources is strongly encouraged. SCs and students enrolled in academic programs affiliated with SCOs may submit technically feasible proposals for contracted work to AASC that demonstrate partnering with an RCC or RCSD. Work may be completed at NCDC and/or the SCO (e.g. graduate student summer research). Travel may be considered.

### **Available Funds and Award Amounts**

1. Climate Impacts Monitoring Program  
A total of \$55,000 has been allocated for awards. Individual awards are anticipated to range from \$2,000 to \$3,000.
2. Funding for Travel Support  
A total of \$8,000 has been allocated for awards. Individual awards are anticipated to be limited to \$500.
3. AASC/NCDC Collaborations  
A total of \$27,000 has been allocated for awards. Individual awards are anticipated to range from \$3,000 to \$9,000, though collaborative contracts may justify a larger budget.

### **Period of Performance**

August 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013

### **Who May Apply**

Any full member of the AASC may apply. Preference will be given to SCOs/SCs holding ARSCO status.

### **How to Apply**

Applications should be made to the AASC Executive Committee and submitted by e-mail to Adnan Akyuz ([Adnan.Akyuz@ndsu.edu](mailto:Adnan.Akyuz@ndsu.edu)). Questions may be directed to members of the AASC Executive Committee.

### **Deadlines and Awards**

Applications should be received no later than November 2, 2012 to ensure full consideration by the AASC Executive Committee. Notification of contract awards will be made by November 16, 2011. Work on accepted projects must commence no later than December 1, 2012 and a final report detailing the work performed, research results obtained, etc. must be submitted to the AASC President, Stuart Foster ([stuart.foster@wku.edu](mailto:stuart.foster@wku.edu)), by April 30, 2013. Presentation of the results of funded projects at the 2013 AASC Annual Meeting is strongly encouraged.

# **Application: 2012 State Climatologist Exchange Program**

Part A: Identify the SCEP funding category in which you are applying (check one):

1. Climate Impacts Monitoring Program \_\_\_\_\_
2. Funding for Travel Support \_\_\_\_\_
3. AASC/NCDC Collaborations \_\_\_\_\_

## Part B: Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Part C: Funding Request and State Climatologist (or designee) Endorsement

Request \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## Part D: Project Title

## Part E: Required Application Material

(See next page for details pertaining to each program.)

*Required Application Material: Monitoring Program*

1. A letter from the RCC director acknowledging that the RCC seeks an agreement with the SC/SCO, wherein the SC/SCO will produce and deliver to the RCC a monthly state climate report in accordance with deadlines and requirements provided by the RCC for a period of 12 consecutive months.
2. A template produced by the SC/SCO that outlines the generalized structure to be used and content to be reported in a monthly climate report.

*Required Application Material: Funding for Travel Support*

1. A copy of the agenda, invitation, and estimated cost of travel to an approved meeting.

*Required Application Material: AASC/NCDC Collaborations*

1. A narrative (two page maximum) describing climate research and service-based activities co-developed with a RCSD/RCC to advance understanding of state and local vulnerabilities, impacts, or adaptation strategies for one of the following NCDC priorities: extreme events, coastal inundation, and drought and floods. The narrative should identify the focus of the research or activities based on the stated NCDC priorities, the objective(s) of the work to be completed, the associated methods /tasks, and a description of the product to be delivered.
2. A budget that states the amount of funds requested and the planned allocation of those funds for purposes of completing the contracted work.
3. Source and amount of matching funds leveraged by the proposed SCEP funding request. These should be funds or resources that would not otherwise be available to the SC/SCO.
4. A letter of support from the appropriate RCSD/RCC.

*\* In some cases, the research or activities to be contracted may concern events that extend across state boundaries. SCs/SCOs are encouraged to work jointly in such cases. Also, SCs/SCOs that do not have ARSCO status are encouraged to partner with ARSCOs in neighboring states. Contracts that involve collaboration among SCs/SCOs should include a single budget with separate entries for each collaborating SC/SCO.*