



Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System

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Dear Oceanographic Community Members,

On behalf of the SCCOOS Governing Board, the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS) is pleased to announce an opportunity to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) letter. During the summer 2015, SCCOOS will be submitting our next 5 year proposal. Even though obtaining an increase in IOOS funding has been challenging, the 2016 proposal hopes to include:

1. A small amount of funding for a new “seed” project.
2. A tiered funding approach where we will provide two to three scenarios for funding in case there is an expansion in growth over the next 5 years.

In preparation for the proposal, as well as future funding opportunities, we are calling for an EOI in order to develop and maintain a portfolio of projects of interest to member organizations and other stakeholders. Proposed projects should include any activities that fit within SCCOOS objectives (<http://www.sccoos.org/about/overview/>). Specifically, SCCOOS serves the ocean management community in the areas of water quality, marine operations, coastal hazards, and climate and ecosystems. The EOI should clearly identify which of the four themes the proposed observational effort would address.

The EOI should be submitted by March 20, 2015 and limited to 1-2 pages. Please address the following:

1. *Principals, institutions and/or organizations involved*
2. *Proposed objective and final product? How do these relate to SCCOOS?*
3. *Technical readiness? How would your product be made public? On the SCCOOS website, or elsewhere? If on the SCCOOS website, what would the data management component include (links to data, data ingest, quality control, etc.)?*
4. *Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach opportunities? Who is interested in this product?*
5. *Other sources of funding which will be leveraged?*
6. *Approximate anticipated costs and timeline.*

Please distribute this call to others who might be interested in submitting an EOI. EOIs should be sent to staff@sccoos.org

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Juliana O. Thomas".

Julie Thomas
SCCOOS Executive Director