

Public meetings are held as part of the site visits.

Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visits for the listed evaluations, and the dates, local times, and locations of public meetings during the site visits.

The Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Puerto Rico site visit will be from February 27 to March 3, 1995. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 1995, at 1:30 p.m., at the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources Auditorium, Tropical Medicine Building, Puerta de Tierra, Puerto Rico.

The New York Coastal Management Program evaluation site visit will be from March 20 to March 24, 1995. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the State Office Building, Happpauge, Long Island, New York.

The States will issue notice of the public meeting(s) in a local newspaper(s) at least 45 days prior to the public meeting(s), and will issue other timely notices as appropriate.

Copies of the State's most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's notifications and supplemental request letters to the States, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding these Programs are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the site visit. Please direct written comments to Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. When the evaluation is completed, OCRM will place a notice in the Federal Register announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-3090, ext. 126.

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W. Stanley Wilson,
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Global Learning and Observations To Benefit the Environment (GLOBE)

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, COMMERCE (DOC).

ACTION: NOTICE, Competitive Solicitation for a GLOBE Joint Project Agreement.

SUMMARY: GLOBE is an international environmental education and science program involving students in kindergarten through twelfth grade (or equivalent) throughout the world. The goals of the GLOBE Program are to enhance the environmental awareness of individuals worldwide, to increase scientific understanding of the Earth by collecting data for use by the international community of environmental scientists and others, and to help all students reach higher standards in science and mathematics education. The goals will be accomplished through a number of activities, including having students making environmental observations at or near their schools. The data resulting from these observations will be transmitted through the Internet and satellite communications for processing. As these data are processed, global environmental visualizations will be created based on the students' observations and other environmental information and relayed back to the students. The data acquired by the students will also be available through the Internet to environmental scientists throughout the world to support their research.

These goals will be accomplished in the United States through a partnership between the Federal Government and the private sector, and internationally through partnerships between the United States and other countries.

This notice solicits proposals for the private sector partner ("GLOBE Private Sector Partner") for the GLOBE Program, which must be a non-profit organization, from private sector non-profit organizations and from other respondents that are willing to form non-profit organizations to enter into a Joint Project Agreement ("JPA") to solicit and manage private resources to assist many schools in the U.S. and overseas to participate in the GLOBE Program, and to encourage and coordinate private sector participation in the GLOBE Program in other ways. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the lead agency of the public sector GLOBE

Program ("GLOBE Program"), which is a U.S. Government interagency activity that plans and implements the national and international GLOBE Program, has determined that a JPA is the most effective mechanism to engage in a partnership with the U.S. Globe Private Sector Partner, since program goals and program implementation will be of mutual interest, and the parties to the JPA will agree to bear equitable portions of the costs of the overall program consistent with their responsibilities.

DATES: Proposals for the GLOBE Joint Project Agreement to be selected as a result of this solicitation should be received by February 21, 1995. Proposals received after that date may be considered if a qualified respondent has not yet been selected when a proposal is received.

ADDRESSES: Proposals must be sent by mail to Thomas N. Pyke, Jr., Director, The GLOBE Program, 744 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503 or delivered to Director, The GLOBE Program, The White House, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room G-1, Washington, D.C. 20006. FACSIMILE COPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Interested respondents should contact Thomas N. Pyke, Jr., Director, The GLOBE Program, at (202) 395-7600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Description of The GLOBE Program and U.S. Government Involvement

GLOBE is an international environmental education and science program involving students in kindergarten through twelfth grade (or equivalent) throughout the world, which will enhance the environmental awareness of individuals worldwide, increase scientific understanding of the Earth by collecting data for use by the international community of environmental scientists and others, and help all students reach higher standards in science and mathematics education.

In the United States, the public sector GLOBE program is an interagency effort led by NOAA, which is an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The other Federal agencies involved are the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Departments of Education and State; and the Council on Environmental Quality and the Office of Science and Technology Policy at the White House. Over 100 other nations have expressed an interest in the GLOBE Program. The first bilateral