

or its actions under the JPA, nor will the Federal Government reimburse or indemnify the GLOBE Private Sector Partner for its liability due to any losses resulting in any way from its actions arising out of its involvement in the GLOBE Program or its actions under the JPA.

III. Authority

NOAA is authorized to enter into Joint Project Agreements in accordance with the U.S. Department of Commerce Joint Project Authority, 15 U.S.C. 1525, which authorizes the Secretary to engage in joint efforts of mutual interest with non-profit, research, or public organizations upon an equitable distribution of the costs of the project. This Agreement is undertaken by NOAA in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 1540, which authorizes the Secretary of Commerce, through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, to enter into cooperative agreements and other financial agreements to aid and promote scientific and educational activities to foster public understanding of NOAA or its programs and to solicit private donations in support of such activities; 15 U.S.C. 2938, which authorizes NOAA to provide global change research findings to other Federal agencies; and, 49 U.S.C. App. 1463, which authorizes NOAA to engage in activities that support weather and other related environmental forecasting.

IV. Eligibility Criteria

Each respondent must itself be a non-profit private entity or be a person or private entity that proposes to form a suitable non-profit private entity to become the GLOBE Private Sector Partner. The entity proposed to be the GLOBE Private Sector Partner must be chartered and organized to operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and to support and promote increased scientific understanding of the environment and education of the people of the world about the environment through its active involvement in support of the GLOBE Program. Respondents will be required to raise funding and provide private support for non-governmental activities related to the GLOBE Program.

V. Proposal Submission Guidelines

The guidelines for proposals provided below are mandatory. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in proposals being returned without review.

(a) *Proposals*: (1) Respondents must submit one original and two copies of their proposals. (2) Proposals must be

limited to 40 single-space typewritten pages (numbered), including vitae, and all appendices. (3) Proposals must be sent or delivered to The GLOBE Director at the above address. (4) Facsimile transmissions or electronic mail submissions will not be accepted.

(b) *Required Elements*: All Proposals must include the following elements: (1) A Statement of Eligibility relative to the Eligibility Criteria in Section IV above. (2) A Statement of proposed activities and how the respondent will organize to carry out these activities, specifically addressing all evaluation factors set forth below and the GLOBE Private Sector Partner responsibilities as described in Section II above.

VI. Evaluation of JPA Proposals

Proposals will be evaluated based on three selection factors and additional credit factor, which are derived from the U.S. GLOBE Private Sector Partner responsibilities specified above, and in the context of the GLOBE Program goals. These goals are to enhance environmental awareness of individuals worldwide, to increase scientific understanding of the Earth, and to help all students reach higher standards in science and mathematics education. The selection factors will be given approximately equal value in the evaluation of proposals.

- The estimated amount of private monetary and in-kind resources that would be made available within the first year after the JPA is signed by the proposed Private Sector Partner to support the widespread implementation of the GLOBE Program, both domestically and internationally, including a willingness to commit to specific funding goals and schedules. It is expected that the GLOBE Private Sector Partner will provide support during the first year for at least 1,000 GLOBE schools, with a nominal value of such support of \$5,000 per school, and that support of well over 10,000 schools be planned over the long term.
- The ability of the proposed GLOBE Private Sector Partner to promote and coordinate the involvement of a broad range of other private sector participants, including foundations and for-profit business organizations, in collaborative support of the GLOBE Program. The GLOBE Private Sector Partner will be expected to raise private funding and support to achieve the goal of providing a very significant amount of total GLOBE funding from private sector resources over the long term.

—The ability of the Private Sector Partner to facilitate support of participation by thousands of schools in the GLOBE Program in a way so as to involve diverse groups of schools and to be inclusive in the opportunity to participate for the Nation's and the world's young people.

As an additional credit factor, proposals will be given additional credit in the evaluation process if they propose that the GLOBE Private Sector Partner establish or support the establishment of a highly visible public environmental learning center and appropriate exhibit space that features vivid, imaginative displays based on data acquired at GLOBE schools combined with real-time and historical satellite imagery and other environmental data and information. It is expected that such a center would utilize advanced virtual reality technology so as to provide an authentic and stimulating experience for large numbers of visitors.

VII. Selection Procedures

NOAA will convene an interagency review panel to evaluate the proposals received in accordance with the factors stated above, and to make recommendations to the GLOBE Director, who is an official of and is acting on behalf of NOAA. If there are more than five proposals received prior to the final selection being made by the GLOBE Director, the panel shall specifically designate no more than five of the proposals as those the panel has rated most highly. The review panel's recommendations, along with overall program goals and the evaluation factors stated above, will be considered by the GLOBE Director in the final selection of the GLOBE Private Sector Partner.

VIII. Other Information

Intergovernmental Review: This action has been determined not to require intergovernmental review.

Classification: This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

PRA: This action has been determined not to be subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

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