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Round Seven

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This booklet has been prepared to assist grant applicants, planning agencies, and planning consultants in preparing applications for federal assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program. It makes no attempt to cover all aspects of the LWCF and/or ORLP program; but it does attempt to cover the major items of interest and concern to most applicants. Any unanswered questions concerning the program should be directed to:

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Section A. Program Description

Program Purpose and Background

This instruction packet serves to advise local units of government and federally recognized Indian tribes of the availability of funds for grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund's (LWCF) Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program. Further information on the seventh round ORLP program can be found in the [National Park Service \(NPS\) ORLP NOFO announcement](#). The purpose of the ORLP Program is to provide significantly improved recreation opportunities in urban, disadvantaged communities, consistent with the purposes and requirements of the LWCF Act and LWCF Manual.

To meet ORLP objectives and goals, projects must:

- Meet recreation goals as identified in, and align with, at least one priority of the [State's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan \(SCORP\)](#);
- Be located within an incorporated city (or town) or unincorporated area having a population of 30,000 or more in the [2020 Census](#); and
- Be located within a community (Census tract) that is determined to be disadvantaged per the Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool at: <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/>.

ORLP Round 7 Program Competition Priorities

This competition will prioritize the selection of projects that:

- As green and blue spaces, and tree cover help to cool the air, reduce pollution, and have positive effects on mental and physical health, **nature-based park projects will earn a 5-point bonus**. Nature-based projects are those where nature is a major element of, or strongly supports, the proposed recreational activity.

Additional benefits beyond the above may assist a project in standing apart from other projects, but they cannot be used as a replacement for the stated priority. Additional benefits may include, but are not limited to, projects that: expand public-private partnerships to leverage matching share resources (e.g. money or donated lands, supplies or services); provide economic benefits to the local community (e.g. short or long-term jobs or stimulation to local business near the park); use sustainable design/materials; include site features that consider the needs of all demographics, and/or; involve the redevelopment of a blighted or distressed property.

Background on LWCF

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State and Local Assistance program provides grants to states, and through states to local units of government and federally-recognized Indian tribes, for projects that will provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public through the acquisition of lands and waters for parks and other outdoor recreation areas, as well as through the development of new, or the renovation of existing, outdoor recreation facilities. It is operated by the National Park Service (NPS) in partnership with designated lead agencies in each of the 50 states as well as American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Congress allocates money from the LWCF for this program, which is then apportioned to the states based on a legislative formula. To be eligible for LWCF grants, states must maintain an approved Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) which are used to assess the supply and demand for outdoor recreation resources and set priorities for the use of LWCF funds.

Background on ORLP

In 2014, in coordination with Congress, the Secretary of the Interior, State lead agencies, and interest groups, the NPS created the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program, a competitive grant program administered under the authority of the LWCF Act as a compliment to the formula grant program. ORLP grants do not count against State apportionment funds.

Acquisition and Development Requirements

Projects must involve publicly-owned land, or the transfer of ownership by fee simple acquisition, to a public entity. The project sponsor must possess sufficient legal title and control of the property to ensure that it can be managed and

maintained for outdoor recreation in perpetuity and otherwise remain compliant with the conversion provisions of the LWCF Act (see 54 U.S.C. 200305(f)(3)).

Acquisition or use of lesser interests (e.g. a perpetual easement) as a means of legal control is not permitted for the ORLP competition. Outdoor recreation areas and facilities assisted by the LWCF/ORLP must be open to the general public and not limited to special groups.

In Perpetuity Requirement

All prospective LWCF ORLP grant applicants should be aware that the LWCF Act requires that any park or other outdoor recreation area benefiting from assistance from the LWCF, whether for acquisition or development purposes, and regardless of the amount or extent of assistance, not be converted to any use other than public outdoor recreation uses (54 U.S.C. 200305(f)(3)). The perpetuity requirement is applied to the assisted park or other recreation area as a whole. Exceptions for boundaries that would apply to a lesser unit of a park will be considered only if the unit is a standalone (i.e., its borders do not include other areas of the park) and self-sustaining (i.e., it does not rely on adjoining park area for access, utilities, support facilities, etc.) recreation area. Before Seeking LWCF or ORLP grants, project sponsors should carefully consider their ability and willingness to comply with this provision of law.

The LWCF Grant Assistance Manual, v. 72 (October 1, 2023) currently establishes the eligibility, procedural, and programmatic requirements for LWCF grants, including ORLP grants. The LWCF Manual can be found at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/about-dnr/grants-other-funding/land-water-conservation-fund>.

Section B. Federal Award Information

Estimated Total Funding

The seventh round of ORLP grants will make available up to \$224,145,000 appropriated by Congress in fiscal year 2023, plus unused funds from prior years, if available subject to Congressional action.

Expected Award Amount and Date

Project sponsors must request a minimum of \$300,000 and may request up to a maximum of \$15,000,000 per project proposal. NPS announcement of selected projects is anticipated to be November 1, 2024. Selected projects must submit a full application for NPS final review within one year of the announcement to remain eligible for funding (November 1, 2025). Awards will be made upon NPS's final review and approval of full application.

Anticipated Term of Agreement

February 1, 2026 - February 28, 2028. Agreement terms for funded projects will run between two and three years, depending on the project statement of work.

Estimated Number of Agreements to be Awarded: 40

Section C. Eligibility Information

Eligible Applicants

In accordance with 54 U.S.C. 200305(a), each state has a lead agency designated by the State's Governor or by state legislation for the purposes of implementing LWCF in that state, which is the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the State of Iowa.

Eligible sub-recipients include other state agencies, local units of government (state political subdivisions such as cities, counties, and special purpose districts such as park districts), and federally recognized Indian Tribes. Further, for a project to be eligible the sub-recipient must represent a project within a city or town with a population of at least 30,000 people, or if the sub-recipient is a county or special purpose district, the project must be serving an incorporated city or town of at least 30,000 or more people. The park or recreation area and the disadvantaged community(ies) must all be within the city or town.

Parks/sites that are currently receiving an LWCF formula grant, or that received an LWCF formula grant that closed

within the last seven years (even if the scope of the project is different) and, parks/sites that received more than one previous ORLP award *are not eligible*.

Cost Sharing or Matching

In accordance with the LWCF Act, non-Federal cost match in the amount of a 1:1 is required to be eligible for an award. Eligible non-Federal sources of contributions must be in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.306 and may include cash, in-kind contributions of land, materials, and/or volunteer services. Matching funds may be derived from state, local, non-governmental, or private sources in the form of cash, or donations/in-kind contributions of land, services, materials, etc.

Matching share must be *firmly committed* at the time of application and be confirmed in a signed letter from the donor describing the type and amount of contribution.

The following costs may not be counted toward the non-Federal matching share (not inclusive):

- Any project costs incurred before the grant start date, unless they are an eligible pre-award cost as defined in the LWCF Manual or unless the sponsor gets prior approval from the state lead agency and the NPS (i.e., waiver of retroactivity).
- Any funds or in-kind contributions such as land or services that have been used previously or will be used in the future to satisfy the matching requirements of another LWCF grant or other Federal grant.
- Any funds or in-kind contributions such as lands or services that were or will be acquired with other Federal funds, unless otherwise provided by Federal law. However, there is an exception for funds authorized by their enabling legislation to be treated as non-Federal match. The most common options are HUD's Community Development Block Grants or DOT-FHWA's Recreation Trails Program.

Multiple-Step Application Process for ORLP

1. Each State solicits proposals from eligible project sponsors and selects and submits abbreviated applications, as described in this funding opportunity, to NPS for projects they find to be eligible and meet the goals of the ORLP program.
2. Each proposal is reviewed and scored by an independent merit panel and technical reviewers.
3. Based on the reviews of an independent merit panel, the Director of the NPS determines which projects are selected and invited to submit a full application for NPS review.
4. States work with the project sponsors of the NPS selected projects to prepare a full application for NPS's final review and funding determination.

Final applications (listed as Step 4 above) must be submitted to NPS within one year of the NPS public announcement of the project's selection to remain eligible for funding. Funding is not guaranteed until a grant agreement is signed by NPS. Grants are awarded by NPS to the State Lead Agency, which is responsible for ensuring that allocated funds are used for the purposes of, and in a manner consistent with, the LWCF Act and Manual. The State Lead Agency, in turn, makes a sub-award to the project sponsor, which must be the public entity that submitted the proposal.

Section D. Application and Submission Information

Content and Form of Submission

A complete application package is described in this Section. The application package contains both mandatory standard forms (SF) and various optional templates that may be used to satisfy other stated application requirements for this competition. The application package can be accessed and downloaded from the Related Documents tab on the Synopsis page of this announcement in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Additional questions specific to information required by individual states may be included in the application for funding. Project sponsors should understand that they are submitting proposals that are not considered a complete and final application, and that if your project is selected, you will need to update/complete and resubmit the proposal as a final application package.

Page limits for specific elements are noted. The overall application may not exceed 40 pages, excluding letters of support. Information beyond the page limit, and linked information within the application, will not be reviewed or considered.

Required Proposal Elements and Instructions

Project Narrative Contents (10 page limit, 12-point font)

The project narrative consists of the following three sections: A. Project Data Page, B. Project Overview, and C. Responses to Project Criteria.

- A. Project Data Page (1 page limit, provided in the application, fill out completely)
- B. Project Overview (2 page limit):

All Projects:

- Describe and quantify the types of resources and features of or on the property
- Describe the current uses (if any) or disposition of the property to be acquired or developed, if uses will need to be discontinued, or the site rehabilitated. If there are any existing non-outdoor recreation or other non-public uses that are intended to continue on the property on an interim or permanent basis and/or proposed in the future, these should be explained.
- Describe constraints of the property (e.g., existing development; hazardous materials/contamination history; and restrictions such as institutional controls, easements, rights-of-way, reversionary interests, above ground/underground utilities; etc.).

Development Only:

- Describe the planned physical improvements and/or facilities, and the reason(s) such development is needed. Explain whether the work involves new development or rehabilitation or replacement of existing recreation facilities.

Acquisition Only:

- Provide a description of the property (including the current ownership) and an explanation of the need for its acquisition.
- State whether the acquisition would create a new public park/recreation area or if it will expand an existing site, and if so, by how much.
- Describe the plans for developing the property for recreation purposes after acquisition and the timeframe for the start and completion of development and when it will be open for public use.
- Describe the status of the acquisition, including negotiations with the landowner and development of due diligence materials such as title work and appraisal.
- Land acquisition costs must be based on the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisition (aka yellow book) estimate of fair market value. Be sure to explain basis for the value estimate if an appraisal has not yet been performed.

Combination Projects:

- Provide information requested under all “All Projects”, “Development Only” and “Acquisition Only”.

- C. Project Criteria Information (remaining pages):

Provide information required by the Criteria as detailed in Section E. Criteria information regarding the budget may be included in the Budget Narrative.

Detailed Budget Narrative (5 page limit)

The Project Budget shall include detailed information on all cost categories and must clearly identify all estimated project costs. Unit costs shall be provided for all budget items including the cost of work to be provided by contractors or sub-recipients. In addition, applicants shall include a narrative description of the items included in the project budget, including the value of in-kind contributions of goods and services provided to complete the project when cost share is identified to be included. Please use table provided in application.

Budget information should reflect only costs related to work/acquisition that will be completed under an ORLP grant if

selected. A total budget for the entire projects (including work beyond what would be funded under a grant) may be provided separately.

ORLP projects are limited to using a maximum of 25% of the total budget for costs not directly attributable to physical development/rehabilitation, activities, supplies, equipment, or cost of land. Additionally, the LWCF Act specifically excludes acquisition support costs such as research and appraisals.

A detailed budget must include the following information:

- Include a detailed breakdown of proposed project costs.
- Indicate the amount of each cost that will be covered by the federal share versus matching share.
- List all agencies, organizations or other entities providing matching share and describe the type of contributions (e.g., cash or in-kind donations). *A letter from each secured matching-share contributor must be included in a letter confirming the commitment of match (includes match from project sponsor).*
- State the value and type (cash, donation of equipment etc.) of each matching share contribution.
- State that the matching share contribution is secure or firmly committed at the time of application.
- Include direct costs for compliance activities, including tribal monitoring, if anticipated. No additional federal fund will be provided if requested after application submission.
- Provide a description of the methodology used to determine the amount of any contingency costs included.
- Identify who developed the estimated budget and on the basis for the estimates.

Project Timeline (1 page limit)

The detailed timeline must be included showing all project milestones, and measures that will provide quantifiable progress towards reaching the project's milestones. Each planned contract must be listed with an expected date for bidding.

Photos

Provide context such as current site conditions and surrounding area. Include caption, date taken, and photo credit.

Site Maps (2 minimum)

- a. Project Area & Proposed Boundary - must clearly area to be acquired and/or developed, as well as the proposed boundary of the larger park/recreation area that would be subject to the perpetual protection provisions of the LWCF Act, all known outstanding rights and interests in the area held by others, total acres within the boundary(ies), and a north arrow.
- b. Planned Site Features - identifying location of planned recreational improvements and other features such as where the public will access the site, parking, etc.

Letters of Commitment

Letters clearly stating the amount and type of contribution.

General Letters of Support (Optional)

Letters of support received from Congress must be included with the application to Grants.gov to be considered.

SHPO Determination of Effect Letter (if available)

Confirmation of Environmental Review w/ IPaC Report

Feasibility Report (if available)

Additional needs/forms to be completed by Iowa DNR

Standard Form SF424 - Application for Federal Assistance

Standard Form SF424C - Budget Information Form

Standard Forms SF429 and SF424B - Real Property Status Report

Standard Form SF424D - Assurances Form

Standard Form SF-LLL - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
Standard Form - Project Abstract Summary
Overlap or Duplication of Effort Statement
Uniform Audit Reporting Statement

Funding Restrictions

LWCF ORLP grants may only be used for costs needed to support the acquisition or development (or a combination) of lands and facilities that will provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public. LWCF ORLP funds may not be used for (not inclusive):

- Grant administration expenses for state lead offices,
- Incidental costs related to land acquisition such as appraisals or title work,
- Operation and maintenance activities,
- Facilities that support semi-professional or professional athletics such as baseball stadiums or soccer arenas,
- Indoor facilities such as recreation centers or facilities that support primarily non-outdoor purposes like dining facilities or overnight accommodation (such as a lodge or hotel), or
- Acquisition of lands, or interests in lands, that completely restrict access to specific persons (e.g., non-residents of a community).

Costs incurred by the applicant prior to the start date of the period of performance are only allowable with written approval of DNR and NPS. The ORLP Grant Program places a total budget limitation of 25% on indirect project costs.

Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)

This requirement does not apply to individuals applying for funds as an individual (i.e., unrelated to any business or nonprofit organization you may own, operate, or work within), or any entity with an exception to bypass SAM.gov registration with prior approval from the funding bureau or office in accordance with bureau or office policy. All other applicants are required to register in SAM.gov prior to submitting a Federal award application and obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) which replaces the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number from Dun & Bradstreet in April 2022. A Federal award may not be made to an applicant that has not completed the SAM.gov registration. If an applicant selected for funding has not completed their SAM.gov registration by the time the program is ready to make an award, the program may determine the applicant is not qualified to receive an award. Federal award recipients must also continue to maintain an active SAM.gov registration with current information through the life of their Federal award(s).

Applicants can register on the SAM.gov website. The “Help” tab on the website contains User Guides and other information to assist you with registration. The Grants.gov “Register with SAM” page also provides detailed instructions. Applicants can contact the supporting Federal Service Desk for help registering in SAM. Once registered in SAM, entities will be assigned a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). Entities must renew and revalidate their SAM registration at least once every 12 months from the date previously registered. Entities are strongly encouraged to revalidate their registration as often as needed to ensure their information is up to date and reflects changes that may have been made to the entity’s IRS information. There is no cost to register with SAM.gov.

Submission Date and Time

Applicants are responsible for their proposals being submitted on time and completed to the Iowa DNR. Proposals for **Round 7 are due to Iowa DNR by 4:30pm CT on March 1, 2024**. Proposals that are not received by the deadline will not be considered.

All required proposal materials shall be emailed to Jessica.flatt@dnr.iowa.gov. Additionally, one hard copy of the proposal and supporting documents, with original signatures, must be mailed to:

Iowa Department of Natural
Resources Attn: Jessica Flatt
Wallace State Office
Building 502 E 9th St
Des Moines IA 50319

Section E. Application Review Information

Review and Selection Process

Prior to submittal to the National Park Service (NPS), all submitted proposals will initially be reviewed by Iowa DNR to assess and determine eligibility, how well the project meets ORLP objectives, as well as priorities outlined in Iowa's SCORP. This assessment will determine if the proposal will be selected by the Iowa DNR to submit to NPS.

NPS personnel, and in some cases independent reviewers, will review all proposals. The summary of the review panel comments may be provided to the applicant if requested.

Prior to conducting the comprehensive merit review, an initial review will be performed to determine whether the applicant is eligible, the information required has been submitted, all requirements of the NOFO are satisfied, and if the project meets the program objectives.

All applications that satisfactorily pass the initial review will be eligible for the Comprehensive Merit Review, by a panel made up of professionals in fields related to the program criteria. The scores and reviewer evaluations will be used by the competition managers to produce a ranked list of proposals that will be recommended to the competition's selecting official for final selection.

Applicants of selected projects must submit a full application within one year of the date of the NPS announcement of selected projects. The full application will be reviewed by the NPS for compliance with federal laws, most notably compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and with the National Historic Preservation Act. If these reviews reveal features of the project that affect its eligibility or viability, the NPS may remove the project from the competition.

Selection

Selection may consider merit review recommendations and program policy factors to make a final determination about selections including:

- Availability of funding
- Geographic distribution of projects and/or funds
- Program objective and priorities
- The applicant's prior performance in managing LWCF grants and/or assisted sites
- Issues uncovered during the NPS compliance review that cannot be resolved prior to the date of selection
- Benefits of acquisition and new development projects over rehabilitation projects

Criteria

NPS will evaluate and consider only those applications that separately address each of the merit review criteria. It is highly recommended that the project narrative has sections labeled by criterion and bulleted topic.

Evaluation Criteria

Criterion 1 - Project Merit

Maximum Points: 50

This criterion assesses the quality of the proposed project in addressing the lack of outdoor recreation in, and wants and needs of, the target urban, disadvantaged community(ies). A five-point bonus will be awarded to nature-based projects (projects where nature is a major element of, or strongly supports, the proposed recreational activity). Otherwise, projects will be scored based on their ability to meet or surpass all of the following priorities: (1) demonstrating a high degree of effort or initiative to engage residents of the disadvantaged neighborhood(s) in the project's development, (2) demonstrating significant collaboration among the public and private sectors, including multiple levels of government, private/non-profit organizations, and community groups, and (3) having strong initiatives, policies, incentives, etc., to protect the area from gentrification (for more insight, see the National Recreation and Parks Association's paper *Greening Without Gentrification* at <https://www.nrpa.org/parks-recreation-magazine/2019/december/greening-without-gentrification/>). Please provide the following information:

- State if the project is, or is not, a nature-based park, and if so, provide a description of the natural elements and how these elements support the proposed recreation.
- Describe any additional relevant benefits to the disadvantaged community, beyond being nature-based, that the

project will provide, such as transforming a previous brownfield, involving of new or non-traditional partners, reaching new user groups, etc.

- Describe the process that led to the development of this proposal. Focus on the efforts made to engage the disadvantaged community(ies) served, and their participation in the project’s design as well as that of other interested/affected entities. Include details such as number of meetings held and number of attendees, number of community members contacted, number of responses received.
- Describe the partnerships or other collaborative efforts that have helped, or will help to, facilitate the project.
- Describe initiatives and/or strategies that are in place to substantially limit gentrification of the project area.

Criterion 2 - Technical Excellence

Maximum Points: 50

This criterion measures the project’s conformance with LWCF requirements and its likelihood to be successful. Projects will be scored based on their ability to meet or surpass all of the following priorities: (1) directly aligning with at least one goal or need that is clearly identified in the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), particularly any that are specific to urban or disadvantaged areas within the state or the area in which the project is located, (2) breaking ground within one year after award of a grant and be complete and open to the public within 2 to 3 years, (3) having a justified, reasonable, allowable and allocable detailed budget estimate that includes all information requested in Section D under “Detailed Budget Narrative”, and (4) being managed by a qualified, experienced teams with federal grant awards and construction project experience, as well as having qualified entities to maintain the site long-term, both physically and financially. Please provide the following information:

- SCORP and any other relevant city, regional or stated plan goals or initiatives the project directly supports. State specifically, how the project supports each plan’s priority or initiative (provide the plan title and date).
- Describe any other park or outdoor recreation plan (provide date of plan) that the project advances or supports, and state precisely how the proposed project aligns with it/each.
- Describe the status of planning referencing the milestones and measures in the timeline.
- Describe the non-recreational features within the project boundary such as leases or easements.
- Describe the basis/justification for the proposed budget estimates and identify who developed the budget estimates.
- Describe the qualifications of the parties responsible for managing the project, the grant, and long-term management and maintenance of the site (physically and financially).

Criteria Scoring

Each Criteria Element will be scored on the 0-50 point scale below:

- Superior (40-50 points): The project strongly meets all priorities as well as providing several additional benefits for that criterion and/or has no technical weaknesses.
- Good (30-40 points): The project strongly meets all priorities and/or contains only one or two minor technical issues.
- Satisfactory (20-30 points): The project comes close to meeting all priorities and/or has a few minor technical issue(s).
- Marginal (10-20 points): Project is weak in meeting more than one of the priorities and/or contains several minor issues or a moderate technical issue.
- Poor (1-10 points): Application is far from meeting all priorities and/or contains one significant, or more than one moderate, technical issue(s).
- Not Acceptable (0 point): Application does not address one or more priorities and is weak in meeting other priorities, and/or contains one significant, or numerous minor and moderate technical issue(s).

Evaluation of Applicant Risk

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.205, applications selected for funding will be subject to a pre-award risk assessment which may include a review of information contained within the applicant’s proposal, past audits, Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS), and/or past performance on previous Federal financial assistance awards.

Section F. Award Administration

Federal Award Notices

Upon being selected for the award, successful applicants will receive a notification of the selection of their application for funding. NPS estimates it will notify the applicants selected for award by November 1, 2024. A notice of selection is not an authorization to begin performance on an agreement. This notice will detail the next steps in the awarding process. Once all clearances and reviews have been conducted, a grant will be sent for signature.

Work cannot begin before the non-Federal entity receives a fully executed copy of the grant which contains the signature of the Financial Assistance Awarding Officer. Any pre-award costs incurred prior to the receipt of a signed agreement or written notice signed by a Financial Assistance Awarding Officer authorizing pre-award costs, is at the applicant's own risk. A signed grant signed by a Financial Assistance Awarding Officer is the only authorizing document to begin performance.

Organizations whose applications have not been selected will be advised as promptly as possible.

Build America, Buy America

With the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Federal financial assistance programs for infrastructure must comply with domestic content procurement preference requirements established in the "Build America, Buy America Act" at Section 70911 et seq. ("Buy America"). Buy America's domestic content procurement preference applies to all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used for infrastructure projects under an award. These requirements take effect on May 14, 2022; however, parties may seek or utilize general applicability waivers under certain circumstances. For further information on the Buy America, please visit the Department of the Interior's Office of Grant Management Buy America Domestic Sourcing Guidance page: <https://www.doi.gov/grants/buyamerica>.

Please refer to the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) to review all federal award administration guidelines, requirements, and information.

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