

## Applicant Questions and Answers for the:

Request for Quotations: Contract to initiate a coastal resilience prioritization decision-support system to estimate the zone of influence associated with the potential implementation of nature-based solutions in Delaware Bay

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### *Application Process and Contracting Questions*

**1. Will this be a time and materials contract?**

Yes, this will be a time and materials contract.

**2. What is the matching requirement?**

There is no match requirement for this Request for Proposals. NFWF is seeking a third-party contractor for services and thus does not require match.

**3. Who is eligible to apply to the Request for Proposals?**

Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education, other nonprofits, commercial organizations, international organizations, and local, state, and Indian tribal governments. For additional information about eligibility, see the “Eligible Offerors and Conflict of Interest Statement” of the Request for Proposals.

### *Scope of Work Questions*

**1. To determine the appropriate spatial scale of the model needed to facilitate effective planning and goal setting, does NFWF have guidelines for model scoring and selection given the data availability and practicability of each approach in other regions, or should this be incorporated into the contractor’s scope for Tasks 1 and 2?**

The selected contractor should determine the appropriate spatial scale of the model as part of the scope associated with Tasks 1 and 2. While similar modeling efforts in other regions undoubtedly offer valuable insight, NFWF hopes to work with the selected contractor to determine the most effective spatial scale and resolution to support NFWF’s grant making. The model should cover a large enough area to support multi-project planning, but should have sufficient resolution to assess accurately the benefits of implementing NNBFs. Offerors should propose an approach to determine the appropriate spatial scale and resolution as part of their proposed scope for Tasks 1 and 2.

**2. What is the estimated planning horizon that the model is intended to evaluate?**

NFWF will work with the selected contractor to determine the appropriate planning horizon, but we expect the models should evaluate impacts at least 10 years out. Offerors may propose and justify recommended planning horizons in their work plan.

**3. Many of the benefits in the RFP are related to resilience values in communities. Should other ecological benefits of NNBFs, such as reducing the extent of flooding in ZOI habitats and triggering of thresholds/tipping points, be included in the model evaluation as well?**

Yes, Offerors should consider ecological benefits in their proposal. While NFWF’s primary objective for the RFP is to evaluate resilience benefits to surroundings communities, NFWF is also keenly interested in the ecological benefits of NNBFs. Offerors should outline how they propose to

integrate evaluation of ecological benefits into their work plans, clearly articulating any associated assumptions in the budget template.

**4. Is it acceptable to provide the presentation of final results in a virtual format?**

Yes. While in-person meetings are preferred when delivering final results, NFWF is open to virtual formats, especially in light of uncertainty surrounding COVID-19.