

Applicant Questions and Responses

Request for Proposals: Fisheries Liaison and Communications Specialist for Communications Networks and Mapping Tools to Reduce Bycatch Project

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Please clarify what equivalent experience is for the Fisheries Liaison advanced degree qualification.

Equivalent experience here refers to demonstrated experience in activities such as engaging fishermen or other stakeholders in discussion of complex ecological and fisheries management concepts. No minimum duration is specified for this this experience.

Could you please clarify if the roles called for here are focused on personal communication, such as outreach and facilitation or if the call is for the technology that will allow communication of bycatch information?

At this stage of the process, NFWF is requesting support for personal communication and a liaison to help drive project engagement and outreach as we work to understand the feasibility of these networks for fisheries in and around the Gulf of Mexico and begin to design those networks. Based on the outcome of this feasibility and design process and the availability of future funding, NFWF or specific fisheries may seek the actual communication tools in the future. Knowledge of the types of technology key to these networks is beneficial, but incorporating those technologies is not the focus of the currently solicited roles.

Does NFWF have a preferred platform for the design systems and creation of near-real time maps?

NFWF does not have a preferred platform for the systems. It is important to note that this Phase 1 project does not seek to implement these systems, but instead explore their feasibility, the needs of users, and prepare for potential future implementation. Based on these outcomes, future implementation may include more specific design criteria or system specifications.

Please confirm the 8-page limit is *only* for the description of the work plan and summary of experience. Do materials like biographies and references count as part of the 8 page limit? May we include a cover page, back page, and appendix with resumes and not count those pages towards the 8 page limit?

The 8-page limit refers to the description of the work plan and summary of experience. Full biographies and references can be included as appendices and not counted towards the 8-page limit. Additionally, it is allowable to include items like cover pages and back pages in addition to the 8-page limit.

Will a contractor only completing Task 1, Communications Specialist, be required to travel to the Gulf?

Travel needs and frequency will be dependent on the proposed work plan and should be reflected in the proposed budget. The scope of work for Task 1, especially withing subtask 2, will likely require travel to the Gulf of Mexico to participate in stakeholder meetings. Where appropriate, offerors should consider the use of telecommunications and other remote means if they wish to reduce travel needs and related costs.