

Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) Specialist

Ocean Associates Inc. is seeking a candidate who will provide professional support to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO) related to implementation of a Coastal and Marine Spatial Plan (CMSP) in the Pacific Islands Region. These services shall be provided on a full time basis for the period of one year. The contractor shall provide professional support services related to coordinating and supporting the Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning program including program support and coordination and outreach and education initiatives. For more information about NOAA's CMSP program, please see <http://www.cmssp.noaa.gov/>

Duties

Assist NOAA's Regional CMSP Lead (and designated federal Co-Lead) to serve on the Regional Planning Body outlined in the CMSP Framework. Serve as Executive Secretariat, and assist the federal and State Co-Leads to convene the Regional Planning Body (RPB). Specific tasks can include:

- Help to design and implement the regional CMSP planning processes
- Engage agency representatives, scientists and stakeholders in identifying regional objectives for CMSP
- Identify critical gaps and recommend potential solutions
- Assist with CMSP messaging and communication in the region
- Organize and Convene Regional FACA Advisory Committee (optional)
- Help to resolve disputes between RPB members by consensus
- Monitor the execution of the regional CMSP development agreement
- Help develop draft and final regional CMS Plan
- Implement, monitor, evaluate and modify the approved CMS Plan
- Organize NOAA engagement with the regional CMSP effort
- Assess NOAA's existing capacity and knowledge gaps needed to support the regional CMSP effort
- Coordinate with the NOAA CMSP Program and provide regular updates on regional CMSP activities
- Coordinate with the NOAA Regional Collaboration Team on CMSP related activities and provide regular updates

Minimum experience or background requirements

- Masters degree from an accredited four year college or university in a relevant natural resource or social science field and a minimum of three years experience in coordinating natural or marine resources policy.
- Experience working in the Pacific Islands region ideally in Coastal and Marine Spatial planning.
- Excellent organization skills and ability to multi-task and works well under pressure of short turn around times and deadlines.
- Skill in navigating a politically complex landscape and experience in dealing with controversial issues and in highly charged environments
- Excellent skill in oral and written communication, ability to make clear and concise presentations and the ability to work with a broad range of agencies and stakeholders with divergent views is essential.
- Expertise in Excel, Powerpoint & Word and otherwise computer literate.
- Ability to lead a team to achieve stated objectives.

Place of Performance: Honolulu, Hawaii

Work schedule: full-time (average 40 hours per week)

Period of Performance: One year starting asap.

Compensation: 29.44 \$/hr + benefits

Excellent employee benefits are provided including paid medical insurance, and holiday, vacation and sick leave.

The position requires access to Federal office buildings or ships and communication networks. Applicants must have US citizenship or right to work documents that do not expire during the contract period, combined with two years of US residency before the start of employment.

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please email your resume to
Jobs *at* OceanAssoc.com

Use "5034 cmsp" as the subject line. PDF documents are preferred and include your name in the filename.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.