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*Note: Additional information for awareness (not in form): NOAA Ocean Exploration collects partnership and collaboration inquiries from both internal and external respondents. Our own staff can use the form to submit inquiries received outside of the form (i.e. at conferences, meetings, random emails received, etc.).*

**Form Questions and Instructions**

**Section 1: Description**

Thank you for contacting NOAA Ocean Exploration! We appreciate your interest in working with our office. Please note that completing this form in no way obligates NOAA Ocean Exploration to provide funding, nor does it guarantee partnership or collaboration. If you are interested in grant funding specifically, visit: <https://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/about/funding-opps/welcome.htm>.

While we aim to find ways to work with a diversity of stakeholders, each opportunity is unique, and we consider each on a case-by-case basis. We will review your inquiry, and if we believe there may be a good fit, we will respond to you as soon as possible.

* Please select the option below that describes you.
  + Interested Party
  + NOAA Ocean Exploration Staff

**Section 2: NOAA Ocean Exploration Staff**

* Name
* Your Division
  + Administration and Finance (A&F)
  + Outreach and Education (O&E)
  + Science and Technology (S&T)
  + Expeditions and Exploration (E&E)
  + Headquarters
  + Other:
* Where did you receive this inquiry (i.e., a conference, LinkedIn, etc.)?
* Why are you making this submission on behalf of another party? After answering this question, access and complete the partnership form by selecting "Next" below.

**Section 3: Partnership Questionnaire**

* Name
* Email
* Affiliation
* What category applies to your organization?
  + Federal Government
  + State Government
  + Tribal Government
  + Non-Profit
  + Private Sector
  + Academia
  + Other
* Area(s) of Interest (select all that apply)
  + Technology development/testing
  + Data analytics/data products
  + Mapping
  + Ocean Science (e.g., oceanography, marine biology, chemical oceanography, etc.)
  + Indigenous and traditional knowledge
  + Maritime heritage
  + Education
  + Outreach
  + Internships
  + Other
* What is the possible collaboration with NOAA Ocean Exploration, briefly?
* Is this a one-time event or a long-term relationship?
* What resources are sought through a partnership with NOAA Ocean Exploration (select all that apply)?
  + Expertise
  + Personnel
  + Funding
  + Outreach and education opportunities
  + Event sponsorship
  + Vessel or ship time
  + Data
  + Platforms (e.g., autonomous underwater vehicle, etc.)
  + Technology
  + Other
* What resources can be contributed to a partnership with NOAA Ocean Exploration (select all that apply)?
  + Expertise
  + Personnel
  + Funding
  + Outreach and education opportunities
  + Vessel or ship time
  + Data
  + Platforms (e.g., autonomous underwater vehicle, etc.)
  + Technology
  + Other
* Additional Information