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Pre-Release Notification

Ohio Federal Research Network Round 5 SOARING Initiative Pre-Release Opportunity Announcement Updates 12-02-20

OFRN recently released the OFRN Round 5 SOARING Pre-Release Opportunity Announcement Amendment 1. This document can be found on the OFRN website at <https://ohiofrn.org> along with a Summary of the changes.

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- **Key Dates and Volume submissions** have changed.
 - **Bidders Conference and Proposal Training** which is mandatory is scheduled for **January 20, 2021**. Information and a registration link will be posted to the OFRN website shortly, followed by an email announcement to the OFRN Community.
 - **Regional workshops** will be added to the schedule beginning the week of **December 7, 2020** and the week of **December 14, 2020**. When the sessions are finalized, the dates and registration links will be posted to the OFRN website, followed by an email announcement to the OFRN Community. These sessions are optional and informational, and intended for those wanting to learn more about OFRN and the round 5 solicitation.
- **The OFRN website has a new look.** Round 5 information can be found on the [Current Solicitation](#) page. This site will house information such as:
 - Round 5 FAQ,
 - information session briefing slides (posted)
 - November information session recording (posted)
 - Event registration links (when available)
 - OFRN Round 5 communications
- **Matchmaking Classifieds.** In the November Ohio Federal Research Network (OFRN) Round 5 SOARING pre-release information sessions, we referenced a matchmaking tool on the OFRN website <https://ohiofrn.org>. We have received matchmaking requests and have set up the MatchMaking “classifieds” for people seeking collaborators for the Ohio Federal Research Network (OFRN) Round 5 SOARING Opportunity Announcement. OFRN provides this MatchMaking platform to assist in teaming for proposal submissions. Since last week, people

have started submitting their interests in finding a partner or sub, or offering their expertise for a project proposal. Below you will find the table from most recent post. We will post “classifieds” updates at the end of the business day to the OFRN current solicitation site at <https://www.ohiofrn.org/current-solicitation>. If you or researchers in your orbit are interested in teaming up with complementary partners to pursue R&D opportunities, please review and/or forward the information below to identify desirable connections.

Submit questions to OFRN-Question@parallaxresearch.org

Key Events Schedule - Revised

- **Oct. 29, 2020** - *Opportunity Announcement Pre- Release*
- **Nov. 10, 2020** - *Opportunity Announcement Info Session and Q&A with Federal SMEs*
- **Nov. 18, 2020** - *Opportunity Announcement Info Session and Q&A with Federal SMEs*
- **Week of Dec. 7th and Dec. 14th** - *Regional Workshops (optional)**
- **Jan. 6, 2021** - ***Opportunity Announcement Formal Release***
- **Jan. 20, 2021** - *Bidders Conference and Proposal Training**
- **Feb. 11, 2021** - *Proposal Questions Accepted Through*
- **Feb. 25, 2021, by 5:00pm ET** - ***Due date for Volume 2 (Technical) and 2A (Supplemental)***
- **March 19, 2021** - *Notification of Selection for Final Pitch Day*
- **April 15, 2021** - *Due date for Volume 1 (Business and Cost Proposal), and 2B (Slide Deck)*
- **April 20-21, 2021** - *Pitch Day*
- **May 4, 2021** - *Proposal Review*
- **May 7, 2021** - *Awards Announced*
- **May 24, 2021** - *Projects Start*
- **May 31, 2021** - *Student Intern Orientation*

It is our hope that the additional time affords interested respondents increased opportunity to form teams and develop strong proposals in response to the round 5 solicitation.

Please forward this to your colleagues across the state, if we missed someone. We have a large email list but we are still compiling our lists and need your assistance with distribution.



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