

Addendum 001:  
**Passive Acoustic Monitoring for Marine Mammals at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery,  
ME**

**No further questions will be answered.**

**The due date has been extended to 07 May 2025.**

Q1: The scope of work indicates that monitoring is to be conducted for a full year, and that work plans will need to be developed before monitoring occurs, and final reports developed after monitoring ends. Would it be ok to propose a shorter monitoring period to allow for adequate time for development of the study plans and final reports within the one-year period?

A1: We are looking for a full 12 months of data to be collected and reported on in order to determine seasonal trends / usage of the surrounding environment.

Q2: The scope of work indicates that APAM units will be checked and data downloaded monthly, or as appropriate, but also indicates that monthly reports will include information from the monthly APAM download. While we propose to check units monthly for the first few months to ensure proper functioning, we expect to conduct only quarterly visits for the remainder of the monitoring period. Would it be ok if the APAM data information was provided on a quarterly basis in the reports rather than monthly

A2: Monthly data downloads and reporting are required to ensure that, should there be any issues or malfunctions with the system, data loss is minimized.

Q3: We've contacted some of the landowners along the shore near Hick's Rocks for property access permission to view the pinnipeds from land, and they're happy to help, but would like more information on the project. Would it be fine to tell them that the Navy would be supporting this effort?

A3: Please do not involve the landowners.

Q4: There is mention in the RFP for the PNS marine mammal call that data could be considered CUI. Would this present issues with grad students using this data for MS or PhD research or publishing in the public literature?

A4: The Cooperator is permitted to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data in public literature.

Q5: I am currently working with a university for whom all known DoD funding has been frozen, are we still eligible to apply for funding or should I move forward without this partner?

A5: We cannot comment on specific DoD funding freezes or their applicability to this project.

Q6: RE: Factor 1: Credential of Key Personnel: “The individual must have. . .experience working on naval facilities”. Is this to mean that you must have prior experience, or that you must be able to meet requirements for accessing the facilities?

A6: All personnel conducting field work and analyzing data associated with this project should be able meet security requirements for accessing federal DoD facilities.

Q7 What positions qualify as technical staff? I run a lab at the university and hope to collaborate with another research faculty member and two graduate students. Do they all require a minimum of 2 years survey experience working with focal species?

A7:Staff who will be working on identification of marine mammal vocalizations on recordings must have the required experience in order to identify the target species. Same goes for the pinniped survey task, staff must meet the requirements to ensure proper species identifications are made.

Q8 Will this dataset be available for publication by the contractor, or will these data be proprietary?

A8: Research data may be used by the Cooperator.

Q9: Do support staff (e.g., research technicians, vessel support) also need to meet the technical assistant requirements?

A9:Anyone who will be working on the identification of species and their vocalizations must have the required experience. All staff must be able to meet all security requirements for accessing a secure DoD facility.

Q10: Can we adjust the technician titles? Or are we required to have one biotechnician, one GIS analyst, etc.?

A10: The technical job titles will remain as-is. Proposed personnel must meet the technical qualifications of the stated discipline.

Q 11: Is every project participant required to have 2 years of experience with pinniped and phocids? Or are we allowed to have someone working on the project who has relevant experience in a non-leadership role who doesn't have those qualifications?

A11: ? The project manager and all technical staff who will be identifying species, either visually or by marine mammal vocalizations from the recordings are required to have the necessary/stated experience identifying these species

Q 12: What roles are the graduate students allowed to play?

A12: Per the RSOI: Graduate students may qualify as members of Technical Staff provided they have two years' experience in a responsible position conducting surveys for species in this Statement of Interest.

Q13: Does the budget in the proposal need to match the budget template or is that primarily for reporting.

A13: Please use the template.

Q14: Does the 6-page limit include the budget, safety plan and works cited?

A14: The 6-page limit is all inclusive apart from the budget template. The template must be submitted separately, in Excel format.