



Background and overview

The Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment (GOMC) and other regional partners formed the Ecosystem Indicator Partnership Committee (ESIP) that has completed an *Indicators and Environmental Reporting Strategy* that is based on three years of significant work. A summary of these activities is posted at gulfofmaine.org/esip. In 2006, the region launched an on-going program that supports decision-makers and provides the necessary information for them to manage human effects on the ecosystem, to preserve ecological integrity and to sustain economically and socially healthy human communities.

Scope of services

The Gulf of Maine ESIP Program Manager is responsible to the Steering Committee for all aspects of the Indicators and Reporting Program. Initially the position will focus on:

Activity

Level of Effort

- Enable ESIP to be successful 30%

Provide support to the Committee and Work Group co-chairs (e.g., assist in organizing and convening conference calls, record discussions and actions, etc.); assist in preparing grants; cultivate and engage Advisors, partners and other indicator efforts.

- Assist Work Groups develop initial indicators 70%

Assist work groups in identifying and securing data to support priority indicators, organize and display data, etc. The Program Manager is responsible for the coordination of a joint GOMC and GoMOOS (Gulf of Maine Ocean Observing System) project focused on reporting of nutrient and contaminant datasets. This is an eighteen-month initiative to flow data electronically and create dynamic web tools for coastal/ocean managers.

Qualifications

The Gulf of Maine Council is seeking an individual (or a team) to perform the work required to make this effort a success. Successful candidates will have at least five to seven years of policy and/or science expertise in coastal/marine affairs; a familiarity with the Gulf of Maine; a proven ability to build partnerships and support others so that they can be successful; strong communication skills (verbal and writing); grant writing and management skills; GIS skills a plus; proficient in data discovery and project management; and demonstrated ability to work independently, meet deadlines, and manage budgets.

Term of Contract

This is a full-time, twelve-month renewable contractor position. As this is a contract for services arrangement there are no benefits or office expenses provided. The compensation range, depending on qualifications, is \$55,000 to \$70,000 US.

Location

The contractor will work from his/her fully equipped office.

Other requirements

Applicants must meet US and Canadian federal contract requirements for receipt of federal funds.

Application Procedure

Interested candidates should submit electronically a letter of interest, a resume, and contact information for three references by 5:00 PM ET December 22, 2006 to srussell@usgs.gov. The search committee will begin reviewing applications on December 23, and will do so until a candidate is selected.

About the Council

Formed in 1989 by the governors and premiers of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment is a collaborative of state, provincial, federal, and non-governmental organizations working to protect and restore Gulf habitats, protect human health and ecosystem integrity, promote sustainable development of resources, raise awareness of the Gulf, and foster local stewardship.