

Contract Gulf of Maine Mapping Initiative Coordinator

The Gulf of Maine Mapping Initiative (GOMMI) is a partnership of government and non-governmental organizations in Canada and the United States with the goal to map the entire Gulf of Maine basin utilizing acoustic technology and groundtruth sampling to produce benthic habitat maps. GOMMI is a subcommittee of the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment (GOMC).

GOMMI has several documents at their website (<http://www.gulfofmaine.org/gommi>) that provide background on this initiative including a Strategic Plan, a mapping User Needs Assessment, and proceedings from a 2006 planning workshop. Links to a current map of multibeam mapping in the Gulf of Maine, recent GOMMI presentations, outreach materials and other information on GOMMI and seafloor mapping can be found on the website.

GOMMI is seeking a contractor to assist the GOMMI Steering Committee in advancing mapping efforts in the region. The contractor will enter into a contract with the US Gulf of Maine Association.

Scope of Services

The successful candidate for this position will assist GOMMI in implementation of phase IV its Strategic Plan through the following tasks:

1. Strengthen ties with other entities involved with seafloor mapping in the Gulf of Maine and beyond (e.g. Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping at UNH, NOAA's Integrated Ocean Mapping program, Census of Marine Life's Gulf of Maine Biogeographic Information System, GOM Ocean Data Partnership, etc.)
2. Create informational brochure updating status of GOM seafloor mapping and explaining GOMMI's role in coordinating several recent projects. Include description and examples of how seafloor mapping data can be used for ocean resource management.
3. Maintain a database of relevant mapping activities in the Gulf of Maine, including goals, description, and points of contact. Facilitate data and information sharing between GOMMI and others involved in seafloor map production as well as map users.
4. Work with GOMMI steering committee and other GOMC contractors to describe the program and its objectives to interested parties.
5. Coordinate monthly GOMMI conference calls and track progress on action items.
6. Publish GOMMI bi-annual newsletter, represent GOMMI at regional meetings.
7. Other duties as assigned.

The successful candidate will work closely with the GOMMI chair, the contract manager, and the steering committee.

Minimum qualifications: A Master's degree in marine science, environmental studies, or other directly related field, plus professional experience in coastal, marine, or environmental science, management, research, or policy.

Preferred qualifications

- Ability to work efficiently and effectively with minimal supervision;
- Familiarity with the Gulf of Maine ecosystem;
- Knowledge of seafloor mapping technology and applications;
- Demonstrated ability to strategically advance research initiatives;
- Articulate with the ability to communicate effectively with funding agencies, research partners and stakeholders;
- Knowledge of Gulf of Maine government agencies and non-governmental organizations.

Term of contract

Term of contract April 2008 through end of September 2008 with an extension possible.



Compensation range

The successful candidate will be on contract with the US Gulf of Maine Association. The initial contract will not exceed \$20,000 US funds. Compensation range is \$45-55 dollars per hour depending on experience. This is a contract position with no benefits.

Location

The contractor may be located anywhere in the Gulf of Maine watershed and 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

Submit by email before March 17, 2008 at 5:00 PM ET a résumé, example of recent writing product, and cover letter detailing salary requirements to Megan.Tyrrell@noaa.gov.

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.