



# RISA

Regional Integrated Sciences  
and Assessments

# Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA)

## FY21 - NOFO

## Competition-2

## Collaborative Planning Activities in the Southeast and the U.S. Caribbean

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# Outline

1. Introduction to the RISA Program
2. Competition-2 Overview
3. Key Information for Preparing and Submitting LOIs and Proposal

# FY21 NOFO

## Competitions

1. full RISA teams in each of the following nine regions: Northeast, MidAtlantic, Intermountain West, Carolinas, Great Lakes, Alaska, Pacific Islands, South Central, and Pacific Northwest

2. collaborative planning activities in the Southeast and the U.S. Caribbean

Webinar for Competition 1 (part 1) is **11/24/20- 3-4pm ET**



# The RISA program





**NOAA'S MISSION:  
SCIENCE, SERVICE & STEWARDSHIP**

To understand and predict changes in climate, weather, oceans, and coasts,  
To share that knowledge and information with others, and  
To conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources



# NOAA Research (OAR)

Conduct research to understand and predict the Earth system; develop technology to improve NOAA science, service, and stewardship; and transition the results so they are useful to society.

<https://research.noaa.gov/About-Us>

- **Climate Program Office (CPO)**

- National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)
- National Integrated Heat Health Information System (NIHHIS)
- Earth System Science and Modeling Division (ESSM)
- Communication, Education, and Engagement Division (CEE)
- **Climate & Societal Interactions (CSI)**

- National Sea Grant Office

- Weather Program Office

- Staff Offices (International, Communications, Policy, etc.)

- Laboratories (Geophysical Fluid Dynamics (GFDL), Earth Systems Research (ESRL) Great Lakes Environmental Research (GLERL), National Severe Storms (NSSL))

- Cooperative Institutes <https://ci.noaa.gov/Locations>

# Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA) Program

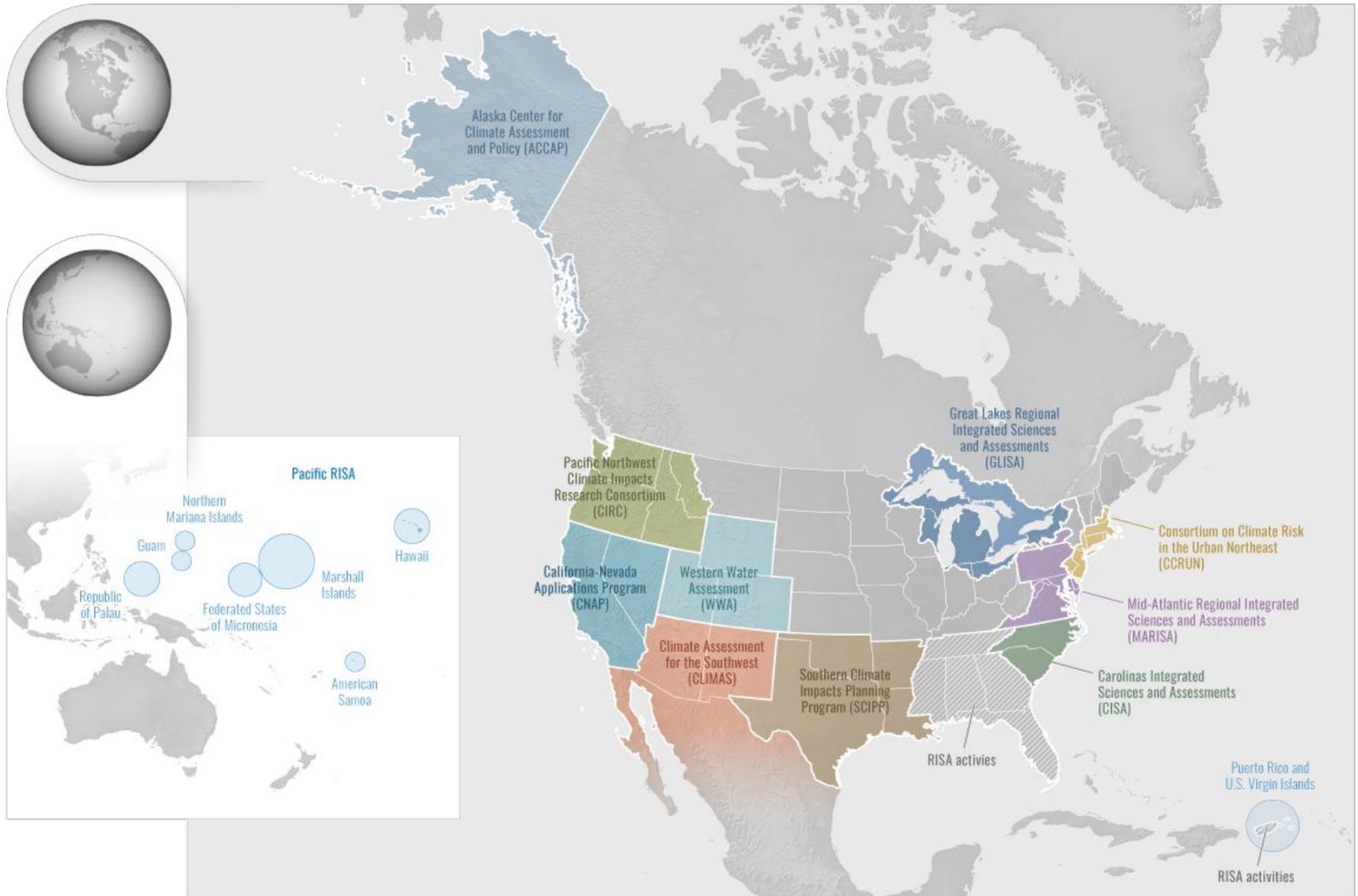
RISA helps build the knowledge, expertise and ability to plan and prepare for climate variability and change.



Central to achieving the RISA mission are:

- Regional Relevance, Local Expertise
- Integrated Scientific Approaches
- Knowledge to Action Partnerships
- A National Network of Resilience Researchers and Adaptation Science Specialists

# Regional Teams



# Engaging Stakeholders and Decision Makers through Best Practices



Dunn et al. 2018

# Science for Decision-Making

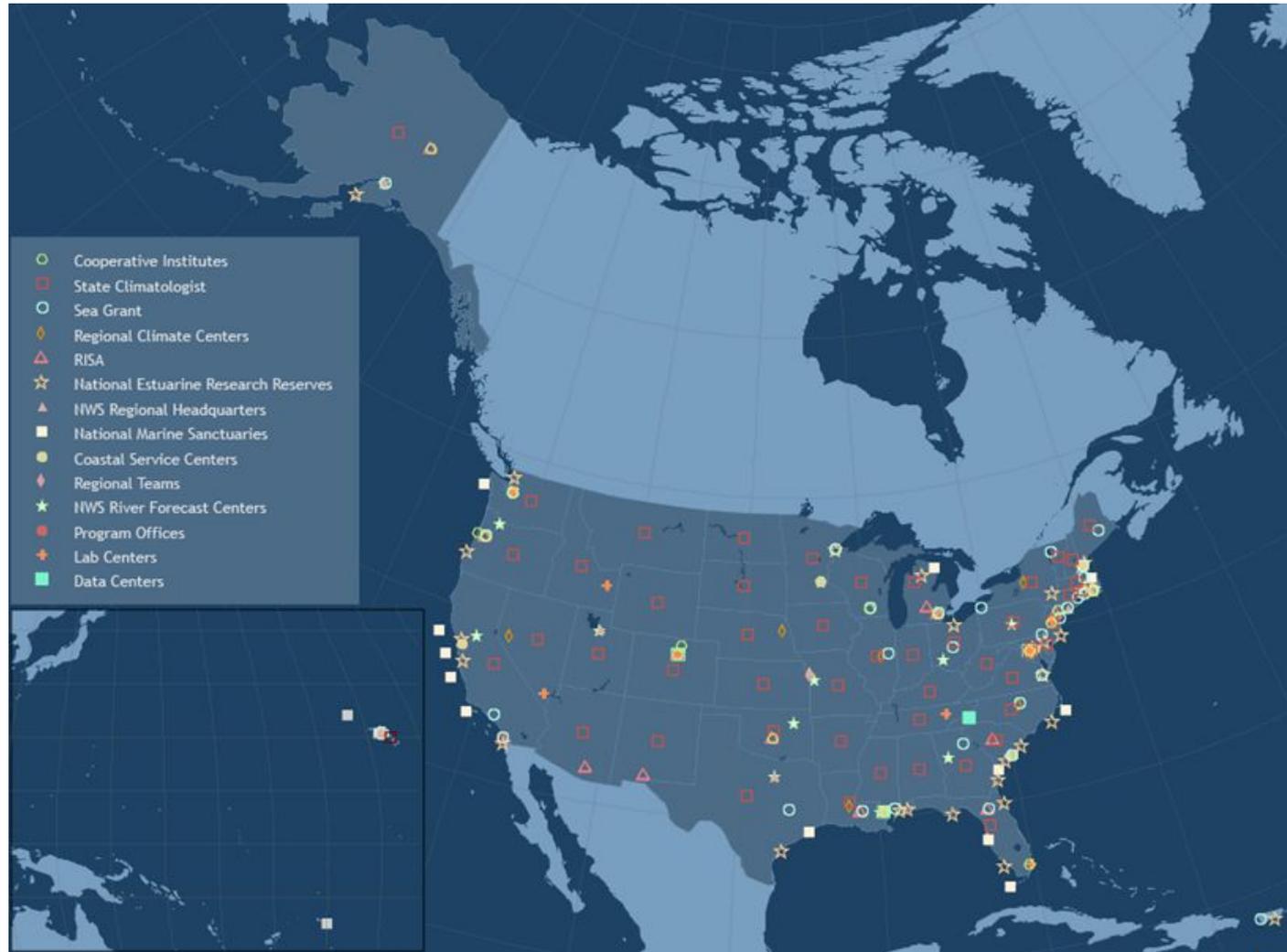
Credible, Cutting Edge,  
Decision-Relevant Research

Informing Decisions through  
collaborative research and  
engagement

Training &  
Awareness-Building



# Regional and Interagency Partners



NOAA In Your State [www.legislative.noaa.gov/NIYS/](http://www.legislative.noaa.gov/NIYS/)

# Being Part of a National Network

- Learning amongst a community of peers: dialogues, workshops, and communication material
- Sharing knowledge, methods, tools and expertise across geographies, including at times through shared projects
- Exploring ways to advance the RISA approach, act as a network, and build partnerships that enhance the network



# Competition-2

## Collaborative Planning Activities in the Southeast and the U.S. Caribbean

# FY21 Competition 2

## Collaborative Planning Activities in the Southeast and the U.S. Caribbean

### GOALS:

1. to support new RISA engagement activities related to resilience and adaptive capacity in the Southeast and Caribbean regions of the United States where RISA teams do not currently operate.
2. to support preliminary trust building activities between partners and scoping activities for future collaboration.

# Regions

1. Southeast - Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee
2. Caribbean - Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

For more information on scoping a region see the info sheet



# What does Collaboration Mean?

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1. Developing new relationships among groups that have not have had the opportunity to engage with each other in the past
    - includes local scientists and experts, decision-makers, community organizations and members, local governments, engagement specialist
  2. Creating the space for conversation and the co-production of a shared interest/vision
  3. Working across state lines to address common, regional, climatic issues

# What is a Planning Activity?

Activities that:

1. Build trust and collaboration within the region
2. Scope the breadth of a shared issue
3. Co-develop regionally-relevant research questions, research needs, methodological approaches, and/or potential user application.



# Topics for planning activities



**MUST** focus on topics related to the **social and/or economic dimensions** of climate variability and change



See page 10 of the NOFO for a list of examples

Proposals are strongly encouraged to consider:

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- issues within and around rural communities and small to medium sized cities,
  - issues of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.
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# Topics/Activities not Supported under RISA Competition-2

- Foundational physical and natural climate science
- Improvements in forecasting and forecast systems including early warning systems

# Available Funding

- Proposal budgets are up to \$100,000 total per award for projects up to 1-year in duration.
- We anticipate making 4 awards in Competition-2



# Key Information for Preparing and Submitting LOIs and Proposal

# Important Dates

## Submitting an LOI and Proposal

Letters of Intent (LOI) are due 5pm ET,

**December 9, 2020** via email to

[oar.cpo.risa@noaa.gov](mailto:oar.cpo.risa@noaa.gov)

Full Proposals are due 5pm ET, **February 8, 2021**  
at 5pm ET **via grants.gov**

Faxed or emailed copies cannot be accepted for  
full proposals



# Familiarize yourself with the Program, its mission, and the goals and scope of the Competition

1. Download and read completely:

Full NOFO:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=329767>

RISA information sheet:

<https://cpo.noaa.gov/Portals/0/Grants/2021/RISA-Information-Sheet-FY21.pdf>

2. We will be periodically updating FAQ on website

# Letter of Intent

- LOIs are not required but helpful to proposal development
- Reviewed for Competition Fit- **HINT: read the NOFO!**
- Components – see page 13 of the NOFO
- 2 pages (concise summary)
- Will receive a response within four weeks of submission
- submission via [oar.cpo.risa@noaa.gov](mailto:oar.cpo.risa@noaa.gov)



# Full Proposal





# Review the Evaluation Criteria

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1. Importance/Relevance and Applicability of Application to the Program Goals.



This includes the incorporation of inclusion, diversity, equity and justice the proposal

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2. Technical/Scientific Merit
  3. Overall Qualifications of Applicants
  4. Project Costs
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See page 20 of the NOFO



# Adhere to both content and formatting directions

- Maintain page limits, font size and spacing (10 pages- full proposal, 12pt, single)
- Note deadlines (LOI- Dec 9, Full- Feb 8th- 5pm EST)
- Include all components of the narrative/ statement of work (page 14 of NOFO)
- Include all additional documents

# Full Proposal- Submission

- Submission via Grants.gov – make sure all of your accounts are up to date well in advance of the submission deadline  
(Grants.gov, System for Award Management)
- All applicants must have a DUNS number
- Components are listed on page 13 of the NOFO

# Questions?

Web Site: [cpo.noaa.gov/RISA](http://cpo.noaa.gov/RISA)

RISA Storymap: [cpo.noaa.gov/risa/GrowingRISA](http://cpo.noaa.gov/risa/GrowingRISA)

**Contact: [oar.cpo.risa@noaa.gov](mailto:oar.cpo.risa@noaa.gov)**