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**REQUEST FOR PRE-PROPOSALS FOR  
FY 2012 LEGACY PROGRAM FUNDING**

**INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**April 22, 2011**

**PRE-PROPOSALS DUE JUNE 3, 2011**  
VIA [HTTPS://WWW.DODLEGACY.ORG](https://www.dodlegacy.org)

Fiscal Year 2012 funding levels are not set. However, only proposals submitted via the Legacy Tracker website at <https://www.dodlegacy.org>, and coordinated with appropriate installation and headquarters personnel will be eligible for funding. Visit the Legacy Tracker for details on Fiscal Year 2012 Areas of Emphasis and the program's application guidelines. In particular, we seek proposals that integrate natural and cultural resources with military readiness requirements.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This publication announces the DoD Legacy Program Request for Proposals (RFP) for FY 2012, as contemplated in DoD Grants and Agreement Regulations (DODGARS) § 22.315. Additional information regarding this announcement is available at <https://www.dodlegacy.org>

In 1990, Congress passed legislation establishing the Legacy Resource Management Program to fund DoD efforts to conserve our natural and cultural heritage. The Legacy Program assists DoD in protecting and enhancing its natural and cultural resources while supporting military readiness. A Legacy project may involve regional ecosystem management initiatives, habitat conservation management efforts, at risk species and species of concern, development of historic contexts and models, invasive species control, support for military readiness and range sustainment, economics of historical preservation, data management, and other topics of national or regional interest.

Three principles guide the Legacy Program: stewardship, leadership, and partnership. Stewardship initiatives assist DoD in safeguarding its irreplaceable resources for future generations. By embracing a leadership role as part of the program, the Department serves as a model for respectful use of natural and cultural resources. Through partnerships, the program strives to access the knowledge and talents of individuals outside of DoD.

In order to support these principles, the Legacy Program emphasizes five themes:

1. The Program implements an interdisciplinary approach to resource stewardship that takes advantage of the similarities between DoD's natural and cultural resources programs. Often the same person is responsible for managing both natural and cultural resources plans on an installation. Legacy strives to take advantage of this by sharing management methodologies and techniques across natural and cultural resources initiatives.
2. The Program promotes understanding and appreciation for natural and cultural resources by encouraging greater awareness and involvement by both the Military Departments or Services, other agencies, NGOs, and the general public.
3. The Legacy Program incorporates an ecosystem approach that assists DoD in maintaining biological diversity and the sustainable use of land and water resources for mission and other uses.
4. Additionally, the Program works to achieve common goals and objectives by applying resource management initiatives in broad regional areas. Legacy supports regionally-based projects such as the Sonoran Ecosystem Management Initiative, the Gulf Coast Plain Ecosystem Partnership, the Great Basin Initiative, the Chesapeake Bay Program, and Partners in Flight.
5. Finally, the Legacy Program pursues the identification of innovative new technologies that enable more efficient and effective management.

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Public Law 104-201, Section 2694) defined mandatory criteria for funding Legacy projects. The legislation also provided the flexibility to enter into cooperative agreements with public and private agencies, organizations, institutions, individuals, or other entities to carry out the program.

The 1997 legislation stipulates that Legacy projects must meet the following four criteria:

1. Project must have regional or DoD-wide significance and involve more than one military department;
2. Project must be necessary to meet legal requirements or to support military operations;
3. Project must be more effectively managed at the DoD level; **and**
4. Project must not be an Executive Agent responsibility.

The legislation also defines applicable activities eligible for Legacy funding. These include:

1. Development of ecosystem-wide land management plans.
2. Wildlife studies to ensure the safety of military operations.
3. Identification and return of Native American human remains and cultural items in the possession or control of the DoD, or discovered on land under the jurisdiction of the Department, to the appropriate Native American tribes.
4. Control of invasive species that may hinder military activities or degrade military training ranges.

5. Establishment of a regional curation system for artifacts found on military installations.

Projects **ineligible** for Legacy funding include:

1. Projects with no clear benefit to natural or cultural resources and their management.
2. Projects with no benefit to the current military mission or its needs.
3. Installation-specific projects that are not a demonstration project, or that lack regional, Military Service-wide or DoD-wide applicability.
4. Compliance Projects - i.e., those required to comply with current regulations and laws or correct existing legal deficiencies under current regulations and laws. This includes inventories required by law in response to proposed Federal action, such as requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or the Endangered Species Act.
5. Projects that would correct existing legal deficiencies.
6. Those more suitably funded through other sources, such as non-appropriated funds, military construction, or environmental clean-up.
7. Inventories and protective measures required to complete satisfactory National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents or other actions required by Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) if other funding sources are available. In general, Legacy-type projects on operational bases listed for closure should be funded by BRAC. However, projects on operational bases listed for closure may be eligible for Legacy if they meet other Legacy funding criteria.
8. Routine operation, repair, and maintenance of buildings and grounds, including routine landscaping.
9. Projects whose primary purpose is to promote fish or game management.
10. Basic research projects – Legacy may fund applied research when in support of program objectives and themes. For basic and applied environmental research relevant to DoD and its training mission, explore funding through the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP – [www.serdp.org](http://www.serdp.org)). For demonstration and validation projects, explore funding through the Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP – [www.estcp.org](http://www.estcp.org)).
11. Restoration and rehabilitation of buildings, structures, or objects.
12. Static displays, unless "one-of-a-kind" or demonstrating new techniques.

Anyone may apply for Legacy Program funds, provided the proposal/project meets the funding criteria listed above. For non-DoD applicants, all pre-proposals that involve work on a DoD installation must include a letter of support from each DoD installation/activity participating in the proposed project.

The issuing office will not issue paper copies of this announcement. The Legacy Resource Management Program reserves the right to select and fund multiple awards in response to this announcement. No funding shall be provided for direct reimbursement of proposal development costs. Technical and cost proposals (or any other material) submitted in response to this request for proposals will not be returned.

## I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Legacy Program Fiscal Year 2012 call for pre-proposals seeks proposals under the Areas of Emphasis described below from all eligible applicants for efforts that support military mission needs and improve the management of natural and cultural resources. For a copy of the official memo announcing the Request for Pre-proposals for FY 2012 Legacy Program funding please visit [https://www.dodlegacy.org/Legacy/intro/RFP\\_FY2012\\_Legacy.pdf](https://www.dodlegacy.org/Legacy/intro/RFP_FY2012_Legacy.pdf).

Response to this call for proposal is a two-phase process. All applicants are required initially to submit a pre-proposal. Legacy reviewers will review each pre-proposal to determine if further consideration is warranted. Upon completion of the initial review, each applicant will be notified either of rejection or encouraged to submit a full proposal. The Legacy Guidebook located at <https://www.dodlegacy.org/Legacy/intro/about.aspx> contains detailed instructions on the proposal process. Proposals are submitted to the Legacy Program through the Legacy Tracker at <https://www.dodlegacy.org>.

The top objective of DoD's Natural and Cultural Resources Programs and the DoD Legacy Program is to support the military mission while promoting long-term stewardship of its natural and cultural heritage.

## II. AREAS OF EMPHASIS

### **Natural Resources Areas of Emphasis**

#### **Species At-Risk, Species of Concern and Declining Species and Habitat**

The primary objective of DoD's Natural Resources Program is to maintain unrestricted access to the Department's training and testing areas. Given threats from the spread of invasive species, urban encroachment and development, changing climate, and other factors, at-risk species and species of concern face increased pressures on multiple fronts. We seek innovative projects that will:

- promote natural habitat restoration and protection, thereby preventing the listing of additional plant and animal species;
- serve as pilot or demonstration efforts of new techniques, methodologies, and management practices, including monitoring and predictive modeling;
- facilitate long-term monitoring of habitat use and survivorship;
- identify species declines that could adversely affect operations and the ability to train within a region or DoD-wide because of potential listing or critical habitat designation decisions;
- provide strategic plans and management recommendations to help halt decline both on and off DoD lands.

For FY 2012, we especially seek regionally-focused climate change vulnerability assessments that focus on listed and at-risk species that may restrict military mission needs.

#### **Integrated Natural Resources Management**

Habitat restoration and enhancement efforts allow military commanders greater flexibility in using DoD lands and greater training realism. Habitat enhancement can improve training conditions by minimizing disturbance of natural landscapes and increasing vegetative cover. We will invest in forward-looking approaches that:

- enhance the strategic planning and management of DoD's natural resources;
- integrate the goals of DoD's Integrated Natural Resource Management Plans (INRMPs) with those of the State Wildlife Action Plans (SWAPs);
- stem from Legacy-sponsored workshops;

- demonstrate the importance of ecosystem services to military lands and waters.

For FY 2012, we especially seek protocols (i.e., standard operating procedures) that integrate the available tools and information on smoke characteristics, behavior and dispersion into prescribed burn planning to ensure the continued use of this essential tool for maintaining healthy ecosystems on military installations.

### **Regional Ecosystem Management Initiatives**

Regional management planning similar to the Sonoran Desert Ecosystem Initiative and the Gulf Coastal Plain Ecoregional Partnership protects current military readiness and provides increased flexibility to respond to new missions. It supports partnerships – both on military lands and within the larger landscape. We seek proposals that:

- apply this proven planning process to other regions of interest to DoD or to specific ecosystem types with significant DoD landholdings (e.g., desert, coastal, riparian, grassland);
- encourage partnerships that reduce the management burden to DoD;
- promote DoD use of Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) to support military mission goals;
- will help DoD assess or address the potential impacts of global climate change.

For FY 2012, we especially seek effective and efficient means for identifying and monitoring ecosystem integrity within ecoregional contexts.

### **Invasive Species Control**

Invasive species can adversely affect military readiness, and can increase fire and safety hazards. Without proper control, invasive species threaten native plant and animal species, some of which may already be listed as threatened or endangered. We will invest in:

- broad regional and national cooperative efforts to control the threat of invasives, including participation in invasive species management areas;
- habitat enhancement, particularly through control of invasives and promotion of native species, to minimize disturbance to natural landscapes and increase vegetative cover;
- efforts to implement Early Detection and Rapid Response methods within DoD.

For FY 2012, we especially seek effective regional invasive species methods and partnerships, and partnerships that promote enhanced regional or national biosecurity.

### **Cultural Resources Areas of Emphasis**

#### **Economics of Historical Preservation**

Historic buildings and structures can be as energy efficient as their modern counterparts. Rehabilitation of historic properties to increase energy efficiency and promote sustainable practices is a priority in both the private and government sectors. Due to federal legislation such as the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and Executive Order 13514, Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy and Economic Performance, DoD is in a unique position to highlight the inherently sustainable qualities of its historic properties. As federal agencies continue to develop new strategies for the reduction of energy consumption and related environmental impacts, through tools such as the DoD Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan, the cultural component to the Legacy Resources Management Program aims to provide tools and guidance to the field. Improving the business of cultural resource management, at all levels of DoD, continues to be a priority; we seek proposals that will:

- improve strategies to maximize adaptive reuse of historic properties;
- develop tools that demonstrate recent innovations in the sustainable qualities of historic properties and how they contribute to DoD's sustainability goals;
- provide guidance on tools or products that increase energy efficiency, but also allow DoD to meet

- the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for historic property rehabilitation;
- develop models to more effectively calculate life-cycle cost benefits and/or the costs of rehabilitation completed for energy efficiency compared to new construction;
- develop strategies for innovative use of renewable energy technologies with historic properties;
- demonstrate cost savings related to alternate uses and/or reuses for common building types.

For FY 2012, we especially seek to explore the creative sustainable reuse of historic structures and how these projects have been successfully coordinated internally (e.g., a primer on good 1391 submittals) and externally (e.g., with State Historic Preservation Offices).

### **Cultural Resources Data Management**

The primary concern of cultural resource data management is to ensure that DoD obtains and retains the necessary information to make informed management decisions that allow for proper stewardship of DoD's cultural properties, while supporting the military mission. This process concerns identification, evaluation and documentation of cultural resources, as well as planning to ensure that procedures are in place that would maintain cultural resources and the information and materials related to them. We seek proposals that will:

- improve identification, evaluation, documentation and increased use of existing inventory data with the aim toward long-term cost savings;
- improve archaeological collection strategies and data recovery efforts;
- streamline and improve the determination of the eligibility process for cultural resources through facilitated regional workshops and other means in coordination with State Historic Preservation Offices and other stakeholders;
- develop innovative ways to address DoD-wide custodial responsibilities for collections, objects, associated records, NAGPRA-related items, and other cultural resources;
- improve the interpretation and dissemination of information on known cultural resources to commanders and the larger military community to support informed decisions about the management of cultural resources;
- promote the use of cultural resources in ways that are beneficial to the military mission, the resources and public interests;
- explore ways to improve access to archaeological data, inventories, collections, and to associated data and reports;
- develop strategies to maintain complete and current information on cultural items under DoD possession and control, including those uncovered through inadvertent discovery.

For FY 2012, we especially seek creative means of improving the collection, interpretation and dissemination of information on known cultural resources to commanders and the larger military community

### **Integrated Cultural Resources Management**

The integration of cultural resources management, land use, and broader environmental management themes allows military commanders greater flexibility and greater training realism. We seek creative approaches to:

- enhance the strategic planning and management of DoD's cultural resources;
- integrate the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) with compatible processes of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA);
- develop tools to support effective cultural resource management through Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plans (ICRMPs), cultural resources inventories and surveys, and the development of regional partnerships that benefit cultural resources and the military.

For FY 2012, seek creative approaches to all topics that are a part of this new Area of Emphasis.

### **Context and Model Development**

The streamlining of the compliance process, particularly as it relates to the National Historic Preservation Act, is a funding priority for the Legacy Program. We seek innovative approaches that improve the evaluation of historic properties and promote creative alternatives to balancing mission needs and cultural resources management legal requirements:

- develop decision support tools to identify and evaluate cultural resources through the use of predictive modeling;
- provide assistance in the determination of historic/cultural significance with the use or creation of historic contexts;
- develop program alternatives and/or guidance on their application, and/or time and cost savings to the military mission.

For FY 2012, we especially seek tools and protocols to categorically evaluate known DoD historic properties.

### **Integrated Resources Areas of Emphasis**

#### **Readiness and Range Sustainment**

The military's ability to fight and win our nation's wars is tied directly to readiness resulting from realistic test and training exercises. Encroachment from a variety of sources hampers this ability. We will invest in projects that:

- mitigate or resolve the adverse impacts of natural and cultural resources-related encroachment on DoD lands;
- help sustain military ranges and operating areas for future use while simultaneously promoting long-term stewardship;
- quantify and track the effects of encroachment on natural and cultural resources;
- integrate protection of natural and cultural resources into training exercises, and create innovative readiness projects to help stabilize or monitor resources;
- improve methods to integrate natural heritage and cultural awareness messages into training.

For FY 2012, we especially seek efforts that promote improved coordination between military testers and trainers and natural and cultural resources personnel on issues of mutual interest.

#### **Communication, Partnerships, and Public Awareness**

Effective education and outreach assists DoD in promoting and interpreting the natural and cultural resources under its care. Educating both military personnel and civilian neighbors about the natural and cultural resources that installations conserve and protect can quell misconceptions and gain support and involvement that may even lead to partnerships that increase the effectiveness of conservation efforts. Partnering is a key element in developing and distributing these products and in creating opportunities for cross-over involvement. The Legacy program seeks proposals that will:

- demonstrate new or improved ways for DoD managers and leadership to effectively manage resources;
- educate military personnel or civilian neighbors about DoD challenges, efforts, and accomplishments with regards to conservation;
- train personnel (both civilian and military) about critical natural or cultural resource issues (e.g., illegal wildlife trade or avoidance of cultural sites);
- identify opportunities for improved efficiency through increased interagency cooperation and information sharing;

- develop tools and procedures that would help promote and improve communication and coordination with Native Americans, Alaska Native entities, Native Hawaiian organizations, Guamanian, and Chamorro people;
- develop strategies that would establish appropriate partnerships to promote local economic development through the use of historic properties in a manner that would contribute to the long-term productive use and interpretation of those properties;
- promote the increase in opportunities for partnerships that enhance public interaction and understanding of DoD-managed cultural resources, taking into account mission activities, sustainability, safety and security and fiscal soundness.

For FY 2012, we especially seek innovative means to reach internal DoD audiences with timely and mission-relevant information on key natural and cultural resources topics.

### **National and International Initiatives**

DoD can benefit from participation in national and international conservation initiatives. We will continue to emphasize active participation in national natural resources partnerships such as Partners in Flight (PIF), Pollinator Partnership, Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (PARC), National Public Lands Day (NPLD), and DoD's partnership with the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA). Such partnerships permit DoD to benefit from economies of scale, and ensure its interests are given proper consideration. We will invest in:

- national and international initiatives and broad-scale collaborative partnerships that complement DoD mission and conservation objectives;
- develop natural and cultural resources management tools and/or studies that support the Combatant Commands missions, and enhance U.S. personnel awareness of international heritage and cultural property;
- initiatives that explore coordination with other federal agencies on natural and cultural resources matters of national or regional significance.

For FY 2012, we especially seek new partnership opportunities.

### **Program Management**

We will use the Program Management portion of these funds for DoD Headquarters Legacy staff, contract management support, and related activities to enhance overall program management.

## **III. AWARD INFORMATION**

Legacy awards usually range from as low as \$15K to \$150K; a few projects awarded are for larger amounts because of their larger effort and scope involved. The program does not have a set maximum or minimum level of funding that can be requested, but the likelihood for funding a project in excess of \$300K is low. The Legacy program encourages applicants to seek supplemental sources of funding prior to submitting requests for funding. The majority of funded projects average \$60K to \$100K.

It is anticipated that awards will take the form of cooperative agreements. Therefore, all proposals submitted because of this announcement will fall under the purview of (a) the Federal statute authorizing the award, or any other Federal statutes directly affecting the performance of the award and (b) Department of Defense Grants and Agreements Regulations (DODGARs). Note: substantial involvement on the part of the government is expected. This substantial involvement may include collaboration, participation, or intervention in the program or activity to be performed under the award.

The Legacy program anticipates announcing award decisions by the second quarter of FY 2012.

#### IV. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

All potential applicants, including but not limited to Institutions of Higher Education, Non-Governmental Organizations, Native American Tribal Organizations, Federal and State agencies, and for profit organizations are eligible for funding, however only proposals submitted via the Legacy Tracker website, <https://www.dodlegacy.org>, and coordinated with appropriate installation and headquarters personnel will be eligible for funding. The Legacy Program requires all applicants to register online on the Legacy Tracker prior to submitting a proposal by visiting <https://www.dodlegacy.org/Legacy/Intro/UsersRequest.aspx>

Cost sharing (in-kind, matching funds, other sources of funding) is not required for eligibility or award determination; however, applicants are required to report all if any other sources of funding are at their disposition for completing the project.

The Legacy Program requires a Letter of Support (LOS) for all proposed work submitted to the Legacy Program by non-DoD applicants proposing either to do work on an installation or solicit information/data from installation personnel. Legacy requires a LOS from every installation that will be visited or used to gather project information. The LOS is due to the Legacy Program prior to the full proposal due date.

In accordance with FAR § 35.017-1 (c) (4), any of the organizations in the list of Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC) (list available at <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/ffrdclist/start.cfm>) are prohibited from submitting proposals in response to this request for proposals. This statutory prohibition doesn't allow FFRDCs to compete with private sector.

#### V. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

All eligible applicants already registered to the Legacy Tracker shall visit <https://www.dodlegacy.org> to find the new pre-proposal link available under the Pre-proposals tab to activate the online pre-proposal application form. This link is only available from the date of the official memo announcement to the pre-proposal due date. The Legacy program must receive all pre-proposal submissions before midnight July 18, 2010, applicant's local time. If an interested applicant is not registered, the applicant should request a new account by visiting the Legacy Tracker at <https://www.dodlegacy.org/Legacy/Intro/UsersRequest.aspx>. The Legacy Tracker accurately tracks the date and time of submission for each application and serves as proof of meeting submission program requirements.

All interested applicants are encouraged to review the Legacy Program Guidebook available online at <https://www.dodlegacy.org/Legacy/intro/guidelines.aspx> for tips, examples of good proposals, a list of optional and required information for pre-proposal and full proposal submissions, and full program guidance for submitting a proposal. In addition, a limited version of previously submitted proposals and funded projects is available on the Legacy Tracker.

All applicants are required initially to submit a pre-proposal. Legacy reviewers will review each pre-proposal to determine if further consideration is warranted. Upon completion of the initial review, each applicant will be notified either of rejection or encouraged to submit a full proposal. The Legacy Guidebook located at <https://www.dodlegacy.org/Legacy/intro/about.aspx> contains detailed instructions on the proposal process. All applicants must submit their proposals to the Legacy Program through the Legacy Tracker by the posted due date at <https://www.dodlegacy.org>.

Besides the pre-proposal submission, the Legacy Program does not require or encourage a letter of intent or white paper submission. Furthermore, the Legacy program encourages all pre-proposal and full proposal submissions to not exceed 8 full pages as measured by printing the submittal via the Legacy Tracker print tool.

Schedule for proposal submissions and anticipated timeline for project approval:

April 22: Request for Pre-Proposals released.

**June 3:** Pre-proposals due to the Legacy office. **Required.**

July 1: Notification to submit full proposal. **Anticipated.**

**August 15:** Full proposals due to Legacy office. **Required.**

August 18 – September 15: Review of Full Proposals. **Anticipated.**

September 19-23: Meetings with Military Services; refinement of proposals. **Anticipated.**

September 26 – October 21: Refinement of proposals; other follow up as needed. **Anticipated.**

October 31: Final list ready for front office review. **Anticipated.**

## **VI. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION**

The broad legislative criteria we use to identify potential Legacy projects are:

- Focus on regional or DoD-wide activities.
- Support military missions, or meet unfunded legal or statutory requirements.
- Emphasize crosscutting conservation projects that support or leverage ongoing or new DoD initiatives, demonstrate cost efficiencies and time savings, or exhibit new and innovative ways of doing resource conservation on DoD lands.

### **Review and Selection Process**

In accordance with DODGARS § 22.315, the DoD Legacy Program, ensures that each proposal undergoes an extensive evaluation and modification process that ensures the highest quality set of projects each year. A brief summary of proposal selection process is described below:

1. Each pre-proposal and proposal submitted to our program is sent through the Legacy Tracker to the designated lead DoD Component's review chain. A separate review chain is used for proposals submitted directly to OSD.
2. Each DoD Component (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and DLA) has one or more designated reviewers who fully evaluate each proposal and determine its technical merit and level of priority for their respective Component. The reviewers typically include representatives from the regional level to Headquarters level.
3. We request additional review for many proposals from a range of offices with specific technical expertise. Among the offices included in this review are the Armed Forces Pest Management Board, the Range Sustainment office, DoD Partners in Flight, Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) representatives, SERDP/ESTCP, and others.
4. The Legacy Program meets with one or more designated representatives from each DoD Component to review in detail each proposal submitted.
5. The review committee evaluates and discusses each proposal. Among the criteria evaluated – technical merit, benefit to the military mission, breadth of impact (national, regional, multi-Service), transferability, partnership contributions (e.g., in-kind), total cost, potential duplication of efforts. Through entries to the Legacy Tracker, the Legacy Program requests modifications to pre-proposals and proposals as needed.
6. Once a final set of recommended proposals and backups is developed, this package undergoes legal review to ensure that all proposals meet the legislative criteria established for the Legacy program.
7. The Legacy Program then present these recommendations to the Director of Environmental Management. After any additional changes or recommendations are addressed, the final project recommendation package is presented to the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment for approval of the final project list.

## **VII. AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

The Legacy Program posts award and turn-down notifications online on the Legacy Tracker website, which also serves as the main tool for post-award project oversight. The Legacy Tracker sends an automated email notification to applicants informing them of the award, however that email is not an authorization to begin project performance and the Legacy Program and the grants officer must authorize all pre-award activities. The notice of award or cooperative agreement signed by the grants officer is the authorizing document.

The Legacy Tracker posts online and sends an automated email notification to unsuccessful applicants informing them of the decision to turn down their proposal.

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Prior to submission of a pre-proposal, prospective applicants are encouraged to contact the appropriate Legacy Program POC to ask questions of a technical nature. However, applicants **shall not** discuss cost or seek guidance on the direction that the research project should take. In other words, the offer submitted shall be the applicant's own ideas and may not be influenced by the Government.