

NOAA's [Office of Education and Sustainable Development \(OESD\)](http://www.oesd.noaa.gov) is soliciting 1- to 3-year proposals for environmental literacy projects (Federal Funding Opportunity No.USEC-OESD-2005-2000118). **Applications are due May 12, 2005.** Funded projects will further NOAA's education goals articulated in the NOAA Education Plan http://www.oesd.noaa.gov/NOAA_Ed_Plan.pdf. Funding is available to encourage the development of partnerships and to support existing, or foster growth of new, environmental literacy projects. This program has two funding priorities for FY05: (1) Partnerships that promote systemic change in NOAA-related science education, and (2) Innovative presentation of NOAA science and earth observing data through educational data visualizations and other educational tools. Within priority two, NOAA has committed to funding the installation of up to four "Science on a Sphere" (SOS) data systems at informal education venues. These "Science on a Sphere" installations will be funded by way of one- to three-year cooperative agreements. It is anticipated that final recommendations for funding under this announcement will be made in mid Calendar Year 2005, and that projects funded under this announcement will have a start date no earlier than September 30, 2005.

Applications are available at <http://www.grants.gov/Apply>. Click on link to "Apply Step 1..." and download application for USEC-OESD-2005-2000118. (You will first need to download free PureEdge Viewer software to view the forms. This software is available at the same location.) Additional information about this grant program is available on the OESD web site at www.oesd.noaa.gov.

Note about Grants.gov: Each institution applying for funding must register their institution on Grants.gov before submitting their application. It can take *up to 3 weeks* to complete the registration process on Grants.gov therefore **NOAA urges prospective applicants to begin this registration process now, if their institutions are not already registered!** Please visit the "Get Started" section at www.grants.gov to begin the registration process.