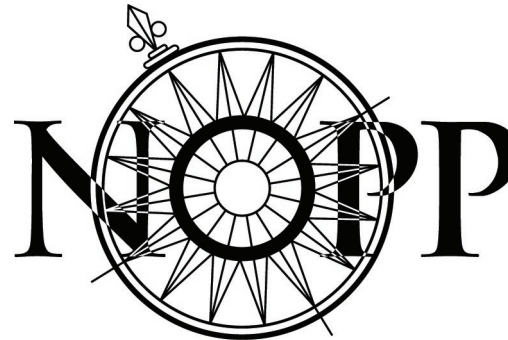


## NOPP Management

Interagency committees and working groups provide guidance and oversight into NOPP activities and funding opportunities. The **Interagency Working Group on Ocean Partnerships (IWG-OP)** is the operational federal body charged with organizing, directing and conducting most NOPP activities. It functions under the **National Ocean Council (NOC)**, a Principal and Deputies level committee tasked with implementing the National Ocean Policy. The **Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP)** provides advice and scientific guidance to NOPP and the **National Ocean Council**.

The **NOPP Office (NOPPO)** assists in the management and coordination of NOPP and related activities. One of the objectives of the NOPP office is to identify and carry out partnerships among Federal agencies, Tribal Organizations, Academic Industries, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and other members of the ocean sciences community in the areas of data, resources and education. A five-year contract for the operation of NOPPO was competitively awarded by the Office of Naval Research to Karthik Consulting in partnership with QinetiQ North America in September of 2013.



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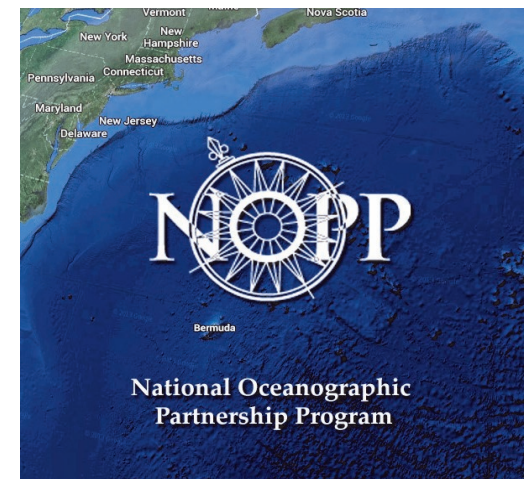
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## Promoting Partnerships for the Future of Oceanography



## Overview

The National Oceanographic Partnership Program (NOPP) is an innovative collaboration of federal agencies that support ocean research partnerships among academia, government, tribal organizations, industry, and non-governmental organizations. These sectors pursue ocean-related scientific and technical information on some of the nation's most pressing issues. NOPP investments encompass numerous areas, including oceanographic research and exploration, technology development, resource management, and ocean education. These focus areas have led to community advances in oceanography and impacts on society. Since 1997, NOPP has become the leading forum for development of new interagency initiatives and priorities that transcend single agency mandates in the pursuit of wise use of the ocean and maintenance of its health.

## NOPP Research

NOPP-funded research varies widely by topical content, but all research projects include two of three sectors (government, academia and private industry). NOPP has supported diverse topics, such as: Sensors for Marine Ecosystems, Assessing Meridional Overturning Circulation Variability, Exploration and Research of Deepwater Coral Communities, Effects of an Ice-Diminished Arctic, the Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment, and Understanding and Predicting Changes in the Ocean Workforce. To ensure high quality results, NOPP uses a peer-review process to identify and fund the most scientifically and technically meritorious research that clearly demonstrate the best of public/private sector partnerships in the areas of interest. Awards for Excellence in Partnering are presented to research teams that best demonstrate the partnership objectives of NOPP.

## Future of NOPP

Advancement towards appropriate stewardship of the ocean, and associated societal gains, can be more rapidly and efficiently achieved through collaborative partnerships. Through leadership and guidance from its oversight bodies, NOPP will continue to focus on ocean-related objectives which are too large for single agencies to undertake, but satisfy multiple agency missions and would benefit from partnerships between government, private industry and academia. NOPP remains available as a means for implementation of federal ocean priorities, as well as continued exploration of new ocean research topics.

### Why Interagency and Intersector Partnering is Important:

1. To address critical national priorities that cannot be accomplished by a single agency or sector and priority issues that bridge the mandates of individual federal agencies;
2. To contribute to the cutting edge or fore-front of interdisciplinary and intersector science and technology;
3. To help ensure that institutional resources are invested and leveraged wisely, while planning for the future; and
4. To provide the necessary flexibility for supporting new, emerging issues that may not yet be part of a "mandate" but are of interest and value to many. Working together, partner agencies and research teams may realize benefits through an entire spectrum of possibilities, from the simple cost benefit of leveraging funding to a broader situational awareness of the national implications of their goals and missions.

