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Regional effort offers funding for natural hazard, climate change resilience research

The Gulf of Mexico Sea Grant college programs, the U.S. EPA's Gulf of Mexico Program, the NOAA Northern Gulf Institute and the U.S. Geological Survey are inviting pre-proposals for funding for one- or two-year projects dealing with natural hazard and climate change resilience.

The goal of the funding initiative is to develop information, tools, technologies, products, policies or public decision processes that coastal communities can use to increase resilience to coastal natural hazards and sea level rise. Projects should address research questions identified in the Gulf of Mexico Regional Research Plan and the Gulf of Mexico Alliance Action Plan II.

Federal funds for each selected project will not exceed \$200,000 per year for two years. Non-federal matching funds are required at 50 percent of the federal amount.

Interdisciplinary projects are encouraged, and projects must be regional in scope. Projects must include investigators from states associated with at least two of the four Gulf of Mexico Sea Grant programs (Florida, Mississippi-Alabama, Louisiana and Texas). Collaboration with faculty from Mexican universities is encouraged.

For more information, including the six resilience priorities, go to <http://flseagrant.org/funding/GOM>. The submission deadline is Feb. 23, 2009.

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