

C-AGG July 20-21, 2011 Meeting
Request for Technical Input to the National Climate Assessment

Subject: Notification to C-AGG Participants of Federal Register Notice seeking technical input to the 2013 National Climate Assessment (NCA) Report and the ongoing NCA process

Summary:

A July 13, 2011 Federal Register Notice (Vol. 76, No. 134, pp. 41217-41219) was issued by the Department of Commerce seeking comment and expressions of interest from the public in providing technical inputs and/or offering assessment capacity related to the National Climate Assessment (NCA) regional, sectoral, and cross-cutting topics proposed for the 2013 NCA report and ongoing NCA process.

Teams of experts and/or individuals in climate-related fields (“teams”) interested in providing inputs to the NCA are encouraged to review the “Potential Technical Inputs and Assessment Capacities” and “Suggested Best Practices” available online at <http://www.globalchange.gov/what-we-do/assessment/backgroundprocess/notices> and to prepare and submit a short expression of interest (EOI) describing their anticipated inputs.

A full draft of the NCA report is anticipated by mid-2012, and a full year is planned to review and revise the report, with a planned release date in mid-2013. Technical inputs should be provided well in advance of these deadlines, with target dates for activities and inputs as follows:

- NOW – Summer 2011: Expressions of interest; initial work plans.
- NOW—Fall 2011: Teams conduct activities (workshops, literature reviews, modeling runs, etc.).
- December 2011—February 1, 2012: initial inputs, including draft reports.
- March 1, 2012: Final inputs, including full reports.
- After March 1, 2012: continued development and delivery of ongoing assessment capacity.

Comments and expressions of interest may be submitted at any time and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. General comments and expressions of interest should be submitted via email to Emily Therese Cloyd, NCA Public Participation and Engagement Coordinator, at ecloyd@usgcrp.gov.

Background Information on the National Climate Assessment:

The National Climate Assessment (NCA) is conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) pursuant to the Global Change Research Act of 1990, Section 106, which requires that: “On a periodic basis (not less frequently than every 4 years), the Council (the National Science and Technology Council), through the Committee (the Global Change Research Committee), shall prepare and submit to the President and the Congress an assessment which –

1. Integrates, evaluates, and interprets the findings of the USGCRP Program and discusses the scientific uncertainties associated with such findings;
2. Analyzes the effects of global change and the natural environment, agriculture, energy production and use, land and water resources, transportation, human health and welfare, human social systems, and biological diversity; and
3. Analyzes current trends in global change, both human-induced and natural, and projects major trends for the subsequent 25 to 100 years.

NOTE: The Federal Register Notice and supplementary information for submitting technical input to the National Climate Assessment are available at the C-AGG website at: <http://www.c-agg.org/resources.html>