

Pre-Release Notification

Ohio Federal Research Network Round 5 SOARING Initiative Pre-Release Opportunity Announcement Updates

OFRN recently released the OFRN Round 5 SOARING Pre-Release Opportunity Announcement Amendment 1. This document can be found on the OFRN website at <https://ohiofrn.org> along with a Summary of the changes.

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- **Key Dates and Volume submissions** have changed.
- **Regional workshops** will be added to the schedule for the early part of December. When the sessions are finalized, the dates and registration links will be posted to the OFRN website, followed by an email announcement to the OFRN Community.
- **A Bidders Conference and Proposal Training** is scheduled for **January 20, 2021**. Information and a registration link will be posted to the OFRN website shortly, followed by an email announcement to the OFRN Community.
- **The OFRN website has a new look.** Round 5 information can be found on the [Current Solicitation](#) page. New information such as Round 5 FAQ, information session briefing slides, as well as an info session recording, will be posted to site as they become available.

Submit questions to OFRN-Question@parallaxresearch.org

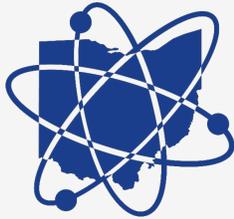
Key Events Schedule - Revised

- **Oct. 29, 2020** - *Opportunity Announcement Pre-Release*
- **Nov. 10, 2020** - *Opportunity Announcement Info Session and Q&A with Federal SMEs*
- **Nov. 18, 2020** - *Opportunity Announcement Info Session and Q&A with Federal SMEs*
- **Week of Dec. 2nd and Dec. 9th** - *Regional Workshops**
- **Jan. 6, 2021** - ***Opportunity Announcement Formal Release***
- **Jan. 20, 2021** - *Bidders Conference and Proposal Training**
- **Feb. 11, 2021** - *Proposal Questions Accepted Through*
- **Feb. 25, 2021, by 5:00pm ET** - ***Due date for Volume 2 (Technical) and 2A (Supplemental)***
- **March 19, 2021** - *Notification of Selection for Final Pitch Day*

- **April 15, 2021** - Due date for Volume 1 (Business and Cost Proposal), and 2B (Slide Deck)
- **April 20-21, 2021** - Pitch Day
- **May 4, 2021** - Proposal Review
- **May 7, 2021** - Awards Announced
- **May 24, 2021** - Projects Start
- **May 31, 2021** - Student Intern Orientation

It is our hope that the additional time affords interested respondents increased opportunity to form teams and develop strong proposals in response to the round 5 solicitation.

Please forward this to your colleagues across the state, if we missed someone. We have a large email list but we are still compiling our lists and need your assistance with distribution.



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