

## Pre-Release Update

### Ohio Federal Research Network Round 5 SOARING Initiative Pre-Release Opportunity Announcement Updates 12-08-20

#### **Regional Workshops/Info Sessions added to schedule:**

OFRN has added two Information Sessions to the schedule. These sessions will be held on December 10 (10-11am ET) and December 15 (2:30 - 3:30 pm ET). These sessions are intended for those researchers and businesses new to OFRN wanting to learn about OFRN and the upcoming Round 5. Much of the information presented in the November Information and Q&A sessions will be presented in these sessions and, we will have a representative from the Parallax Contracts Office, should there be questions relating to terms and conditions. If you missed the November sessions, this is a great opportunity to learn about OFRN before the Round 5 formal release on January 6, 2021.

#### [Download Flyer](#)

- [Register for Dec. 10 session](#)
- [Register for Dec. 15 session](#)

**Bidders Conference and Proposal Training** which is mandatory 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.** The OFRN website is at the same location [ohiofrn.org](http://ohiofrn.org) and has a new look. New features include:

- [OFRN Team](#)
- [Project information](#)
- [News/Press Releases/Blog posts](#)
- [FAQ](#) (including Round 5) - found in lower left of screen
- [Current Solicitation](#)
- This site houses Round 5 information such as:
  - Information session briefing slides (posted)
  - November information session recording (posted)
  - Event registration links (when available)
  - OFRN Round 5 communications
  - Round 5 Matchmaking Classifieds

**Matchmaking Classifieds.** In the November Ohio Federal Research Network (OFRN) Round 5 SOARING pre-release information sessions, we referenced a matchmaking tool on the OFRN website <https://ohiofrn.org>. We have received matchmaking requests and have set up the MatchMaking “classifieds” for people seeking collaborators for the Ohio Federal Research Network (OFRN)

Round 5 SOARING Opportunity Announcement. OFRN provides this MatchMaking platform to assist in teaming for proposal submissions. Since last week, people have started submitting their interests in finding a partner or sub, or offering their expertise for a project proposal. Below you will find the table from most recent post. We will post “classifieds” updates at the end of the business day to the OFRN current solicitation site at <https://www.ohiofrn.org/current-solicitation>. If you or researchers in your orbit are interested in teaming up with complementary partners to pursue R&D opportunities, please review and/or forward the information below to identify desirable connections.

- [Download the Dec. 8 Matchmaking Classified posting](#)

Submit questions to [OFRN-Question@parallaxresearch.org](mailto:OFRN-Question@parallaxresearch.org)

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### 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*
- **Dec. 10, 2020** - *OFRN Information Session (optional)\**
- **Dec. 15, 2020** - *OFRN Information Session (optional)\**
- **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.

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.

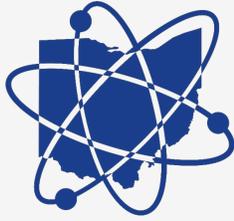
[Download Amendment 1 document](#)  
[Download Amendment 1 Summary document](#)

*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.*

Please follow our new LinkedIn page at:

[https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/ohio-federal-research-network-ofrn-/](https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/ohio-federal-research-network-ofrn/)

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