



## Pre-Release Notification

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

This is to announce that the Ohio Federal Research Network (OFRN) Round 5 formal release and schedule of events has been revised (see schedule below).

The new formal Round 5 release will occur on **January 6, 2021**.

#### 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** - *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*

*\*information for the virtual sessions will be posted to <https://ohiofrn.org>*

In addition, the proposal requirements have changed as outlined in the Round 5 pre-release addendum 1 which will be available on the [OFRN website](#) by 5:00 EST on November 23rd. Funding for round 5 has been confirmed and estimated to be within a \$10-15 Million range with individual awards up to \$2Million each.

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.

Submit questions to **OFRN-Question@parallaxresearch.org**

*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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