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The Ohio Federal Research Network ROUND 5 SOARING

New Teams are Forming!

**Register for Jan. 20 Bidders Conference & Proposal
Training**

**Ohio Federal Research Network Round 5 SOARING Initiative
Opportunity Announcement Includes \$10 to \$15 Million in Research
Funding**

[Download the Round 5 Opportunity Announcement document](#)

OFRN Round 5 is broad in research opportunities. Multiple Areas of Interest (AOI) developed in consultation with federal lab partners in Ohio are published in the solicitation. In addition, an open topic allows for proposal submissions for technology solutions that address a validated federal research need not listed in the other AOIs.

Team Matchmaking Services

If you want to pursue the OFRN Round 5 solicitation and need a required partner or you need a subcontractor with particular talents to fill a gap on your proposal, or you want to offer your services as a potential partner or subcontractor, [utilize our team matchmaking services on our current solicitation page here.](#)

January 20, 2021 Mandatory Training

There will be an OFRN Round 5 Bidders Conference and Proposal Training session for those submitting proposals. Details can be found at <https://www.ohiofrn.org/ofrn-current-solicitation>. Ensure at least one member of your proposal team registers and participates.

[Register here for Jan. 20 session](#)

Upcoming [Key Dates:](#)

- Jan. 20, 2021: [Bidders Conference & Proposal Training - Virtual](#)
- Feb. 25, 2021: Due date for Volume 1 (Technical), 1A (Supplemental)
- Mar. 19, 2021: Notification of Selection for Final Pitch Day

OFRN ROUND 5 OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

The OFRN Round 5 Sustaining Ohio's Aeronautical Readiness and Innovation in the Next Generation (SOARING) Opportunity Announcement is focused on expanding Ohio's research and development capabilities across the state's academic institutions and business in support of [Ohio-based federal partner needs](#), which ultimately promotes Ohio's economic growth. OFRN Round 5 Areas of Interest (AOIs) include topics in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Artificial Intelligence, Human Factors, Data Analytics, Space Commercialization, Quantum Communications and Advanced Power Systems. This announcement seeks to leverage Ohio's unique research capabilities and its federal partner's expertise to accelerate technology development and innovation by increasing collaboration across government, academic, and industry organizations.

ABOUT OFRN

The Ohio Federal Research Network (OFRN) is Ohio's leading program to forge collaborative research partnerships among Ohio's academic research assets, industry and federal research centers. OFRN was established in 2015 to stimulate Ohio's innovation economy by building vibrant, statewide, university-based research collaborations that meet the requirements of Ohio's federal laboratories, partnering with the commercial sector to create new products and build the technology workforce in Ohio.

Since 2015, OFRN has funded 28 projects in excess of \$40 million. These investments have led to nearly \$200 million in follow-on funding from federal and private sources resulting in 8 university spinouts and creating or impacting over 900 jobs. OFRN funded projects have brought together 12 universities, 2 community colleges and 90 businesses across Ohio to address needed research determined by the federal labs in Ohio including the Air Force Research Lab, NASA Glenn, the National Air and Space Intelligence Center and the Naval Medical Research Unit – Dayton.

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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Announcement**



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