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Dear Dr. Stewart:

Congratulations on having your Fiscal Year 2016 proposal submission, "Real-Time 3D Reconstruction from ROV Camera Arrays of Opportunity," proposal # OER_FY16_094 selected for funding. OER is very pleased to be supporting your exploration efforts. This letter and the attachments describe OER's expectations associated with all 2016 FFO – funded projects. Please read thoroughly the enclosed information.

OER staff often work closely with the science parties before, during, and after the cruises to assist the science party to meet NOAA and OER-specific objectives. Christopher Beaverson (Chris.beaverson@noaa.gov; [301-734-1013](tel:301-734-1013)) is your OER point of contact (POC) and will contact you soon to discuss the OER expectations and opportunities associated with your project. Please do not hesitate to call him if you have any questions in the interim.

Standard Reports:

OER and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) have certain reporting requirements that include the submission of semi-annual performance reports and a final performance report. All abstracts and/or publications resulting from this funded exploration need to be appended to the reports. In addition, all publications must acknowledge NOAA/OER's funding. OER also needs to receive a Project/cruise plan, a quick-look report, and a cruise report if applicable. A list, explanation, and timeline for each of these reports can be found in the attached documents. OER asks that you submit all required documents in a timely manner and that you pay special attention to the performance reports' content since these are publically searchable.

Data Management Requirements:

Funded PIs must comply with certain data management requirements including a data management plan and coordinates of planned and executed operations. As stated in the FY16 FFO, we expect that data and information collected in association with OER-sponsored expeditions will ultimately reside in the public domain.



Web Opportunities:

Your expedition or project will be covered on the NOAA Ocean Explorer website (<http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov>) and more information will be forthcoming on this topic. This is an opportunity for you to tell your project story via text, images, and videos developed by project participants. In 2016, the Ocean Explorer website received more than 14 million visits. Additionally, content on the website is shared via social media outlets such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

Within the next few weeks, Chris will schedule a conference call to discuss these expectations and opportunities. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in Ocean Exploration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan P. Leonardi'.

Alan P. Leonardi, Ph. D.
Director, Office of Ocean Exploration & Research

Attachments