

FAQs – Arctic Infrastructure Construction Advancements

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Would an environmentally friendly de-icing fluid that also lubricates and will spray even at -40°C be something that we should consider proposing?

A de-icing lubrication fluid capable at temperatures as low as -40°C could support Focus Area 2 to support equipment operation in cold conditions.

The Arctic Infrastructure Construction Advancements project has an expiration date of January 13, 2025, but the CRREL CSO has an expiration date of January 31, 2025. Is this a discrepancy? Which date is correct?

This project is considered an Individual Program Requirement (IPR) supported by the ERDC Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) Commercial Solutions Opening. Posted under the authority of the CRREL CSO, the IPR will describe the desired end result, offer additional context for the needs that seek solutions, provide a funding profile, and stipulate a specific due date for solutions. Please use the submission deadline date on the project website posting as the close date.

Are there any budgetary limitations (maximum amount and indirect cost rates) per award?

The funding profile indicates the maximum amount of the overall award possible; however, more than one solution may be chosen so it would be prudent to consider how to package your idea to be competitive: solid idea, priced reasonably. There isn't a limit per se, but rates must reflect reality and will be considered as part of the overall evaluation process.

I noticed that the call for proposals specifies a 12-month timeline for completing Phase II. Could you clarify if this is a strict deadline, or would a 24-month timeline be acceptable for carrying out the work in #1?

ERDC estimates 12 months for delivery of Phase II solutions; however, on a case-by-case basis, proposals with slightly longer Phase II Periods of Performance (POPs) may be considered pending the nature of the scope and anticipated impact of the deliverable.