bottlenose dolphins (Florida Bay Stock) in coastal waters of the middle Florida Keys. The objectives of the research are to estimate the distribution, residency, and movement patterns for bottlenose dolphins in the middle Florida Keys. The LOC expires on February 15, 2024.

File No. 18605–01: Issued to Tara Cox, Ph.D., Savannah State University, P.O. Box 20467, Savannah, GA 31404, on February 14, 2019, extended the expiration date of the LOC for one year. The research includes close approach, photo-identification, behavioral observations, passive acoustics, and focal follows of coastal and offshore bottlenose dolphins, Atlantic and pantropical spotted dolphins, short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), beaked whales (Family Ziphiidae), and Risso's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*) in estuarine and coastal waters of Georgia and South Carolina. The objectives do not change from those previously authorized under LOC No. 18605–01. The LOC was subsequently terminated on May 13, 2019, when a new LOC (File No. 22807) was issued to Dr. Cox.

File No. 22725: Issued to the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network (Responsible Party: Heidi Whitehead), 4700 Avenue U, Galveston, TX 77351, on April 15, 2019, to conduct vessel surveys, observations and photo-identification of bottlenose dolphins in Texas waters. The objectives of the research are to determine abundance estimates, examine habitat-use and site fidelity, document human-related injuries and interactions, and study the behavior ecology of dolphin stocks found in Texas bays, sounds, and estuaries. The LOC expires on April 30, 2024.

File No. 22807: Issued to Tara Cox, Ph.D., Savannah State University, P.O. Box 20467, Savannah, GA 31404, on May 13, 2019, to conduct vessel surveys, behavioral observations, and photo-identification of cetaceans in waters from the Georgia/South Carolina border south to Altamaha Sound. The objectives of the research are to continue a long-term study of the foraging ecology, social structure, and population ecology of bottlenose dolphins in the area. Atlantic spotted dolphins, short-finned pilot whales, beaked whales, and Risso's dolphins will be studied if encountered. The LOC expires on May 31, 2024.

File No. 22820: Issued to Danielle Brown, Rutgers University, 72 Locust Avenue, Neptune City, NJ 07753, on May 30, 2019, to conduct vessel-based surveys of the West Indies Distinct Population segment of humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) for counts, photo-identification, photography, and observation in New Jersey waters. Bottlenose dolphins (Western North Atlantic Northern Migratory Coastal stock) and minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata)* may also be opportunistically encountered. The objectives of the research are to collect spatial and temporal data to understand species distribution, to identify distribution hotspots, and to establish a baseline for humpback whale behavior in the apex of the New York Bight. The LOC expires on May 31, 2024.

File Nos. 18101–04 and 18101–05: Issued to Pacific Whale Foundation (Principal Investigator: Jens Currie), 300 Ma'alaea Road, Suite 211, Wailuku, HI 96793, on June 21, 2019, extended the expiration date of the LOC until August 14, 2019. The LOC was extended for an additional 30 days on August 14, 2019, to expire on September 15, 2019. The objectives do not change from those authorized under LOC No. 18101–03. The research authorizes counts, photo-identification, behavioral observations, focal follows, underwater photography/videography, and photogrammetry of 15 species of cetaceans during vessel line transect surveys within the waters of Maui County, Hawaii. The objectives did not change from those previously authorized. LOC No. 18101–05 was subsequently terminated on August 27, 2019, when amended permit No. 21321–01 was issued to Pacific Whale Foundation (84 FR 48600, September 16, 2019).

File No. 22856: Issued to Patricia Fair, Ph.D., South Carolina Aquarium, 100 Aquarium Wharf, Charleston, SC 29401, on July 22, 2019, to conduct vessel surveys, photo-identification, photogrammetry, and behavioral observations of bottlenose dolphins (Charleston Estuarine System stock). Research will occur in estuarine waters near Charleston, South Carolina, including Charleston Harbor and the Ashley, Cooper, and Wando Rivers. The objective of the research is to assess whether the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project will affect the distribution, abundance and behavior of dolphins in this area. The LOC expires on August 31, 2024.

File No. 19826–04: Issued to Deanna Rees, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Newport, 1176 Howell Street, Newport, RI 02841, on July 30, 2019, to conduct surveys of gray, harbor, and harp seals in the northeast U.S. The amended LOC adds additional UAS surveys, as well as the installation and use of remote cameras for monitoring. The LOC expires on January 31, 2021.

File No. 20377–02: Issued to Wendy Noke Durden, Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, 3830 South Highway A1A #4–181, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951 on August 8, 2019, to conduct behavioral observations, passive acoustic recording, monitoring, photo-identification, photography, and video of bottlenose dolphins during vessel surveys. Research takes place in the inland waters of the Indian River Lagoon estuary to the Intracoastal Waters of the Halifax Rivers estuary. The amended LOC adds UAS as a tool to collect data. The objectives do not change from those previously authorized. The LOC expires on September 1, 2021.

File No. 22813: Issued to Alejandro Acevedo-Gutiérrez, Ph.D., Western Washington University, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225, on August 30, 2019, for observation/monitoring, videography, and scat collection during ground and UAS surveys of harbor seals (Washington Inland Waters stock) within inland waters of Washington State. The LOC expires on August 31, 2024.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: January 28, 2020.

Julia Harrison,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice Reopening the Application Period and Waiving the Electronic Submission Requirement for Certain Applicants Under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Student Support Services (SSS) Program Competition

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary is reopening the FY 2020 SSS Program competition, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 84.042A, for eligible institutions of higher education (IHEs) or combinations of IHEs in the designated counties of the

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico affected by the recent earthquakes, for which the President has issued a disaster declaration. The Secretary takes this action to allow these eligible applicants additional time to submit their applications. This notice also waives the electronic application submission requirement for these eligible applicants.

DATES:

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 18, 2020.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: April 10, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lavelle Wright, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 268–24, Washington, DC 20202–4260. Telephone: (202) 453–7739. Email: *Lavelle.wright@ed.gov.*

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 17, 2019 we published in the **Federal Register** a notice inviting applications for new awards for the FY 2020 SSS Program competition (84 FR 68915). This notice reopens the period for transmittal of applications for all SSS Program applicants that are located in the designated counties of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for which the President has issued a disaster declaration.

Eligibility: The extension of the application deadline date in this notice applies to eligible applicants under the SSS Program, CFDA number 84.042A, that are located in an area for which the President has issued a disaster declaration (see *www.fema.gov/disasters/*) in Puerto Rico (FEMA Disaster designation 4473).

In accordance with the NIA, eligible applicants for this grant competition are IHEs or combinations of IHEs. Note that because ''combinations of IHEs'' are eligible grant applicants for the SSS Program, the extension of the application deadline date applies if any member of the IHE partnership is located in the designated counties of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for which the President has issued a disaster declaration.

All IHEs eligible for the deadline extension must submit an application electronically via *Grants.gov* or via paper to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by 11:59:59 p.m., Eastern time on February 10, 2020.

Note: All information in the original notice inviting applications remains the same, except for the deadline for the transmittal of applications and the waiver of the electronic application submission requirement for eligible applicants, as well as the deadline for intergovernmental review.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a–11 and 20 U.S.C. 1070a–14.

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (*e.g.,* braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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Robert L. King,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Request for Information (RFI) on Prediction of Solar Variability for Better Grid Integration

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) is issuing this request for information (RFI) to solicit feedback from industry, academia, research laboratories, government agencies, and other stakeholders. This RFI will inform SETO's strategic planning on research related to the integration of solar energy resources. Specifically, this RFI will inform SETO's strategies relating to prediction of solar irradiance reaching the surface of the earth, and power output from solar generation plants, using either photovoltaic (PV) or concentrating solar power (CSP) technologies. Improving solar generation prediction will better inform grid operators as they consider the impacts of solar power variability on grid planning and operations technologies, as well as the owners and operators of utility-scale plants and aggregators of distributed PV systems.

DATES: SETO will accept response to the RFI for at least 30 days after February 4, 2020, the date this notice is published.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are to submit comments electronically to: *SETO.RFI.SI@ee.doe.gov.* Include Prediction of Solar Variability for Better Grid Integration, in the subject of the title. Only electronic responses will be accepted. The complete RFI document DE–FOA–0002284 is located at *https://eere-exchange.energy.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions may be addressed to Mr. Tassos Golnas at telephone (202) 287–1793 or by email *SETO.RFI.SI@ee.doe.gov.* Further instructions can be found in the RFI document posted on EERE Exchange.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SETO's systems integration research focuses on enabling effective grid operations with increasing amounts of solar energy and improving system resilience. Topics include dynamic PV inverter models and adaptive distribution protection; grid services from integrating solar with energy storage and other technologies; advanced inverter controls and sensors; and standardized interconnection, interoperability, and cybersecurity for PV. The goal is to advance the understanding and technologies needed to integrate increasing amounts of solar generation into electric transmission and distribution systems in a cost-effective, secure, resilient, and reliable manner. SETO's recent R&D funding includes, but is not limited to, the SETO FY2019 Funding Opportunity,[1] and the Advanced Systems Integration for Solar Technologies (ASSIST),[2] Solar Forecasting 2,[3] and Enabling Extreme Real-Time Grid Integration of Solar

[1] *https://www.energy.gov/eere/solar/funding-opportunity-announcement-solar-energy-technologies-office-fiscal-year-2019.*

[2] *https://www.energy.gov/eere/solar/funding-opportunity-announcement-advanced-systems-integration-solar-technologies-assist.*

[3] *https://www.energy.gov/eere/solar/funding-opportunity-announcement-solar-forecasting-2.*