

(1) Rationality (0–25 Points)

The logic and soundness of the proposer's approach to provide innovations that are relevant to NTIS and other Federal agencies in one or more of the following areas: (a) Using data and data services; (b) sharing and enhancing the usability of data and data services; (c) advancing the analysis and interpretation of data; and (d) developing deep understanding from and new insights into data.

(2) Technical Merit of Contribution (0–35 Points)

The potential technical effectiveness of the proposed capabilities and work and the value it would contribute to the fields of data science, engineering, or best practices relevant to NTIS as described in the General Scope section of this announcement.

(3) Qualifications of Technical Personnel (0–25 Points)

The professional accomplishments, skills, certifications, and training of the personnel proposed to provide the technical capabilities and perform the work proposed in the proposal, including all individuals whose innovative technical capabilities are critical to the development or execution of joint venture projects in a substantive and measurable way as identified in the proposal.

(4) Resources Availability (0–15 Points)

The extent to which the proposer has access to the necessary equipment, tools, and facilities and overall support and resources to accomplish proposed objectives and work jointly with NTIS to accomplish project goals.

Evaluation and Selection Process

All proposals received by the due date set forth in the **DATES** section of this notice will be reviewed to determine whether they are submitted by a for-profit, non-profit, or research performing service organization (eligible), contain all required technical, business and administrative information (complete), and are responsive to this Opportunity Announcement. Proposals determined to be ineligible, incomplete, and/or non-responsive based on the initial screening will be eliminated from further review. However, NTIS, in its sole discretion, may continue the review process for a proposal that is missing non-substantive information that can easily be rectified or cured.

All proposals that are determined to be eligible, complete, and responsive will proceed for full reviews in accordance with the review and selection process set forth below. At

least three (3) objective individuals knowledgeable about the particular technical areas described in the proposal will review the merits of each proposal based on the evaluation criteria. The reviewers may discuss the proposals with each other, but scores will be determined on an individual basis, not as a consensus. NTIS may solicit oral presentations from some or all proposers.

The Selecting Official, who is the NTIS Deputy Director or designee, in consultation with the NTIS Director and the NTIS Oversight Board, will make final proposal selections, taking into consideration the results of the reviewers' evaluations, relevance to the scope and objectives described in this Opportunity Announcement, the distribution of proposals across technical areas, and the distribution of proposers among large, medium and small organizations. The NTIS Oversight Board is a group of senior Department of Commerce executives, appointed by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, to guide the evolution of NTIS toward a focus on the Department of Commerce's data mission and transition away from services not aligned with the Department's and/or Federal data priorities. For proposals from international organizations, NIST will follow applicable U.S. laws and policies.

Notification of Results

Unsuccessful proposers will be notified in writing. Proposers whose proposals are selected will be notified and will be provided with the standard NTIS Joint Venture Partnership agreement for execution. Each Joint Venture Partnership agreement entered into between a selected proposer and NTIS will incorporate the selected proposer's proposal by reference. NTIS will not be responsible for any costs incurred by any proposer prior to execution of a Joint Venture Partnership agreement.

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**Office of Federal Sustainability Employee Charging Guidance**

AGENCY: Council on Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Notice of availability, *Guidance for Federal Agency Implementation of Workplace Charging Pursuant to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act: Level 1 Charging Receptacles.*

SUMMARY: The Office of Federal Sustainability Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has issued to Federal agency Chief Sustainability Officers *Guidance for Federal Agency Implementation of Workplace Charging Pursuant to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act: Level 1 Charging Receptacles.* The guidance outlines how Federal agencies can take advantage of workplace charging opportunities under the FAST Act, and provides an approach for a uniform fee for Level 1 charging receptacles (*i.e.* wall outlets) for the purposes of seeking reimbursement under the FAST Act. The document also describes how Federal agency Chief Sustainability Officers should coordinate with Federal agency fleet managers to report annually on the implementation of workplace charging in the Federal Automotive Statistical Tool (FAST).

DATES: The guidance is effective June 15, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The *Guidance for Federal Agency Implementation of Workplace Charging Pursuant to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act: Level 1 Charging Receptacles* is available at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/sustainability>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This guidance document applies only to Federal agency buildings not under the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the General Services Administration. Agencies are expected to follow the *Guidance for Federal Agency Implementation of Workplace Charging Pursuant to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act: Level 1 Charging Receptacles* as part of their compliance with E.O. 13693.

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