

# FAQS – Civil Works CSO

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**The Civil Works CSO seems to be part of the Civil Works R&D Collider and as a separate solicitation. Are there one or two opportunity sets?**

There are three opportunities. The Collider houses basic and applied research opportunities as well as some specific CSO opportunities. The Collider opportunities close for submission on June 26, 2023. The Civil Works CSO is a continuous open announcement and supports broader topics to which industry and academia can submit through May 22, 2024. The CSO as part of the Collider is supported by the broader Civil Works CSO solicitation.

**Under the Civil Works CSO, when can we expect to be able to submit a solution for the Ecosystems: Sustainable Species Management strategic focus area?**

No timeframe has been established at this time. Please keep in mind this opportunity is open through May 22, 2024.

**What is the Civil Works funding amount? How will the funding be allocated?**

ERDC anticipates awarding up to \$20,000,000 in new partnerships during FY 2024 under this announcement. Proposals with a multi-year scope that address current and follow-on opportunities, up to five years in duration, are desired. Individual awards of up to \$500,000 per year are anticipated. To be allowable under federal awards, costs must be reasonable, allocable, and necessary to the project, and they must also comply with the funding statute and agency requirements.

**As a Lawful Permanent Resident of United States and a citizen of Iran, can I serve as the lead PI of the project?**

The work to be performed in response to this announcement is fundamental research. Therefore, there are no restrictions on participation.

**Is there a limit on the amount of IDC that can be charged?**

There are no limits. Regulations require payment of federally negotiated rates.

**Does the CV of the PI counts towards the five pages limit of the pre-proposal?**

Yes.

**Can R&D proposals be submitted to the Civil Works CSO?**

Under this CSO, all products, technologies, and services shall be treated as commercial items; products, technologies, and services do not have to be “commercially available” to be submitted in response to this solicitation. If the solution meets the requirements of the regulation, the solution is treated as commercial whereby the Contracting Officer will utilize commercial procedures to develop and execute the resultant award.

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**Can you please clarify what analytics you're looking to perform on the structured/unstructured data mentioned in the Civil Works CSO AI, Robotics and Data Area of Interest?**

The idea is to collect, harvest and mine structured and unstructured data from everywhere using IoT (autonomous and real-time), from sensors, edge devices, big databases and—even observations, for example. Then the data has to be curated and standardized to get it in a format for data analytics. The analytics can be for trend analysis, predictive analysis, or prescriptive analysis for any of the domains across all the SFAs.