



IRST RFP Update

Adaptive Management
Program Committee Meeting
28 January 2026

RFP process in rules

- (6) Step 4: The IRST shall implement the research agenda approved by the board pursuant to subsection (5)(d) of this rule.
- (a) No later than November 1 of odd-numbered years, the IRST shall develop an annual work plan to implement the research agenda approved by the board in subsection (5)(d) of this rule.
- (b) The IRST shall develop request for proposals (RFP) in **an open, competitive process** for research projects in the research agenda. **The RFP shall include:**
 - (A) Research project objectives, deliverables, and deadlines;
 - (B) A statement of work;
 - (C) The level of rigor needed for successful research project completion;
 - (D) The required expertise and capacity of proposers;
 - (E) The data as a deliverable;
 - (F) The expectations for a detailed final report;
 - (G) An after-action review meeting between the IRST and the contractor and other cooperators; and,
 - (H) Other RFP elements required by the IRST Housing Agency specified in OAR 629-603-0450.

RFP process in rule (continued)

(c) RFPs may include requirements for

- (A) Contractor and other cooperator **presentations** to the AMPC, the board, or other entities as appropriate.
- (B) **A summary report.** If the contractor and other cooperators are required to produce a summary report for the agreement, it must contain the elements listed in section (6)(g) of this rule.

(d) The RFP announcement and award process shall follow procedures of the IRST Housing Agency, with the IRST selecting the RFP successful proposer.

(e) If an IRST member applies for an RFP, the IRST shall ensure RFP selections follow conflict of interest standards as established by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

(f) The IRST shall develop and manage agreements for RFP successful proposer.

RFP process in rule (continued)

(g) If the agreement in subsection (6)(f) of this rule did not require development of a summary report, the IRST shall complete the summary report within 90 days of receiving the contractor and other cooperator's detailed final report in paragraph (6)(b)(F) of this rule. **The summary report shall be written for a lay audience and include:**

(A) Methods sufficient to allow others to understand what was done and to evaluate the results and conclusions;

(B) A detailed description of the results; and

(C) Discussion and conclusions about:

(i) **Effectiveness:** In studies examining alternative prescriptions, the likely effectiveness of each prescription shall be reported.

(ii) **Causal links:** An assessment of how the results of relevant new research findings developed by the IRST or through outside research clarify or support causal links between forest practices and aquatic resources, and implications regarding how well forest practice rules or rule sets are likely to address these linkages.

(iii) **Magnitude of impact:** An assessment of the magnitude of impact on covered species or biological goals and objectives on a sliding scale.

(iv) **Timescale** of effects observed, and the immediacy of likely changes in the environment.

(v) **Scope of inference.**

(vi) **Scientific uncertainty versus confidence:** An assessment of the scientific uncertainty and confidence in the results.

RFP Solicitation & Selection

Planning

- Identify need (AMPC) ✓
- Scoping proposal development ✓
- Research agenda (AMPC) ✓
- Scoring criteria and process review ✓
- Draft RFP webpage

Drafting RFP

- Meet requirements in rule ✓
- Introduction and statement of purpose
- Background
- Scope of work
- Budget
- Project schedule
- RFP timeline and review process
- Requirements of proposals

Issuing RFP

- Distribute widely
- Coordinate responses and answer questions
- Receive proposals

Reviewing Proposals

- Identify reviewers
- Coordinate review
- Score proposals
- Full IRST review and discussion
- Finalist(s) selected

Awarding Project(s)

- Notification of award to finalist(s)
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Timelines

Category <input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVITY		<input type="checkbox"/> Who	<input type="checkbox"/> Start Date	<input type="checkbox"/> End Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Feb-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Mar-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Apr-26	<input type="checkbox"/> May-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Jun-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Jul-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Aug-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Oct-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Dec-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Jan-27	<input type="checkbox"/> Feb-27	<input type="checkbox"/> Mar-27
						5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Meetings	IRST meetings	IRST				22-Jan-26	12-Feb-26	19-Mar-26	13-Apr-26	21-May-26	11-Jun-26	16-Jul-26	27-Aug-26	17-Sep-26	15-Oct-26	12-Nov-26	17-Dec-26			
Amphibians	Questions 1-2 finalized	IRST	20-Nov-25	20-Nov-25	0															
Amphibians	Literature review	IRST / INR	27-Nov-25	19-Feb-26	12															
Amphibians	Research options	IRST / INR	19-Feb-26	14-May-26	12															
Amphibians	Scoping Proposal due	IRST	20-Jun-26	20-Jun-26	0															
Amphibians	AMPC review/response/finalization	AMPC/IRST	20-Jun-26	12-Sep-26	12															
Amphibians	Board of Forestry review	BoF																		
Amphibians	RFP development	IRST / INR	12-Sep-26	5-Dec-26	12															
Amphibians	Announcement, Q&A	IRST / INR	5-Dec-26	2-Jan-27	4															
Amphibians	Prepare & submit proposals	Contractor	2-Jan-27	30-Jan-27	4															
Amphibians	Review, Selection, & Notification	IRST / INR	30-Jan-27	27-Mar-27	8															
Amphibians	Award Process	IRST / INR	27-Mar-27	8-May-27	6															
Amphibians	Project Implementation	Contractor	8-May-27	6-May-28	52															
Slopes	RFP development	IRST / INR	22-Jan-26	12-Feb-26	3															
Slopes	Announcement, Q&A	IRST / INR	12-Feb-26	26-Feb-26	2															
Slopes	Prepare & submit proposals	Contractor	26-Feb-26	12-Mar-26	2															
Slopes	Review, Selection, & Notification	IRST / INR	12-Mar-26	2-Apr-26	3															
Slopes	Award Process	INR	2-Apr-26	7-May-26	5															
Slopes	Project Implementation	Contractor	7-May-26	17-Sep-26	19															
Slopes	Reporting & Closeout	IRST / INR	17-Sep-26	19-Nov-26	9															
RoadsPs1	RFP development	IRST / INR	22-Jan-26	19-Mar-26	8															
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RoadsPs1	Prepare & submit proposals	Contractor	16-Apr-26	4-Jun-26	7															
RoadsPs1	Review, Selection, & Notification	IRST / INR	4-Jun-26	16-Jul-26	6															
RoadsPs1	Award Process	INR	16-Jul-26	13-Aug-26	4															
RoadsPs1	Project Implementation	Contractor	13-Aug-26	22-Apr-27	36															
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RoadsPs2	Reporting & Closeout	IRST / INR	23-Sep-27	25-Nov-27	9															
RoadsSurvey	Project Implementation	Contractor	25-Nov-27	12-Apr-29	72															
RoadsSurvey	Reporting & Closeout	IRST / INR	12-Apr-29	14-Jun-29	9															

Expenditures

Biennium Year Quarter	2025-2027 Biennium						2027-2029 Biennium									
	2026				2027		2028				2029					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Eastern Oregon Mass Wasting		\$24,000	\$50,000	\$10,000												
RSHC Presurvey Projects			\$4,000		\$70,000	\$10,000		\$10,000								
RSHC Field Survey 1 Stratum, same RFP as Presurvey Projects								\$87,000	\$261,000	\$261,000	\$261,000	\$261,000	\$261,000	\$10,000		
RSHC Field Survey, all 4 Strata, separate RFP from Presurvey Projects									\$4,000	\$771,000	\$771,000	\$771,000	\$771,000	\$771,000	\$771,000	\$771,000
RSHC Field Survey, all 4 strata, same RFP as Presurvey Projects																
Amphibians								\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000			