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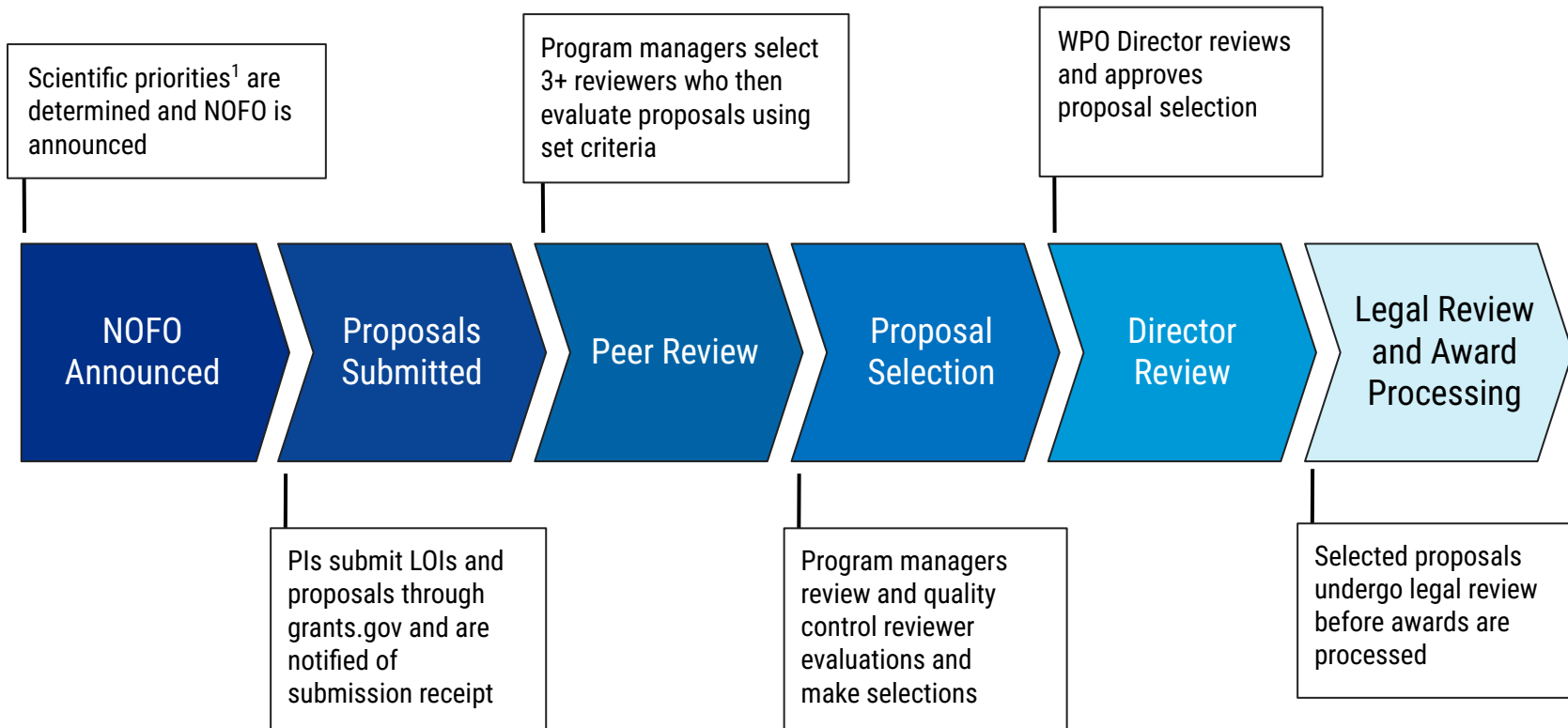
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Award Process

A Guide to Understanding the Weather Program Office NOFO



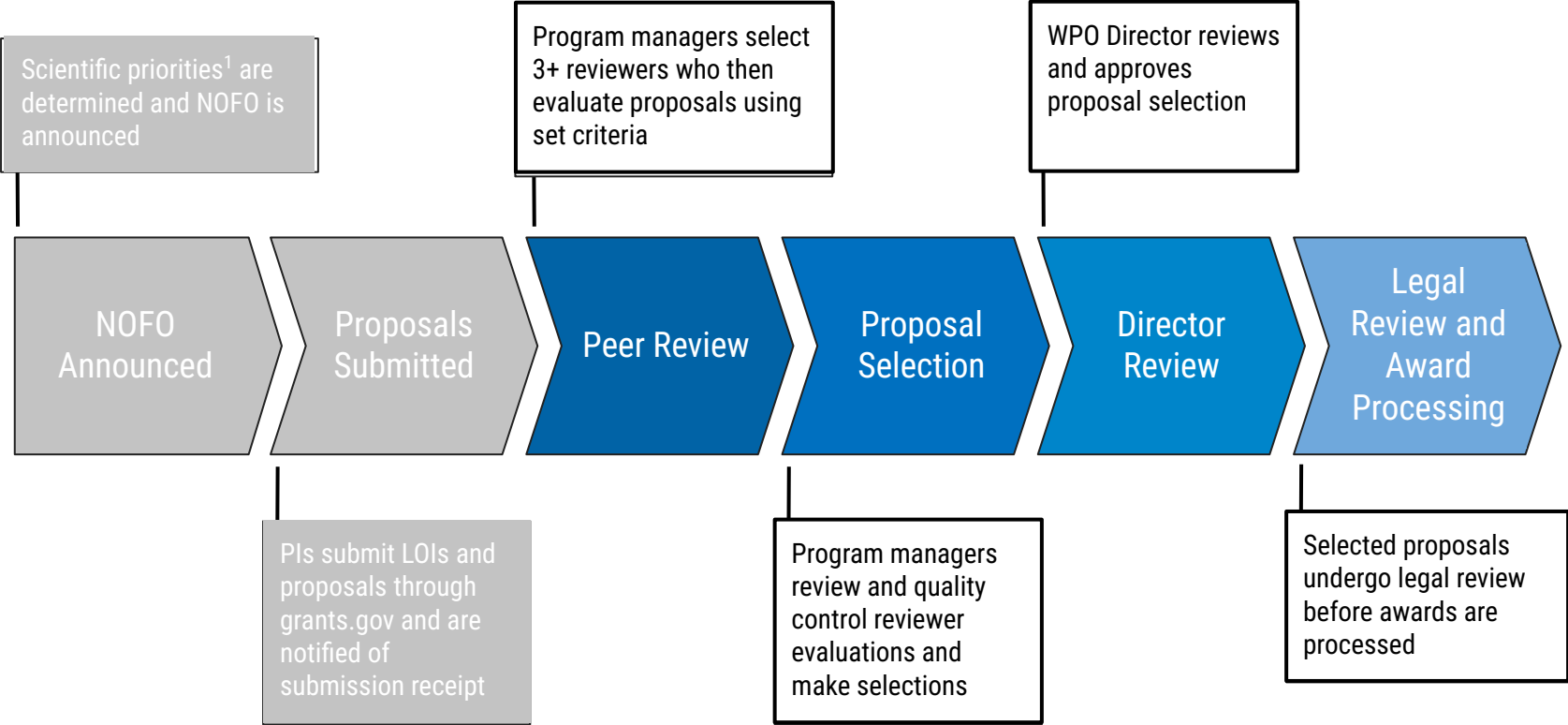
¹WPO program managers work with policy team, partners and stakeholders, and scientific community to develop scientific priorities for each competition within a NOFO.

WPO NOFO PROCESS SUMMARY



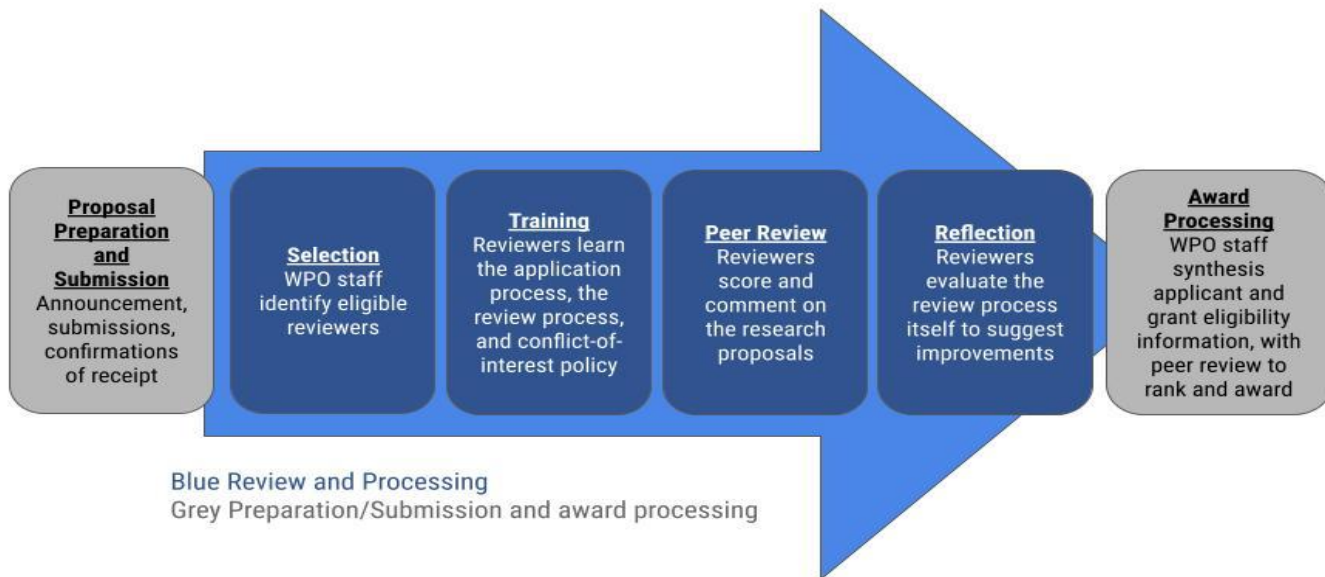


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GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEWERS

- Each Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that the Weather Program Office (WPO) publishes requires a thorough peer review. If you would like to serve as a reviewer, please fill out the [Reviewer Application Form](#) and submit your resume to info.wpo@noaa.gov.



Reviewer Application Form URL:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScedAuB1QQBS9gWDsp8eqjw1XafjS6h16qCcQy50d_qPvqQ/viewform



NOFO PEER REVIEW

Each application meeting minimum requirements is reviewed against all other proposals submitted to the competition.

Reviews are conducted by a panel of at least three peers, whose scores are averaged. Reviews will be quality controlled for equity and impartiality.



Note: Proposals may be selected out of rank order depending on funding availability and program priorities.

1 **Relevance to Program Goals (30 pts)**

2 **Scientific & Technical Merit (30 pts)**

3 **Qualifications of Applicants (14 pts)**

4 **Project Cost (10 pts)**

5 **Education & Outreach (8 pts)**



AWARD REVIEW and PROCESSING

- After peer review, the WPO director reviews and approves final list of proposals.
- Selected proposals go through legal review by the Federal Assistance Law Division (FALD).
- Awards are processed by the NOAA Acquisitions and Grants Office (AGO) and distributed by the Grants Management Division (GMD) to recipients.
- Competition Managers will continue to work with recipients throughout the life-cycle of the grant.





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For information about the review process see the following presentations



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