



NOAA Weather Program Office Newsletter

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Letter from Director - Dorothy Koch

I am proud to share with you some end of FY23 news, funding actions and opportunities and highlights from our outstanding team in WPO. With mixed feelings, I also share the news that I will be bidding a fond farewell to WPO and NOAA, as I transfer later this month to the Department of Energy, to be Associate Director of the Office of Biological and Environmental Research.

It has been a delight working with WPO for the past 3 years, we have come a long way building a robust office structure, hiring new staff, publishing a new strategic plan, while never letting up on meeting the mission.

WPO welcomes Ray Tanabe, NWS' Pacific Region Director, Meet our Staff to serve as Acting WPO Director as a search for a permanent replacement commences.

I have no doubt that WPO will continue to excel, thrive and serve the weather research needs of the Nation.

Warm regards,
Dorothy

Meet our Staff



WPO Awards \$13.5M in FY23

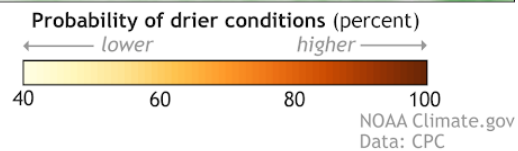
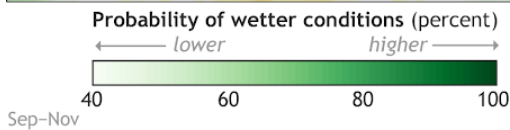
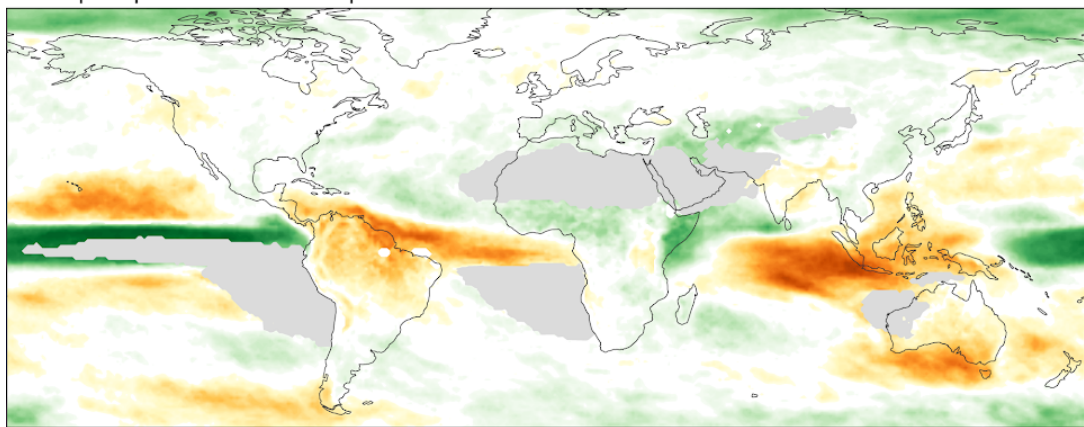
The NOAA Weather Program Office (WPO) is proud to announce the awards for the FY23 Notice of Funding Opportunity. The four grant competitions valued at \$13.5M are funding 37 new projects with 77 Institutions.

FY24 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

The FY24 NOFO for the NOAA Weather Program Office is open. This year's NOFO will fund approximately 3-6 new projects totaling up to \$2 million per year through the Climate Test Bed and Fire Weather competitions.

WPO News

NMME precipitation forecast September–November 2023



[Biden-Harris Administration Announces up to \\$7 Million Through investing in America Agenda](#)

The WPO Data Assimilation (DA) Consortium announced by the President and NOAA is soliciting proposals until 5:00 pm Eastern Time (ET) October 13, 2023. The new funding will aid in the strategic partnership between NOAA and the broader weather enterprise to develop the Unified Forecast System (UFS).

Data assimilation advancements are crucial for improving our forecasts because they ensure that the forecast models start with the most accurate and best-understood initial state of the planet.

If you are planning to submit a proposal for the DA Consortium, be sure to check out these additional [FAQs](#) about the competition.



[WPO Helps NOAA Fly into the 2024 Guinness World Records Book](#)

WPO contributes to NOAA's history as two projects funded by the WPO Observations Program are supporting NOAA's hurricane observing mission, which is being recognized in the 2024 Guinness World Records Book. The mission by NOAA and partners set two new world records: 1) longest endurance flight inside a tropical cyclone by an uncrewed aircraft (Altius-600), and 2) highest wind speed recorded by an uncrewed surface vehicle (Saildrone).



EPIC and UFS Debut First Newsletter

The Earth Prediction Innovation Center (EPIC) has combined efforts with the UFS Communications & Outreach team to produce the first issue of the UFS community newsletter. The Quarterly Newsletter will keep you updated on the latest progress, collaborations, and community contributions with the UFS in [Issue 1, October 2023](#).

Upcoming Events:

AGU Fall Meeting - December 11 - 15, 2023

AMS Annual Meeting - January 28 - February 1, 2024

Check out our *updated NOAA WPO logo for apparel



