



Upon internal review, we will be adjusting our interviews and selection timeline. Please, see the end of this FAQ.

1. Why do we have two deadlines for submissions?

The deadline for submissions is December 22nd, 2025, by or before 5 PM.

2. What are the specific roles of the Stone Living Lab, CSIOBS, and BPS in the development of the curriculum and oversight of the project? Who is involved in direct oversight of this project on a day-to-day level?

Cathleen Stone Island Outward Bound School is the lead on this project. Joey Pellegrino and Tolu Oladele are co-leaders of the project. Awarded recipients should expect to work in collaboration with CSIOBS, Stone Living Lab, and BPS in the creation of the learning sequence.

CSIOBS worked closely with Stone Living Lab to implement Nature based Approaches (NbA) on Cathleen Stone Island including a Living Seawall, intertidal boulder field, and expansion of climate change observation sites to combat the effects of sea level rise and coastal erosion on the island.

We have a strong working relationship with BPS and continue to have guidance from former and previous staff members throughout this process.

3. What are the expectations of the Staffing Plan?

The proposal should address a strategy to guide CSIOBS on a staffing plan which will be a final deliverable to implement the curriculum.

4. To what extent is BPS already on board with this plan? Have they already committed staff time to training and in-class time to the classroom components of the delivery?

We have a 50-year working relationship with BPS that includes teachers, facilitators, principals, and support administrators across the organization. We have existing partnerships with 11 current schools and plan on growing that number in line with BPS planned phasing out of the Middle School grades.

5. When would this be piloted? The timeline (page 12) says that the "pilot curriculum" is due in July. Does that mean portions will be piloted in the summer, or would it be piloted during the next school year?

We plan to pilot the lesson plans for School Year 26 – 27 (September 2026 – June 2027). If you believe that you would need more time to deliver the pilot (January 2027) then please provide rationale in your proposal.

6. Given the proposed timeline, to what extent would the partnership be expected to take on some of these responsibilities, or will the awardee be solely responsible for all these components?

CSIOBS advises that the awardee prepares a plan to solely address the components of this RFP.

7. When do you envision professional development and onboarding?

The proposal should address a timeline in which to offer professional development and onboarding.

8. Are CSIOBS and SLL soliciting a proposed curriculum design vision from awardees or soliciting writers who will work in partnership to bring life a vision they already have?



CATHLEEN STONE ISLAND OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL

CSIOBS is exploring all the different ways in which to engage students and would like the awardee to bring innovative ideas into the design vision that could complement their current vision.

9. Have the Scientists, Indigenous Partners, Parks Staff, and BPS personnel already been identified or is that one of the responsibilities of the awardee?

CSIOBS has a strong relationship with Stone Living Lab and UMass Boston which includes scientists and staff from DCR and NPS. Indigenous partners are also involved with the Lab and are coordinating independently of this RFP.

10. Given that this is an extensive ask given the proposed timeline, to what extent would the partnership be expected to take on some of these responsibilities, or will the awardee be solely responsible for all these components?

Please refer to question 6 of the FAQ.

Update to Timeline:

Given the Holiday schedule we've adjusted our timeline. Our deadline for proposals has not changed and will still be Friday, December 22nd, 2025 at or before 5 PM.

Timeline

- **RFP Release:** November 3, 2025 (Completed)
- **Deadline for Questions/Clarification of RFP:** November 24, 2025 (Completed)
- **Responses to Questions and other materials will be emailed:** December 15, 2025 (Completed)
- **Proposal Submission Deadline:** December 22, 2025
(*Note: CSIOBS' Holiday Break – December 23, 2025 to January 5, 2026*)
- **Interviews Conducted for Finalists:** January 20 - January 23, 2026*
- **Selection of Awardee:** January 30, 2026*
- **Project Start:** February 17, 2026*
- **Pilot Curriculum Due:** July 2026 or your proposed date*
- **Final Curriculum Delivery:** August 2026 or your proposed date*

*Dates have been amended from the original RFP release on November 3rd, 2025.