

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)
ONR RFI Announcement # N00014-18-RFI-0001
Title: U.S. Naval Journal of Undersea Research

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II. BACKGROUND

The requirement is to publish a scholarly journal called the U.S. Navy Journal of Undersea Research. It has been continuously published since 1954, and it presents classified peer-reviewed articles that cannot be published in the open scientific literature. It offers an alternative forum for scientists and engineers to disseminate high quality, classified work to a wide audience of their peers. The topics presented in the journal include advancements in torpedo design, mine warfare, underwater sensor design, signal processing, underwater sound control, propeller system design, underwater sound propagation, underwater noise studies, and others. Four journals are published each year.

III. SPECIFIC INFORMATION OF INTEREST

The Office of Naval Research seeks information from potential performers. The following requirements must be met in order to be considered for award:

- The ability to store and process classified information up to the Genser Secret-level. All staff contributing to the project must have Secret-level security clearances.
- The performer must have immediate access to subject matter experts in the topics described in Section II of this RFI. They must have technical experience as well as experience resolving questions regarding appropriate security classification of submitted articles.
- The ability to publish four issues per year. On the average, each issue contains ten articles roughly 20 pages long. Special issues may publish more than ten articles.
- The performer must have easy access to SIPRNET and access to classified databases.
- The performer must have the ability to host and publish an unclassified website with information about the journal.
- The performer will prepare and distribute roughly 200 CD's per issue.
- The journal will be produced with the capability of electronic access and dissemination.
- The editor shall proactively reach out to the Navy community to increase the number of subscribers and publish new technology areas in future issues.

- The editor is responsible for planning issue contents, seeking guest editors for special issues, and sending manuscripts out for peer review by subject matter experts.

IV. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Responses are requested by close of business on Friday, January 12, 2018. Any response received after this date will also be considered, but may not be included in initial reporting or assessments.
2. All responses should be in PDF format and emailed to Dr. John Tague, whose email address is john.a.tague@navy.mil. Its subject line should read, “RFI: U.S. Naval Journal of Undersea Research”.
3. All responses must be unclassified. All information received that is marked proprietary will be handled accordingly.
4. Responses to this notice will not be returned.
5. Responses should not exceed three pages and should be typed in 12-point Times New Roman font, single spaced, with one inch margins.
6. We suggest the following format:
 - Provide a cover sheet with RFI number and your corporate information, including your technical point of contact, with printed name, title, email address and response date.
 - Describe your capabilities and a summary of how you plan to meet the requirements.

V. QUESTIONS AND POINT OF CONTACT

Questions of a technical nature regarding this RFI may be sent to the following Technical Point of Contact:

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