

**AMENDED NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR
Center of Excellence in Climate Measurements (CECM) Program
AMENDMENT 1
March 8, 2024**

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is announcing an amendment to its Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Number 2024-NIST-CECM-01, dated January 30, 2024, which solicits competitive proposals for the Center of Excellence in Climate Measurements (CECM) Program.

NIST is issuing this amendment (Amendment 1) to make updates to the NOFO Number 2024-NIST-CECM-01, as described below. This Amendment will be in effect for the Center in Excellence in Climate Measurements (CECM) Program until either a new NOFO or subsequent amendments are published on Grants.gov.

Update	Section	What does the revision do?	References to the full text of revisions are noted and brief text changes are quoted.
1	V.3.b. (1) Merit Review	Revision changes the merit review output from numerical average scoring to adjectival ratings.	Current text <i>“Based on the numerical average of the reviewers’ scores, a rank order will be prepared and provided to the Selecting Official for further consideration.”</i> Revised text <i>“Based on the numerical average of the reviewers’ scores, applications will be assigned adjectival ratings in accordance with the following scale:</i> <i>Outstanding (85-100 points); Good (75-84 points); Average (70-74 points); and Below Average (0-69 points).</i> <i>For selection purposes, applications receiving the same adjectival rating will be considered to have an equivalent ranking, although their technical review scores may not necessarily be the same.”</i>

2	V.3.b.(2) Selection	Revision changes the Selecting Official from Associate Director for Laboratory Programs to Director of the Program Coordination Office.	Current text <i>“The Selecting Official, the Associate Director for Laboratory Programs or designee, will make final award recommendations to the NIST Grants Officer.”</i> Revised text <i>“The Selecting Official, Director of the Program Coordination Office or designee, will make final award recommendations to the NIST Grants Officer.”</i>
3	V.3.b.(2) Selection	Revision changes the selection basis from rank order to adjectival ratings.	Current text <i>“The Selecting Official shall generally select and recommend the most meritorious application for an award based upon the rank order of the applications.”</i> Revised text <i>“The Selecting Official shall generally select and recommend the most meritorious application for an award based upon the adjectival ratings of the applications.”</i>