

October 3, 2025
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/INFORMATION

Solicitation Number: **RFQ-2520**
ADDENDUM NO. 1
Clarifications

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ACCELERATING OCEAN TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION IN SOUTHEASTERN NEW
ENGLAND

The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (“Corporation”), as the administrative and fiscal agent for the Ocean Tech Hub (“OTH”), seeks information and qualification details from entities to support and accelerate the commercialization of ocean technologies, with a focus on innovations at the Technology-Readiness Levels (“TRL”) 6 to 9.

The following links are added as substantive background information to the RFQ:

[Economic Development Administration Tech Hubs Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
(NOFO) (PDF)

[September 2025 Ocean Tech Hub Meeting/Business Needs Assessment Powerpoint](#)
(PPT)

[One-page overview of NOFO and Business Needs Assessment](#) (PDF)

The following evaluation rubric is added to the RFQ to guide RFQ respondents:

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Organization:

Reviewer:

For each evaluation metric below, enter a score between 1 - 5

(1 = poor, 5 = excellent).

SCORE

QUALITY OF SUBMISSION	
Goals: Does the submission align with the OTH's goals as listed in the RFQ?	
Gaps: Does the submission provide an innovative solution to the gaps identified in the current landscape and listed in the RFQ?	
Clarity and Completeness: Does the submission clearly describe the opportunity, scope of work, and its alignment to OTH's goals?	
TRL 6-9 Advancement: Does the submission clearly address commercialization goals of ocean technology in the technology readiness levels 6-9?	
TOTAL QUALITY OF SUBMISSION (20 Possible)	0

FEASIBILITY OF SOLUTION	
Technical Feasibility: Is the proposed project realistic given current technology maturity and infrastructure needs?	
Timeline: Can the project be initiated quickly and show meaningful outcomes within the 4-5 year grant period?	
Risk Awareness: Does the proposal acknowledge risks (technical, regulatory, permitting, workforce) and propose mitigation strategies?	
Evidence Base: Does the submission provide proof points that the project will succeed? Does it suggest data sources that can be used for the full proposal if selected?	
Industry Need: Does the project described identify and address a specified industry need? Has the industry provided support for the solution?	
TOTAL FEASIBILITY OF SOLUTION (25 Possible)	0

***End of Addendum ***