

# Document 2a

*For the 11 December 2025 IRST meeting*

## Rules (step 4) for RFPs - [629-603-0200\(6\)](#)

(6) Step 4: The IRST shall implement the research agenda approved by the board pursuant to subsection (5)(d) of this rule.

(a) No later than November 1 of odd-numbered years, the IRST shall develop an annual work plan to implement the research agenda approved by the board in subsection (5)(d) of this rule.

(b) The IRST shall develop request for proposals (RFP) in an open, competitive process for research projects in the research agenda. The RFP shall include:

(A) Research project objectives, deliverables, and deadlines;

(B) A statement of work;

(C) The level of rigor needed for successful research project completion;

(D) The required expertise and capacity of proposers;

(E) The data as a deliverable;

(F) The expectations for a detailed final report;

(G) An after-action review meeting between the IRST and the contractor and other cooperators; and,

(H) Other RFP elements required by the IRST Housing Agency specified in OAR 629-603-0450.

(c) RFPs may include requirements for:

(A) Contractor and other cooperator presentations to the AMPC, the board, or other entities as appropriate.

(B) A summary report. If the contractor and other cooperators are required to produce a summary report for the agreement, it must contain the elements listed in section (6)(g) of this rule.

(d) The RFP announcement and award process shall follow procedures of the IRST Housing Agency, with the IRST selecting the RFP successful proposer.

(e) If an IRST member applies for an RFP, the IRST shall ensure RFP selections follow conflict of interest standards as established by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

(f) The IRST shall develop and manage agreements for RFP successful proposer.

(g) If the agreement in subsection (6)(f) of this rule did not require development of a summary report, the IRST shall complete the summary report within 90 days of receiving the contractor and other cooperator's detailed final report in paragraph (6)(b)(F) of this rule. The summary report shall be written for a lay audience and include:

(A) Methods sufficient to allow others to understand what was done and to evaluate the results and conclusions;

(B) A detailed description of the results; and

(C) Discussion and conclusions about:

(i) Effectiveness: In studies examining alternative prescriptions, the likely effectiveness of each prescription shall be reported.

(ii) Causal links: An assessment of how the results of relevant new research findings developed by the IRST or through outside research clarify or support causal links between forest practices and aquatic resources, and implications regarding how well forest practice rules or rule sets are likely to address these linkages.

(iii) Magnitude of impact: An assessment of the magnitude of impact on covered species or biological goals and objectives on a sliding scale.

(iv) Timescale of effects observed, and the immediacy of likely changes in the environment.

(v) Scope of inference.

(vi) Scientific uncertainty versus confidence: An assessment of the scientific uncertainty and confidence in the results.