

Maryland Federal Facilities Profile

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)



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Director: Dr. Kathryn Sullivan

Department: Department of Commerce (DOC)

Maryland Employees: 2,913

Procurement Contracts in 2015:

- \$1,494,440,252 US Total
- \$60,249,716 Performed in Maryland

History & Mission: NOAA's roots date back to 1807, when the United States' first scientific agency, the Survey of the Coast, was established. The Weather Bureau was formed in 1870, and the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in 1871. In 1956, the National Weather Bureau, then part of the Environmental Science Services Administration (ESSA), established its communications center in the Suitland Federal Center. In 1965, ESSA became part of the Department of Commerce, incorporating the Weather Bureau and several other agencies; ESSA became NOAA in 1970. Home of NOAA headquarters since 1993, the NOAA Silver Spring Metro Center consists of four buildings, a science center and an auditorium.

NOAA's dedicated scientists use cutting-edge research and high-tech instrumentation to predict changes in the oceanic and atmospheric environments and living marine resources, and to provide related data, information, and services to the public, industry, the research community, and other government agencies. These efforts range from warnings of severe events on short time-scales to information on climate shifts over decades or more.

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in Earth's environment and conserve and manage coastal and marine resources to meet our nation's economic, social, and environmental needs. An international leader on scientific and environmental matters, NOAA envisions an informed society that uses a comprehensive understanding of the role of the oceans, coasts, and atmosphere in the global ecosystem to make the best social and economic decisions.

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Divisions

National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Services (NESDIS) (Montgomery County)

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) (Montgomery County)

Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO) (Montgomery County)

National Ocean Services (NOS) (Montgomery County)

National Weather Service (NWS) (Montgomery County)

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) (Montgomery County)

Cooperative Oxford Laboratory (Talbot County)

NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office (NCBO) (Anne Arundel County)

NOAA Satellite Operations Facility (NSOF) (Prince George's County) (Prince George's County)*

NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction (NCWCP)*

*Separate Profile Available

Resources

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[Technology Transfer Program](#)

[Small Business Research Program](#)

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[National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service \(NESDIS\)](#)

NESDIS is dedicated to providing timely access to global environmental data from satellites and other sources to promote, protect and enhance the Nation's economy, security, environment and quality of life.

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[National Marine Fisheries Service \(NMFS\)](#)

NOAA Fisheries is responsible for the stewardship of the nation's ocean resources and their habitat. We provide vital services for the nation: productive and sustainable fisheries, safe sources of seafood, the recovery and conservation of protected resources, and healthy ecosystems—all backed by sound science and an ecosystem-based approach to management.

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[National Ocean Service \(NOS\)](#)

The mission is to provide science-based solutions through collaborative partnerships to address evolving economic, environmental, and social pressures on our ocean and coasts.

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National Weather Service (NWS)

The mission is to provide weather, water, and climate data, forecasts and warnings for the protection of life and property and enhancement of the national economy.

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Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR)

NOAA Research enables better forecasts, earlier warnings for natural disasters, and a greater understanding of the Earth. Our role is to provide unbiased science to better manage the environment, nationally, and globally.

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Cooperative Oxford Laboratory

The Cooperative Oxford Laboratory brings together the combined missions and resources of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, NOAA and USCG in assessing the trends and factors affecting the ecosystem health of Chesapeake Bay. The laboratory, administered by NOS, and its research programs operate as an integrated Division of CCEHBR with research facilities in Charleston, SC and Oxford, providing a greater diversity of scientific expertise. Oxford researchers collaborate with scientists nationally and internationally to improve the understanding of aquatic animal health and to develop ecosystem-based management strategies to prevent and mitigate diseases in fish and shellfish.

Maryland Employees: 40

Divisions: Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
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Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO)

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO) manages and operates NOAA's fleet of ships and aircraft.

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