

The National Sea Grant Office has contracted 2020 Company, LLC to collect requirements for a new national information system. With the assistance of the Sea Grant Association's Network Advisory Council (NAC), 2020 Company will gather requirements, analyze the gaps between the current system and the new requirements, and provide options for implementing the updated or new system.

To support this effort, the NSGO and 2020 ask that you complete the following questions and submit them to your respective network chair. The NAC Chair (Diana Payne) will then send a compiled response to Amy Painter **no later than COB Thursday, July 23nd**.

As you respond to the questions below, please keep in mind that we would like to gather all requirements, including "wish list" items. Requests will be prioritized based on estimated cost and level of priority. Some requests that remain on the "wish list" may be revisited at a later date.

Following an internal review of all responses, 2020 will hold a network focus group session with the network chairs (designee) to review the responses and gather more information the week of July 27th. We ask that each network chair or designee is familiar with their group's requests and requirements for this teleconference meeting.

Directions: When responding to the questions below, please keep in mind that we are looking for high-level requirements as opposed to detailed requirements. For example, "I need a report that allows me to view funding amounts for multiple projects in a given year, focus/topical area, or state/region." At this point, we are not looking for specific fields, colors, layout, or design.

1. What new functionality would you like to see in a new national information system that does not currently exist in NIMS? *Please use this question to provide us with any ideas you may have, even if they seem impractical or impossible.*
2. What kind of reports would you like to see available in a new national information system?
3. Are there other systems that you and your team regularly interface with that you would like to see integrated into a new national information system? (Alternately, are there other systems that a new national information system might be modeled after? If so, please provide a url, description of functionality, or screen shots that will enable us to assess how this system works and how we could adapt similar functionality.)
4. We are considering incorporating technology that allows "real time" data updates. For example, you would be able to provide the network with links to current news articles, discoveries, or lessons learned. Are there any specific items that you would like to be able to share real-time?