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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NOAA Cooperative Institutes

FROM: Samuel P. Contorno, Acting Chair
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SUBJECT: CI Committee Memorandum #6: Definition of Official NOAA
Cooperative Institutes

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This memorandum is being issued by the NOAA Research Council Cooperative Institute Committee to define official NOAA Cooperative Institutes.

While NOAA benefits from collaborations with agency-supported research programs established non-competitively, official NOAA Cooperative Institutes (CIs) are only those non-profit research institutions that meet the requirements described in NAO 216-107 and were created through the establishment process described in the current CI Handbook, which includes selection through a group competition that has been approved by the NOAA Research Council, the NOAA Executive Panel/NOAA Executive Council, and the NOAA Administrator. Any awards made to entities called Cooperative or Joint Institutes that do not meet the aforementioned requirements or were not identified in NOAA's CI Transition Plan (CICM #1, September 27, 2005) will not be recognized as NOAA CIs, and the appropriate NOAA line offices will be responsible for program administration in accordance with U.S. Department of Commerce procedures. These entities are not restricted from applying to future NOAA CI competitions.

