# Tech Hub NOFO Overview

**Basic NOFO Information**

- **Available Funding:** $220M
- **Eligibility:** 19 Tech Hubs that did not receive implementation funding in 2024
- **Required Local Match**: 10%
- **Proposal Due Dates:** Stage 1: Nov 7, 2025. Stage 2 Feb 2026

**NOFO Requirements**

- **Objective:** strengthening our nation's economic competitiveness and national security by ensuring that the industries of tomorrow are built, grown, and led right here in the United States.

- **Priority Evaluation Criteria:** Private sector demand

- **Clearly Identified Key Technology Area**: The Ocean Tech Hub's Key Technology is Unmanned Marine Systems

- **Key Technology Focus Areas of the Tech Hub Program:** The Ocean Tech Hub Focus Areas
  - Robotics, automation, and advanced manufacturing
  - Artificial intelligence, machine learning, autonomy, and related advances
  - Advanced materials science, including composites 2D materials, other next-generation materials, and related manufacturing technologies.

- **Target Technology Readiness:** TRL 6-9

- **Consortium-based Application; Minimum Required Consortium Members are:**
  - Institutions of higher education
  - State, territorial, and local government
  - Industry groups or firms in relevant technology, innovation, or manufacturing
  - Economic development organizations or similar entities
  - Labor organizations or workforce training organizations

- **Component projects:** 2-5 per proposal

**Eligible Component Projects & Federal Funding Caps:**

| Type of Component Project | Federal Share Cap |
|---|---|
| Workforce Development | Up to $15 million |
| Business and Entrepreneur Development | Up to $15 million |
| Technology Development and Maturation | Up to $20 million |
| Infrastructure (Construction) | Up to $20 million |
| Governance | Up to $1 million |

**Evaluation Criteria**

Hub-Wide Criteria

| Criteria | Points Values (50 points possible) |
|---|---|
| Challenge, Technology, and Impact | 20 points |
| Tech Hub Strength | 10 points |
| Project Portfolio Strength | 10 points |
| Taxpayer Bargain | 10 points |

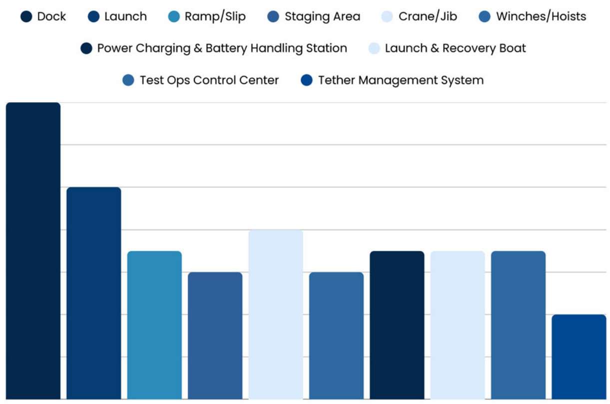
Component Project-Specific Criteria

| Criteria | Points Values (50 points possible) |
|---|---|
| Feasibility of Solution | 20 points |
| Impact on the Tech Hub's Plan | 15 points |
| Taxpayer Bargain | 15 points |

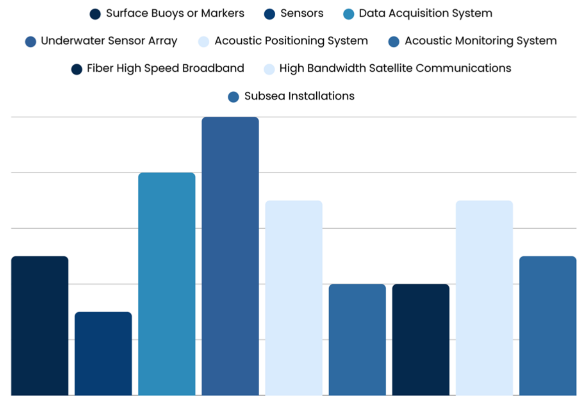
# Industry Needs Assessment Data
# Barriers to Commercialization

**Test Range Access** 100%

## Test Range Shore & Deployment Needs




## Test Range Testing Needs

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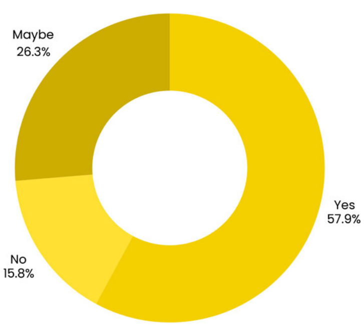


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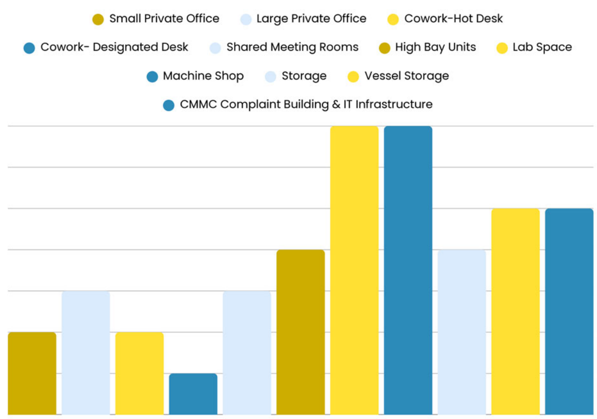


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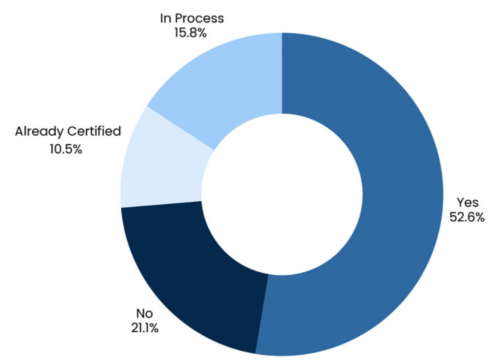
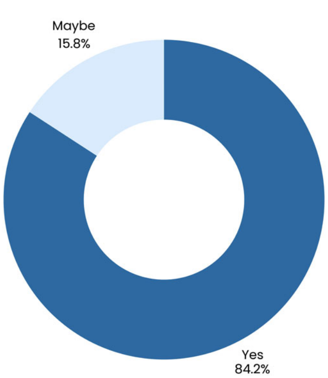
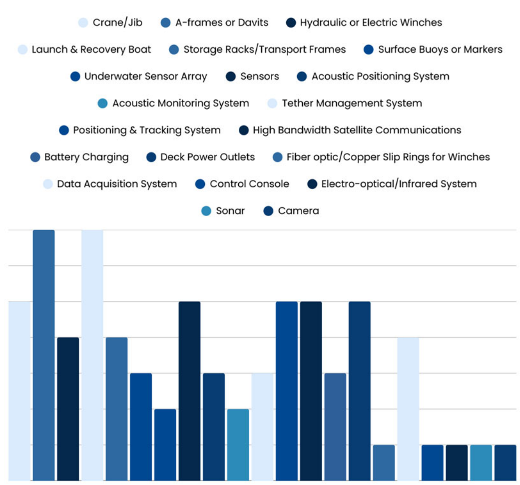



## Capital & Training

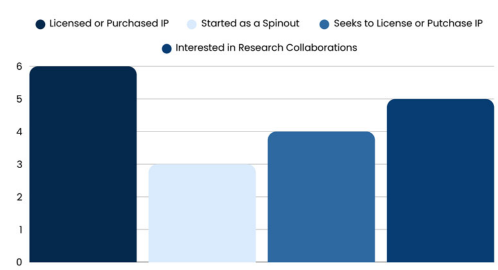
## Access to Vessels




## Vessel Mobilization Needs




## Experience with Tech Transfer and Research Institutions




# Needs & Action Required for Success

**Matching Funds**: Minimum of 10% of the total awarded federal funding
**Ocean Tech Hub Governance Funding**: Support for overarching Tech Hub operations.
**Industry Engagements & Comments**: Determine concrete and specific actions that directly support the Tech Hub's strategic goals (ex. jobs created, individuals trained, wages increased, and private sector investment)