Strengthening Coastal Inundation Resilience

ADMIRALTY Marine Innovation Programme – Coastal Inundation

ABOUT THE ONLINE CHALLENGE

UK Hydrographic

Office

Coastal inundation is a form of flooding around coastal regions resulted from storm surges and waves. Coastal inundation floods infrastructure and buildings, and endangers peoples' safety.

At the UK Hydrographic Office, we hold a wealth of marine geospatial data that can help meet these challenges, with bathymetry, seabed geology, tidal data, weather information for potential sites across the UK, and other worldwide open source data in earthquake, monsoon and mangroves.

We invite capable individuals and companies to take part in this challenge by submitting a geographic information system (GIS) prototype solution that utilises and proves how relevant datasets can support the prediction of coastal inundation, which will help disaster relief agencies and other stakeholders identify vulnerable areas and mitigate the associated risks.

OBJECTIVE

Participants will get the chance to develop these solutions using ADMIRALTY data sets, with winners receiving an opportunity to launch their products into some of the world's fastest growing marine sectors.

The UKHO will also demonstrate the winners' solution as a proof-of-concept to attract more data partners for collaboration, which will further enhance the effectiveness and marketability of the proposed solution.



ATTRACTIONS AND REWARDS

- Participants will have the opportunity to work closely with the UKHO to develop a new solution for coastal inundation resilience sector
- To develop their product concepts, participants will be given access to a worldleading marine geospatial data, as well as wide-ranging expertise from the UKHO
- The winner will receive around £75,000 worth of prizes, including hands-on support and marine geospatial data from the UKHO to develop an alpha product to test in the market

JUDGING CRITERIA

Participants will be required to submit their solutions and the winner will be announced based on the following criteria:

- Which datasets will be used and how will they optimise the proposed solution?
- Number of potential clients that can use the solution and the revenue opportunity.
- Feasibility of the solution and ability to deliver, including team makeup, skills and size.
- Attractiveness of commercialisation plan (including speed to market).

TIMELINE

Challenge Opens 01 Mar 2021	Challenge Submission 01 Mar – 02 Apr 2021 Participants to produce prototypes and can attend our workshops and request assistance.
Evaluation of solutions 05 Apr – 07 Apr 2021 A panel of UKHO experts will evaluate the solution against the judging criteria.	Winner announcement 9 Apr 2021 The winner will be announced, after which the UKHO will provide support to take the winning solution to market.