



# OCEAN EXCHANGE: 2025 CALL FOR SOLUTIONS

**COMPETE FOR OUR \$100,000 USD NON-DILUTIVE AWARDS.  
EVALUATED BASED ON INNOVATION, IMPACT, & EXECUTION.**

## **NEPTUNE AWARDS, \$100,000 USD EACH.**

Awards will be given to the solutions that advance our understanding of the ocean and help minimize our impact on these resources, even while using them for human benefit, resulting in more resilient bodies of water including healthy marine life and coastlines. The Neptune Awards are broad based and cover all maritime, blue economy, ocean environmental, and coastal resiliency topics, as well as data gathering and analysis.

## **DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES**

*Notice there are different deadlines for where your startup is located. More than one home country? Your choice but must have an entity and employee within the locale.*

**If your startup is located in Asia & Oceania**  
Your deadline is: 11:59 pm GMT, **May 30, 2025**

**If your startup is located in Europe, Middle East, & Africa**  
Your deadline is: 11:59 pm GMT, **June 6, 2025**

**If your startup is located in The Americas:**  
Your deadline is: 11:59pm GMT, **August 1, 2025**

## **EVENT:**

- Oct. 26-28, 2025
- Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA

## **AWARDS PROCESS AND ELIGIBILITY**

- **Apply at [oceanexchange.org](https://oceanexchange.org) via the F6S platform.**
- 30 Global Semifinalists will be chosen. Based on the breakdown of applications received over our history, we will choose 12 from The Americas; 6 total from Europe, Middle East, and Africa; and 2 total from Asia and Oceania. The remaining 10 semifinalists will be selected “at large” to give our review team regional flexibility in any given year. All semi finalists to be chosen by August 22.
- 15 Finalists (announced Sept. 23rd) will present at Ocean Exchange in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Delegates, chosen by Ocean Exchange, and representing business, academia, government, and nonprofits, will select our \$100,000 monetary award winners and offer valuable networking opportunities.

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