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## Updates from LA-COE

### Preparation for RFP3 Full Proposal Review

The LA-COE announced the third Request for Proposals (RFP3) on Jan. 25, 2024. Coastal researchers, both student and professional, were encouraged to apply for the opportunity. Projects selected for these two-year awards will support research that is directly related to the implementation of Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan, which guides the state's coastal restoration and protection work.

After receiving Letters of Intent, LA-COE invited select applicants to submit full proposals. In anticipation of the submission of full proposals, due **Monday, April 22, 2024**, LA-COE has established a comprehensive group of reviewers for the RFP3 External Review Board. This review team, in addition to the LA-COE and the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), consists of a variety of academic and professional expertise that spans the research needs proposed by the RFP.

The funding for RFP3 comes from settlements of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Funding for the LA-COE flows through CPRA, and will be awarded in two categories, Graduate Assistantships and Research Awards. Funding is anticipated to be announced Summer, 2024.

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### LA-COE at GOMCON

The Gulf of Mexico Conference (#GOMCON) took place **Feb. 19-22, 2024**, at the **Tampa Convention Center** in Tampa, Florida.

The LA-COE was a sponsor of GOMCON and hosted a booth where information about the LA-COE was made available to conference attendees, serving as a useful platform to advertise for, and answer questions, on RFP3. The Director of the LA-COE, Dr. Jessica Henkel, also presented on the LA-COE and highlighted how the research the LA-COE funds is used to support the implementation of Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan (photo below).

In addition, Dr. Henkel and LA-COE Chief Scientist Dr. Alyssa Dausman, attended a meeting with representatives from all the RESTORE Act Centers of Excellence from across the Gulf of Mexico. At this meeting, each of the Centers provided an update on their work and discussed how to advance co-produced science in the Gulf.

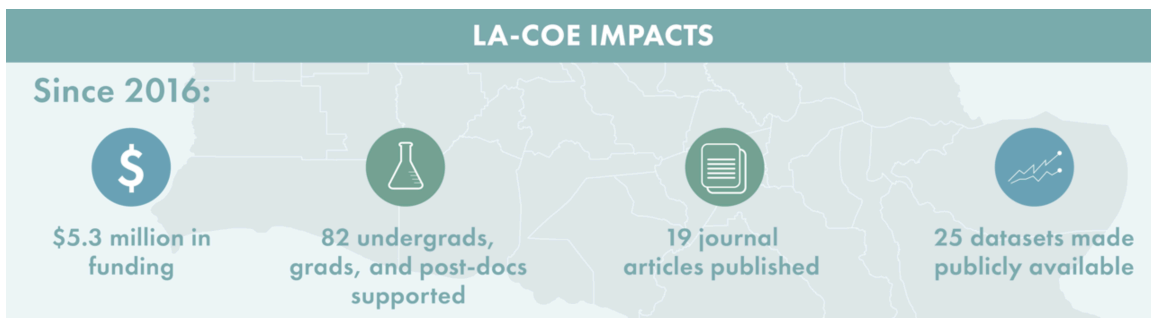


## RFP2 Project Presentation in Puerto Rico

Earlier this year, RFP2 PI Dr. John R. White and Louisiana State University graduate student Mercedes Pinzon presented at the 11th BIOGEOMON International Symposium on Ecosystem Behavior, in San Juan, Puerto Rico at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras campus. The talk was entitled “Changes in Biogeochemical Cycling of N in a Wetland-Dominated Coastal Basin with River Reconnection”. This talk has been selected for submission to a special issue of the journal Biogeochemistry. Congratulations to Dr. White and Ms. Pinzon!



## Impacts



## Tweet of the Quarter

"On Our Watch" Podcast episode featuring the Director of LA-COE.



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A new “On Our Watch” episode is out featuring the Institute’s Jessica Henkel, Deputy Director to the Chief Scientist/Director of the RESTORE Act Center of Excellence for Louisiana.

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