Call for Expressions of Interest - OCEANS 2029

Deadline for Submission of EOI: 30 Nov., 2026

OCEANS is a flagship conference of IEEE Oceanic Engineering Society. It has a history dated back to 1970. Currently, two editions of OCEANS are being held each year, one in North America and the other either in Asia (even years) or Europe (odd years). Over years this has been serving our scientific community adequately. Some of the upcoming conferences and their dates are listed below

OCEANS 2026 Monterey, CA, USA – September 21-24, 2026
OCEANS 2027 Aberdeen, Scotland, UK – June 20-24, 2027
OCEANS 2027 Anchorage, Alaska, USA – September 20-23, 2027
OCEANS 2028 Adelaide, Australia – April 03-06, 2028
OCEANS 2028 San Diego, CA, USA – September 17-21, 2028

IEEE Oceanic Engineering Society (IEEE OES) is now inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from potential Local Organising Committees (LOC) towards organizing OCEANS conference for the year 2029 (Europe & North America).
The EOI should be limited to no more than two pages (A4 or American Letter) and contain the following information:

- Proposed Conference City Location. The significance/importance of this geographical location in relation to an OCEANS conference. What is the local infrastructure with regards to marine/ocean science and engineering and industry; include local marine/oceanic facilities and attractions that might be visited or used.
- Proposed year of event (include preferred dates, with alternatives, if you know them at this stage).
- The core of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) with names, affiliations, email addresses of the main conference chairs (i.e. General, Finance and Technical Chairs), whether or not they are IEEE-OES members, and their experience in conference organization. Other chairs will be designated at full proposal stage.
- Potential Patrons and local support (community, industry, academia, etc.). Letters of support (or other indication of support) from potential patrons, local organisations, community leaders, local industry, academia and so on while not mandatory at this stage may be included as an appendix.
- Proposed Conference Venue (with alternatives) and availability of hotel accommodation. Points of relevance are size of venue, ease of travel.
- If known, the proposed Conference Theme, which defines the nature of your OCEANS. This theme should encompass topical or local strengths (see the OCOP manual link for past conference themes).

Other information, such as a budget, brochure, venue layouts, full LOC, *etc*., is not necessary at this stage. Applicants are strongly recommended to refer to the OCEANS Conference Operation Policy (OCOP) manual available online here: https://oceansconference.org/planning/hosting-the-oceans-conference-operations-manual/. However, please do note that this document is undergoing revision as Marine Technology Society, who has been a partner to the conference, will not be sponsoring the conference from 2026 onwards.

The EOI may be sent to vp-oceans@ieeeoes.org. The EOIs will be evaluated by the OCEANS Central Coordination Committee (OCCC) and successful applicants will be informed and requested to submit the full proposal.
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