

Year One: Building an Integrated Great Lakes Observing System (GLOS)

Funder: NOAA Coastal Services Center

Timeframe: Oct 2003 – Sept 2004

Primary Tasks

- Convene project steering committee
- Identify Regional Associates and user/stakeholder communities
- Conduct thematic workshops
- Develop initial GLOS web pages
- Conduct GLOS Conference
- Business Plan development

Primary Product of Year One

A comprehensive business plan for the development of GLOS, outlining the following:

- Governance
- Operational characteristics
- Roles and responsibilities of associates
- Funding mechanisms to sustain data collection and transmission networks
- Information integration and retrieval
- Modeling and analyses
- Communications and outreach

Year Two: Implementing the Great Lakes Observing System

Proposal submitted to NOAA Coastal Services Center on Oct. 30, 2003

Timeframe: Oct 2004 – Sept 2005

Primary Tasks

- Develop MOUs for Regional Associate commitments
- Initiate regional NVOADS node
- Implement data synthesis demonstration
(proposed: western end of Lake Erie and the Detroit - St. Clair - Lake St. Clair system)
- Implementation planning
- Advance communications
- Address sustainability issues

Year Two: Implementing the Great Lakes Observing System

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Primary Product of Year Two

Initial implementation of GLOS business plan, including development of a National Virtual Ocean Data System (NVO DS) node for the Great Lakes