**NOPP Excellence in Partnering 2015 Award**

**Nomination of Project by Principal Investigator**

In order to nominate your NOPP Project for the NOPP Excellence in Partnering award, provide the following information for the project being nominated, making sure to be as clear, concise and compelling as possible. Please use as much space as necessary to answer the questions. If you are a NOPP PI nominating your own project, a letter of recommendation from your federal Program Manager who sponsored this effort MUST accompany this form (or be sent directly to the NOPP Office).

***DEADLINE***:

For full consideration, please return your nomination with the following information to the NOPP Office (info@nopp.org) by **02 October 2015** with the subject-heading **EiP Nomination.**

***Please specify the following information:***

Project Title:

Principal Investigator (PI):

Institution:

Co-PIs:

Partnering Institutions:

Award Period (including anticipated end date):

***Please address the following questions:***

1. Describe the diversity of partners on this project. How many partners are involved? Which ocean sector are they from? (academia, government, private industry, Other/NGO)?

2. Please describe the level of effort/involvement of all of the partners. Is each partner listed on the project actively involved in the research and/or development of the project? How “equal” have the partner roles been and has each contributed significantly to the overall effort?

3. Do you have a sense of the long-term commitment of the partners to this research beyond the NOPP-funding period? Please explain this in terms of previous and future planned research by the partners, if possible.

4. How has the partnership affected the success of the project in meeting its stated objectives?

5. What impact has this project made on ocean research and/or education?

6. What specific actions or activities distinguish this as a successful partnership (i.e., what makes the partnership work)?