

National Search and Rescue Secretariat (NSS)
New Initiatives Fund (NIF)

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NIF is sponsored by NSS on behalf of the Lead Minister for Search and Rescue in order to support SAR initiatives that fit with priorities of the National SAR program in the broad classes of SAR prevention and SAR response, and in the sub-categories of:

- Information Management and Data Exploitation
- Interoperability
- Public Education and Awareness

The program is designed to foster cooperation between provinces and territories and the six (6) federal agencies active in SAR* and between the EMO agencies and SAR providers within each province or territory. EMO agencies can submit single or omnibus proposals on behalf of their governments and in partnership with SAR providers.

AEMA would like to hear from you and your organization.
E Mail us a brief description of your project concept and its benefits using the subject line:

SAR NIF CONCEPT

Be sure to identify your group or association and include your contact information.
We are in the process of defining a process for adjudicating the proposals and managing the projects.

CRITICAL DATES

Proposals must be received by the NSS no later than August 29, 2008.
Proposals must be received by AEMA no later than July 4, 2008.

Projects will commence on April 01, 2009.

Funding for projects this year averaged over \$500,000.
\$3.3M are available for next year.

The NSS Call for proposals is also posted on the SARAB site.
For more information on the NIF program see:

http://www.nss.gc.ca/site/newSARInitiatives/NIFabout_e.asp

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