

# CDI Request for Proposals FAQ

- 1. I get an error when I try to extract the .zip file of Statements of Interest - the path name is too long.**  
Unzip/extract the files on your Desktop, which is a short path name, then move the files to your desired location. This usually happens on PCs.
- 2. Is there a rule against voting for your own proposal?**  
No - as a proposer, you are part of the CDI Community and you are able to vote for your own proposal. The same goes for collaborators on a proposal. Although some projects have a lot of collaborators, if they are part of the community and they see merit in the idea, then they should support the proposal.
- 3. Can I submit more than one Statement of Interest?**  
No, USGS personnel may be involved in more than one prospective or existing proposal, but may be the lead PI on only one proposal.
- 4. What kind of "in-kind" is required? Does it have to be federal or non-federal or either?**  
In-kind can be either Federal or non-Federal. It is often USGS personnel salary for their time, but could be other funding outside of CDI.
- 5. Can the CDI RFPs include co-PI's and collaborators from outside the USGS?**  
Yes, the CDI RFPs can include co-PI's and collaborators from outside the USGS. Our only requirement is that the lead PI be a USGS employee because he/she will be responsible for handling the change of allocation to the external partner.
- 6. Where can I view past Statements of Interest or Full Proposals?**  
These are stored under the "[Proposals](#)" section of the Wiki, by year. For example: [FY16 Statements of Interest](#), [FY16 Full Proposals](#)