



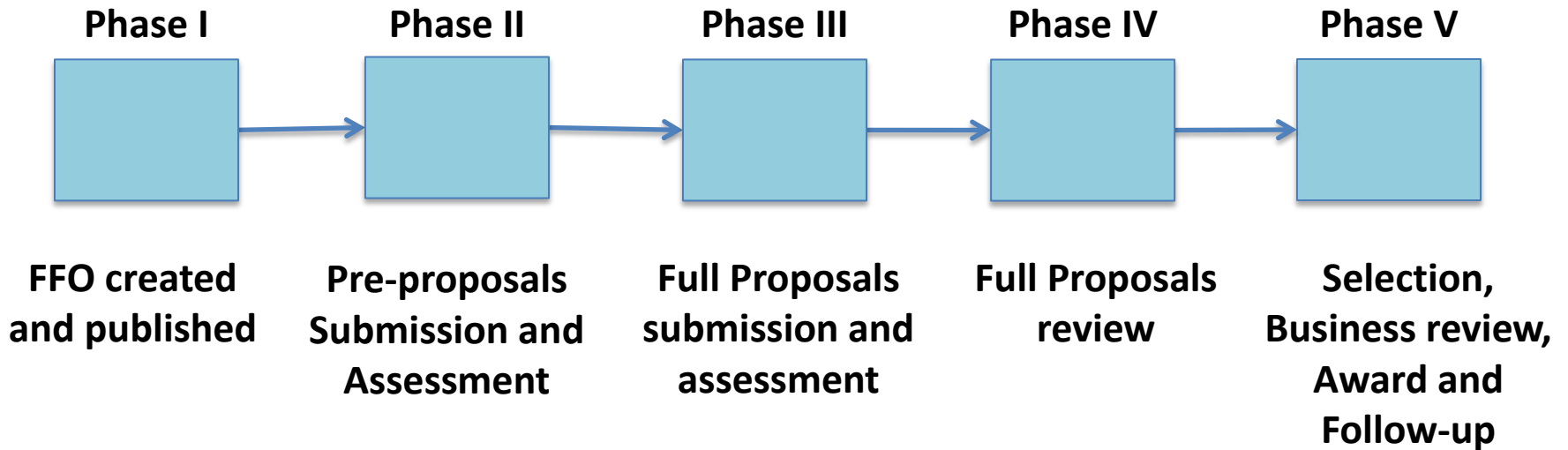
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# OER Federal Funding Opportunity Process

Ocean Exploration Advisory Board Meeting

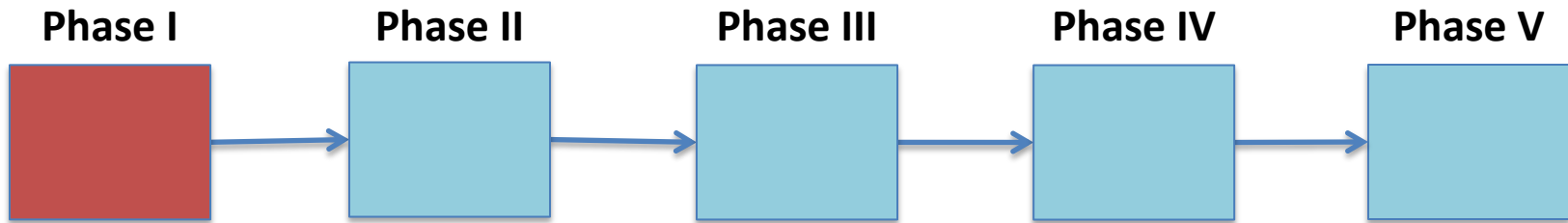
*March 31, 2015 – La Jolla, California*

# OER FFO Process



Process steps for OER federal funding opportunity (FFO) announcements

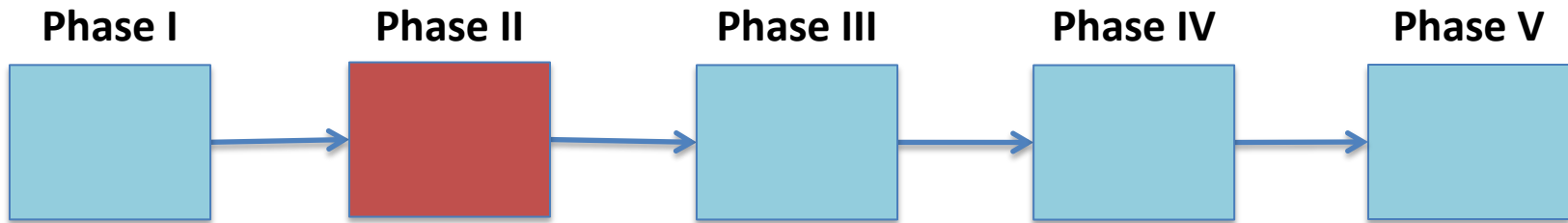
# OER FFO Process: Phase I



## Phase I: FFO created and published

1. Based on identified mission needs and priorities OER selects regions and/or topics for next fiscal year funding announcement
2. The FFO is published on Grants.gov

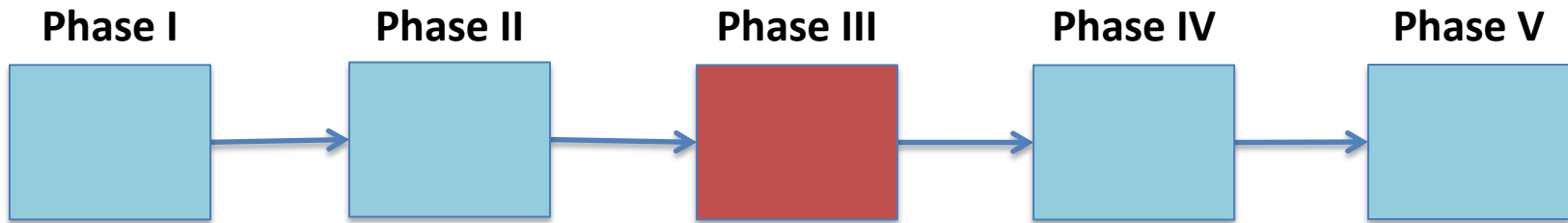
# OER FFO Process: Phase II



## Phase II: Pre-proposal submission and assessment

1. Pre-proposals submitted directly to OER via email
2. Pre-proposals assessed by OER team using 4 criteria:
  - Relevance and applicability to FFO announcement
  - Scientific and technical merit
  - Overall qualifications of the applicants
  - Projected costs
3. Response provided to investigator encouraging or discouraging full proposal submission

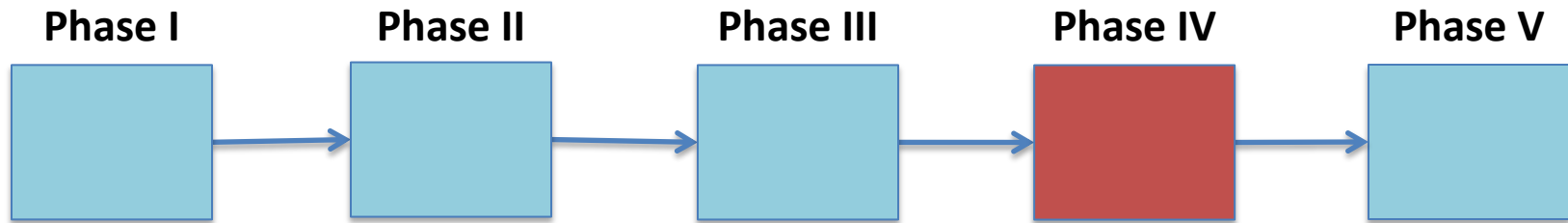
# OER FFO Process: Phase III



## Phase III: Full proposal submission & assessment

1. Full proposals from non federal PIs submitted through Grants.gov
2. Full proposals from federal PIs are submitted through email to OER

# OER FFO Process: Phase IV



## Phase IV: Full Proposal Review

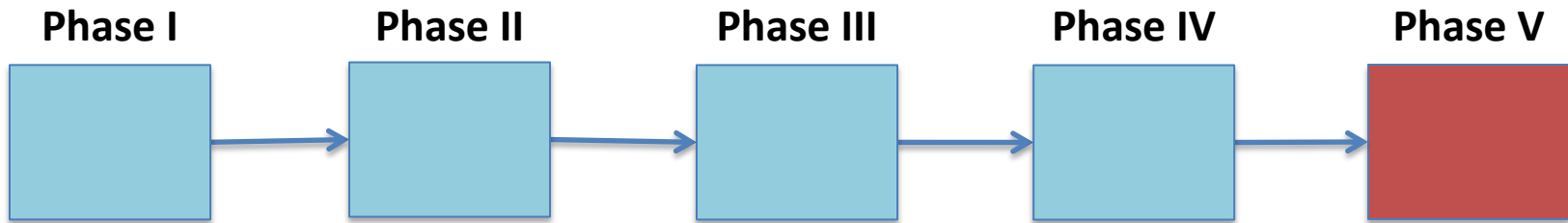
### 1. Mail review

- Proposals sent to a minimum of three mail reviewers
- Mail reviewers use criteria published in FFO

### 2. Panel Review

- Panelists use mail reviews and own evaluation
- Each panelists scores every proposal
- Panel does not rank proposals

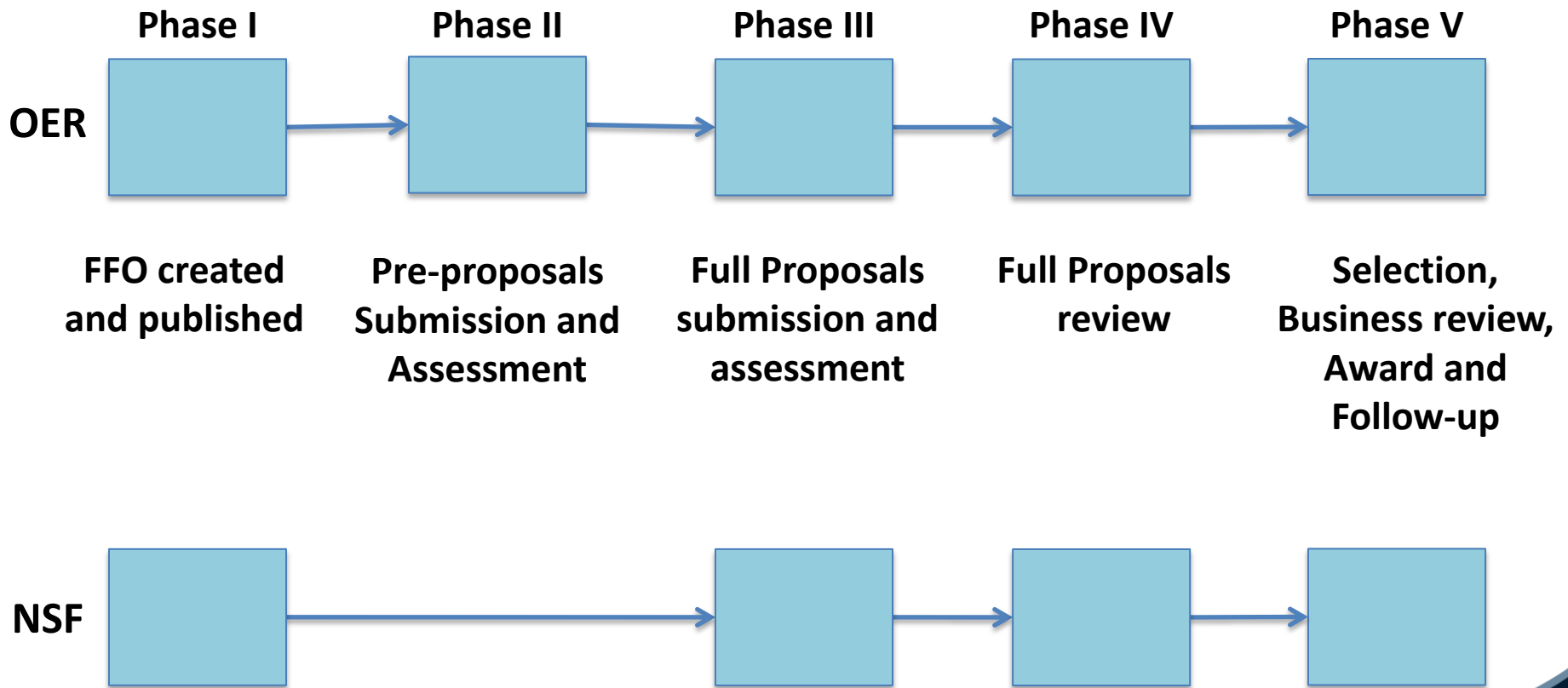
# OER FFO Process: Phase V



## Phase V: Selection, Business Review, and Award

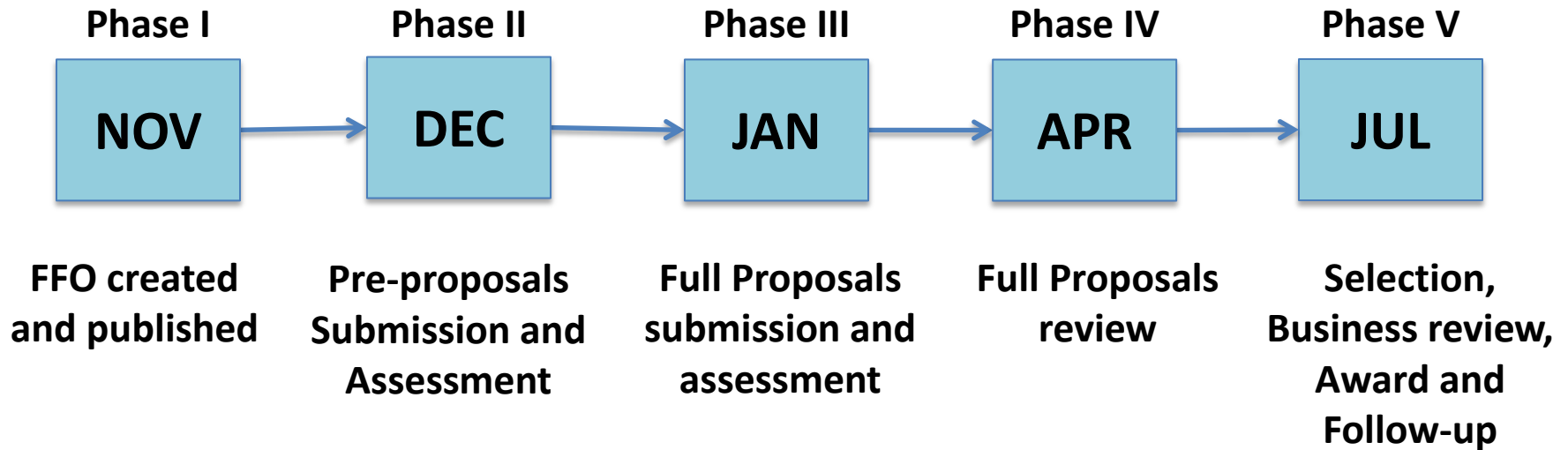
1. OER ranks proposals using panelists scores and feedback
2. Proposals awarded based on ranking, office priorities/constraints
3. OER negotiates budget with PIs; PIs revise proposals
4. NOAA Grants Management reviews and funds

# OER FFO Process: NSF Comparison

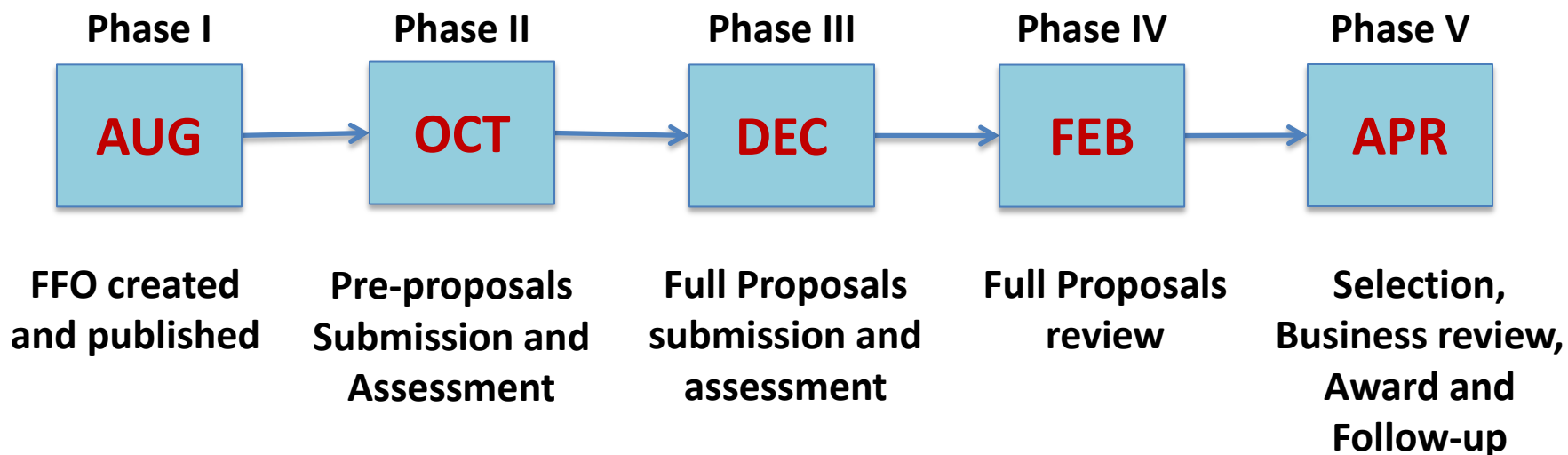




# OER FFO Process: Timeline



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**Potential new OER FFO timeline intended to allow applicants more time to prepare proposals and earlier disbursement of funds to awardees**



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# Questions?

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