A NOAA data sharing policy, effective January 1, 2013, requires all grant and cooperative agreement recipients to make environmental data and information collected and/or created under NOAA grants/cooperative agreements visible, accessible, and independently understandable to general users. This requirement also applies to any data developed as part of sub-awards. This shall be done at no or low cost, in a timely manner (typically no later than two years after the data are collected or created), except where limited by law, regulation, policy, or by security requirements.

**The data management plan is a written narrative that briefly describes the parameters for projects in the omnibus that produce environmental data.**

1. **The type of collection method, if applicable: (aircraft, ship, satellite, etc.)**
2. **The tentative date by which data will be shared**
3. **The standards to be used for data/metadata format and content**
4. **Your program’s policies addressing data stewardship and preservation**
5. **Procedures for providing access, data, and security**
6. **Your program’s prior experience with publishing such data**