



Ocean Exchange Participates in Invitation-only 2022 National Ocean Exploration Forum

CEO/Executive Director Millicent Pitts to Participate in Panel, Lead Breakout Sessions

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., March 25, 2022 – The Ocean Exchange, a leader in supporting the acceleration of innovative solutions for healthy oceans and the sustainable blue economy, takes an active role in the 2022 National Ocean Exchange Exploration Forum (2022NOEF), *Ocean Exploration: Blueprint 2022*. This invitation-only event, which will be held in Austin, Texas on March 28-30, is jointly organized by the Consortium for Ocean Leadership and NOAA Ocean Exploration.

Ocean Exchange’s CEO and Executive Director Millicent Pitts will share her insights during a panel discussion on “Data to Address Societal Needs” and will also co-lead three breakout sessions focused on Alliances/Communities of Practice, Novel Collaborations/Partnerships, and Platforms/Technology.

“I am honored to participate in the invaluable discussions that will take place in this event. The future of our oceans is inextricably linked to the future of our planet. By bringing together stakeholders from diverse segments of our country and economy, we hope to catalyze development of a plan with specific goals to guide our actions regarding future exploration of our oceans,” said Ms. Pitts.

2022NOEF will bring together up to 120 representatives from across government, industry, academia, Tribal/Indigenous communities, philanthropy, nonprofits, and other private organizations. Participants will envision five- and 10-year actionable milestones to guide the community in identifying and addressing shared priorities that will advance the overall ocean exploration enterprise. The outcomes of discussions at this event will be used to synthesize this community-driven “blueprint” for the next decade of ocean exploration.

There is an option to attend this event virtually via Zoom Meeting. To register and receive more information, please email 2022NOEF@oceanleadership.org.

About Ocean Exchange

Ocean Exchange is a 501c3 with the sole mission to help advance the adoption of innovative solutions for healthy oceans and sustainable coastal systems and maritime activities. To learn more, visit Oceanexchange.org.

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Ocean Exchange's Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director @Millicent Pitts will share her insights during a panel discussion on "Data to Address Societal Needs" at the [2022 National Ocean Exploration Forum, Ocean Exploration: Blueprint 2032](#). She will also co-lead three breakout sessions focused on Alliances/Community of Practice, Novel Collaborations/Partnerships, and Platforms/Technology. Held in Austin, Texas on March 28-30, 2022NOEF is jointly organized by the Consortium for Ocean Leadership and NOAA Ocean Exploration. Participants will envision five- and 10-year actionable milestones to guide the community in identifying and addressing shared priorities that will advance the overall ocean exploration enterprise. The outcomes of discussions at this event will be used to synthesize this community-driven "blueprint" for the next decade of ocean exploration.