# Project Selection Process and Timeline

There are distinct stages to proposal submittal, evaluation, and project selection process.

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| **Project****Selection Stage** | **Description** | **Target** |
| Stage 0 | Request for study proposals advertised **(SWG-Sep 10th**) | Soon after SWG meeting or Last week of Sep 2025 |
| Stage 1 | Letter of intent (LOI) from project proponent due to SAM Coordinator | October 24, 2025 |
| SAM Coordinator provides feedback to all project proponents and each proponent as to whether their project will move to Stage 2  | Nov 19th, 2025  |
| Stage 2 | Full proposal from project proponent due to SAM Coordinator | Jan 16, 2026 |
| Stage 3 | SAM Staff coordinate for scoring and technical reviews and send back to project proponents | March 13, 2026 |
| Stage 4 | SAM Round 5 Project Selection Workshop with presentations by proponents and stakeholder voting in week after the workshop | Week of April 6th, 2026 |
| Stage 5 | SWG approves project list for SAM funding (with a May meeting or the target date moves to Sep 2026) | July, 2026 |