

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

TITLE: Integrated Assessment of Multiple Greenhouse Gases, Climate Impacts, and Pollution.

ACTION: Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFA NO: EPA-OAR-CCD-06-10

CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) NO: 66.034

SUMMARY: Formal Agency responses to questions/comments regarding the subject solicitation.

DATE: December 7, 2006

Question 1: Are FFRDCs eligible? We have applied research capabilities in the areas of interest to this solicitation, and we have an award on air quality and climate, wildfires. Could we submit a proposal? As we are not federal employees, but more so Government contractors, would we be eligible for salary support?

Answer 1: Yes. Caltech, a private university, is an eligible entity. Caltech could submit a proposal in response to this solicitation.

Question 2: I am a student at Troy University... are international students eligible?

Answer 2: No. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Question 3: I have read the RFP and could not find a clear statement about the status of National laboratories in terms of their eligibility to submit a proposal under this RFP. Could you please get this clarified?

Answer 3: Non-federally funded laboratories are eligible to apply.

Question 4: As a UK licensed firm, are we eligible to respond to this RFP? (Note: We are currently working with the California State Government on similar GHG oriented assessments).

Answer 4: Only United States institutions may apply for this grant.

Question 5: If we are not eligible, are we able to participate as a sub-contractor?

Answer 5: A U.S. institution must apply for the grant, and the Principal Investigator must be a U.S. citizen.

Question 6: If we can participate as a sub-contractor, can you point me to the public list of service providers currently under contract with your department/division?

Answer 6: Any U.S. institution may apply for this grant. EPA's Grant Awards Database has information about current grants and grantees, and can be found at:
http://yosemite.epa.gov/oarm/igms_egf.nsf/HomePage?ReadForm

Question 7: Is this a new program being offered for the first time? If not, is past award information available to the public?

Answer 7: This is a new funding opportunity.

Question 8: In Section III B, the announcement states: "There is no statutory or regulatory match requirement...Eligible and allowable voluntary contributions of funds and/or in kind contributions of resources will be treated as cost shares...". Does this mean that matching resources are not required but recommended?

Answer 8: It means that matching resources are not required, but will be considered. See Section IV. C. 3., Detailed Budget Narrative/Funds Leveraging, "...Applicants shall also describe their ability to leverage grant funds." Also, under Section V. A. 4., the Budget/Funds Leveraging criterion is worth 15 of a total of 100 points possible.

Question 9: In Section IV B, the announcement states: "Applicants must submit one original proposal package signed by an authorized representative. However, Section IV D gives applicants the option to either submit applications via Grants.gov or in hard copy. Are applicants required to submit the signed original proposal package mentioned in Section IV B in addition to the Grants.gov electronic submission or five hard copies (one original plus four copies, as stated in Section IV G)? It is unclear exactly what applicants are required to submit.

Answer 9: You can apply either by hard copy or electronically, by Grants.gov. The instructions in Section IV.G. that require one original proposal and four copies are only relevant if you're not submitting applications via Grants.gov.