

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

**AGENCY:** ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

**TITLE:** "ENGINE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR FUTURE ADVANCED VEHICLE TECHNOLOGIES THAT WILL IMPROVE FUEL EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE EMISSIONS"

**ACTION:** Request for Applications (RFA)

**RFA NO:** EPA-OAR-OTAQ-10-03

**CFDA:** 66.034

**SUMMARY:** Formal Agency responses to questions regarding the subject RFA

**Date:** February 19, 2010

### **Process and Legal Questions**

**Q1.** I am interested in applying for this grant proposal. However, since I must protect my proprietary work, how can I do this and apply without an issued patent, etc?

**A1.** Please read the **Confidential Business Information** on page 17, of the EPA-OAR-OTAQ-10-03 request for application, and let me know if you still need any additional information.

**Q2.** Can you provide me with or email me a copy of 40 CFR 2.203 "EPA will evaluate confidentiality claims in accordance with 40 CFR Part 2."?

**A2.** Please find attached a copy of the 40CFR2.203, and for more information please go to: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>.

**Q3.** Are 'for-profit' organizations eligible to apply to RFA #EPA-OAR-OTAQ-10-03?

**A3.** No, 'for-profit' organizations are not eligible to apply for this cooperative agreement. As stated in the RFA in Section III. Part A Eligible Entities, on page 9 "In accordance with CFDA 66.034, applications will be accepted from States, local governments, territories, Indian Tribes, and possessions of the U.S., including the District of Columbia, international organizations, public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, other public or private non-profit institutions, as defined by [OMB Circular A-110](#) and [OMB Circular A-122](#)."

Only applications from eligible entities (see above) that meet all of these criteria will be evaluated against the ranking factors in Section V of the RFA.

\* Please refer to **Section III. Eligibility Information** of the RFA for more information.

**Q4.** It is difficult to list all of the summary information on letter head on one page. Do you have any suggestions?

**A4.** The Summary Information on page 13, of the RFA# EPA-OAR-OTAC-10-03 is usually an organization one page form. However, if you do not have a standard form you could use more than one page to complete the summary information.

**Q5.** I'm requesting for information about grants related to engine development, and other issues/grants related to air and pollution, the main question regarding is about geographical limits and if a non-US organization can apply to these grants?

**A5.** International organizations are listed as an eligible entity for this RFA. Please see eligibility information in Answer (**A3**) for more information.

**Q6.** Regarding SF-424 Form item 13, could you advise us which is the correct Competition Identification Number and Title?

**A6.** The competition RFA No. is "EPA-OAR-OTAC-10-03" and Title is "ENGINE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR FUTURE ADVANCED VEHICLE TECHNOLOGIES THAT WILL IMPROVE FUEL EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE EMISSIONS."

**Q7.** We are working on a Proposal for the Sol # EPA-OAR-OTAC-10-03 and have come down to the Work Plan. There are two outlines for the Work Plan part of the Narrative: 1. in the *Full Solicitation* Information, and 2. In the *Application Package* and they are quite different and request the addressing several different items. Which one do we follow?

**A7.** On page 12 of the RFA, section IV. "Content of Application Package Submission" states, "All application submissions, regardless of mode of submission, **must contain completed and signed grant application forms, as well as a Narrative Proposal...**" To summarize this statement, Applicants need to submit completed application forms and a complete narrative proposal. Information on what Applicants need to include in a narrative proposal are detailed on pages 13-15 of the RFA.

**Q8.** We are a 'for-profit' company with a new technology that may allow an engine to run without oil. Since eligibility is limited to governmental and non-profit entities under this grant, can we work with a non-profit research facility to further develop this technology?

**A8.** It is possible for a 'for-profit' organization to partner with an eligible entity to receive funding, following the procurement regulations in 40 CFR parts 30 or 31. For a complete listing of eligible entities, please refer back to the RFA's **Section III. Part A. Eligible Entities**. For more information concerning partnering with an eligible entity,

please refer to **Section IV. Part D** “Can Funding be Used for the Applicant to Make Subawards Acquire Contract Services or Fund Partnerships?” and **Part E** “How will an Applicant's Proposed Subawardees/Subgrantees and Contractors be Considered During the Evaluation Process Described in Section V of the Announcement?”.

Eligible entities must compete contracts for services and products, including consultant contracts, and conduct cost and price analyses to the extent required by the procurement provisions of the regulations at 40 CFR Parts 30 or 31, as appropriate. More details can be found on pages 15-17 of part IV- Application and Submission Information.