

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

TITLE: NATIONAL INTERNET-BASED ON-BOARD DIAGNOSTICS (OBD) INFORMATION EXCHANGE

ACTION: Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP: EPA-OAR-OTAQ-11-10

CFDA: 66.034

SUMMARY: Formal Agency responses to questions regarding the subject RFP

DATE: November 1, 2011

Q1: What is the competition identification number for this RFP?

A1: There is no competition identification number for this RFP. The only identification number associated with this RFP is the Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-OAR-OTAQ-11-10.

Q2: Is a trucking company eligible for this grant opportunity?

A2: Section III.A. of the RFP provides details on eligibility to apply for this funding opportunity. For-profit organizations are not eligible entities for this funding opportunity.

Q3: Could this grant opportunity be used to fund outreach applications and/or electronics work to build marketable handheld I/M solutions as well as the free and open web portal?

A3: We encourage applicants to submit innovative proposals addressing all the required criteria set forth in the RFP. However, EPA will not provide informal comments on draft narrative proposals, or provide advice and/or guidance to applicants on how to respond to ranking criteria. Please review Section IV. Part H. of the RFP for additional information on EPA's Assistance Agreement Competition Policy (EPA Order 5700.5A1).

Q4: Are there other related grants that you know of that would be suited to innovation for field I/M programs for EPA?

A4: Applicants are always welcome to conduct their own independent research in areas of question and uncertainty prior to submitting a proposal to the Agency. Please review

section IV. Part H. of the RFP for additional information on EPA's Assistance Agreement Competition Policy (EPA Order 5700.5A1).

Q5: What are the hosting costs and traffic requirements of the current OBD Information Exchange project website? Is there any feature of the website that is considered to be critical for uptime that would require extraordinary stability in the hosting environment?

A5: EPA will not be releasing specific details of the current OBD Information Exchange project, as we have provided all the necessary and detailed criteria in the RFP for applicants to prepare a detailed and comprehensive proposal. Please review Section IV. Part H. of the RFP for additional information on EPA's Assistance Agreement Competition Policy (EPA Order 5700.5A1).

Q6: Regarding building a communications plan for keeping in touch with states, manufacturers or anyone else, would this be mostly a self-service type of communication feature of the portal? What human contact elements are considered critical by the EPA, besides contact with the EPA itself?

A6: We encourage applicants to submit innovative proposals addressing all the required criteria set forth in the RFP. However, EPA will not provide informal comments on draft narrative proposals, or provide advice and/or guidance to applicants on how to respond to ranking criteria. We have provided all the necessary and detailed criteria in the RFP for applicants to prepare a detailed and comprehensive proposal. Please review Section IV. Part H. of the RFP for additional information on EPA's Assistance Agreement Competition Policy (EPA Order 5700.5A1).