

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

TITLE: “Greenhouse Gas Reporting Systems: Outreach to Reporting Facilities and Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Opportunities”

ACTION: Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP Number: EPA-OAR-CCD-10-05

CFDA: 66.034

SUMMARY: Formal Agency responses to questions regarding the subject

DATE: July 20, 2010

Q1: Do proposed projects need to serve multiple states, or could a single state propose a project that would serve only affected facilities of a state?

A1: A proposed project can serve facilities in a single state or in multiple states.

Q2: How many applicants are expected?

A2: We anticipate a competitive pool of applicants to apply for funding. This is an open competition; all eligible entities are encouraged to apply.

Q3: How many grants are expected to be awarded?

A3: As stated in Section II (Award Information) of the RFP, EPA anticipates award of up to twenty assistance agreements under this announcement ranging in value from approximately \$50,000 to \$1,000,000, subject to the availability of funds and quality of evaluated proposals. The total estimated funding expected to be available for awards under this competitive opportunity is approximately \$2,000,000.

Q4: Is this the first year the grant has been awarded?

A4: This is the first year this solicitation, “Greenhouse Gas Reporting Systems: Outreach to Reporting Facilities and Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Opportunities,” has been competed.

Q5: Can you help me determine whether I should apply for this grant?

A5: No. To keep this competition fair, we cannot provide you with feedback regarding the appropriateness or merit of your potential proposal. Please see Section I.B (Scope of Work) and Section V (Application Review Information) of the RFP for more information.

Q6: Is it possible to look at similar previous proposals?

A6: No, we cannot share the contents of previous proposals due to the confidential nature of the information within.

Q7: What should I do if I'm having difficulty downloading the application and instructions?

A7: You can email support@grants.gov or call (800) 518-4726 if you're having difficulties with the grants.gov website.

Q8: Can we send you hard copies of related materials to our proposal?

A8: Supporting materials, such as resumes and letters of support, can be submitted either as hard copy or electronic attachments and are not included in the 20-page limit. However, as stated in Section IV.C.4 (Attachments), "up to three past examples of communications materials can be included, not to exceed a total of 15 pages."

Q9: Does my organization (a 501c3 registered not-for-profit) need a Negotiated Indirect Cost Agreement (NICRA) in order to apply for this grant?

A9: All 501c3 not-for-profit applicants must have a NICRA or be in the process of applying for a NICRA at the time the proposal is submitted in order to be eligible to apply for this grant. The NICRA must be included in your proposal budget. The following link contains information on how to apply for a NICRA:
<http://www.epa.gov/ogd/recipient/EPATraineeIndirect.pdf>

Q10: We are planning on partnering with another non-profit who has not yet begun the process of obtaining a NICRA. In terms of subawards, is it necessary they obtain one?

A10: The subawardee needs a NICRA only if it plans to include indirect costs in their proposed budget.

Q11: What is EPA looking for in the support letters that may be included as attachments to the proposal?

A11: The support letters are letters of recommendation from organizations or individuals who may have worked with you on similar projects in the past.

Q12: Is there a website that has the announcement of funding?

A12: Yes. The synopsis of the announcement has been posted on Grants.gov. You can view the announcement by searching for the RFP or CFDA numbers at www.grants.gov. You can also follow the direct link at:
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=bv1JMqDScGjG0q7div4hHd1vZTRFGlrX4nCxXrD7cn44dKZX60Y9!1680187280?opId=55524&mode=VIEW>

And this is the link to the announcement on EPA/OAR's grants' funding page:
http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html