

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

PM-2.5 Ambient Monitoring Network Implementation Process

Section 103, Clean Air Act Application / Award Protocol

The individual applicant will prepare a program application utilizing Section 103 of the Clean Air Act as the funding vehicle for implementation of its PM-2.5 ambient air monitoring network. Program specific application guidance is being provided by EPA for use as a reference in applying for funds.

The application submittal will contain a program work plan and will request total funds available to the grantee for the fiscal year as allocated by EPA PM-2.5 guidance. The applicant may specify that a portion of this total be designated toward procurement of PM-2.5 equipment and services.

EPA will make available equipment and services through the federal procurement process utilizing national contracts. If an applicant wishes to participate in these national procurements, the cover letter of the application should request that EPA direct specific portions of available funds toward appropriate national contracts. This should also be noted in the budget documentation of the application.

The grant award document issued by EPA will in turn award federal funds reflecting the net difference between the total available funds requested and the amount specified by the applicant for participation in EPA national procurement. This award document will contain special conditions confirming the applicant's request that specific amounts be retained by EPA for participation in national contracts.

Examples of PM-2.5 equipment and services to be offered by EPA through national contracts are: procurement of filters, air monitoring equipment, speciation equipment, support equipment, filter speciation costs, and independent PM performance audits. Specific information on national procurement offerings is outlined further in EPA PM-2.5 program guidance.