

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

TITLE: "Facilitating Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Planning and Communicating Climate Change Impacts"

ACTION: Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP: EPA-OAR-CCD-10-09

CFDA: 66.034

SUMMARY: Formal Agency responses to questions regarding the subject RFP

DATE: July 16, 2010

Q1: Must international organizations that are interested in applying for a grant under this RFP work with Tribes in the United States?

A1: Yes. As stated in section I.A. of the RFP, "project activities will support the broad shared goal of EPA and tribal entities to reduce environmental and health risks associated with climate change." Additionally, in section I.C.1., "proposed activities will support tribal organizations to identify key impacts of climate change on tribal lands and communities....". It is the intent of the Agency that activities performed through these grants will support Native American Tribes.

Q2: We plan to submit a bid that is characterized by a team that led by an eligible firm and containing several individual consultants/firms recruited as part of this team. How should I apply Section IV. PROPOSAL AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION, Part E?

A2: Proposals must be submitted by an eligible entity as defined in the RFP on page 6 in section III. An applicant that identifies a specific subawardee in their proposal must comply with the federal procurement regulations outlined in section IV parts D and E, including submitting the proper non competitive justification documentation. Please review federal competitive procurement standards in 40 CFR Part 30 or 40 CFR Part 31.36 and pages 11-12 of the RFP in section IV parts D and E for more information.

Q3: Several different tribal groups have asked to collaborate on their proposals in response to the RFP. Can you give me any indication if EPA has any restrictions on collaborating or working as Co-I on multiple grants (where someone else was the lead PI)?

A3: If selected, EPA will award a grant to the organization that submitted the application. This individual organization (grantee) can be a consortium (single organization that

represents multiple organizations). The grantee will be solely responsible for all federal funds awarded and overall project completion. For example, there are tribal consortiums that represent multiple tribes or other consortiums that represent other organization interests.

Q4: The RFP's Scope of Work seems to focus primarily on climate change adaptation (pages 2 & 3). Is the intent to exclude work on climate change action planning, GHG reduction measures, and other sustainability best practices?

A4: No, the intended purpose of the RFP is not to “exclude work on climate change action planning, GHG reduction measures, and other sustainability best practices”.

Applicants' proposals should follow the program components listed in section I of the RFP. Proposals will be evaluated, scored and selected based on how applicants successfully address the program components listed in section I of the RFP.