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List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Business and industry, Government contracts, Government property, Security measures.

Dated: February 14, 2001.

Richard D. Schmitt,

Acting Director, Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Request for Proposals for Projects to be Funded from the Water Quality Cooperative Agreement Allocation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA Region 4 (Atlanta) is soliciting proposals from state water pollution control agencies, interstate agencies, tribes, and other public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions and organizations interested in applying for Federal assistance for Water Quality Cooperative Agreements under the Clean Water Act section 104(b)(3) in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia,

Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. EPA Region 4 will award an estimated \$300,000 to eligible applicants through assistance agreements ranging in size from \$25,000 to \$150,000 for innovative projects/demonstrations/studies that have maximum transferability or can be used as models relating to the prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution. Priority will be given to proposals that relate to Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) activities which support the development of TMDLs. TMDL support includes the rotating basin approach and water quality monitoring.

DATES: EPA Region 4 will consider all proposals postmarked or received on or before 5 p.m. Eastern Time April 23, 2001. Proposals received after this date will not be accepted.

ADDRESSES: It is preferred that three copies of the proposal be mailed through the postal service or other means to: Dorothy Rayfield, Chief, Grants & Technical Assistance Section, Water Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth St., SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Proposals may also be electronically mailed to rayfield.dorothy@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorothy Rayfield by telephone at 404-562-9278 or by E-mail at rayfield.dorothy@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What is the Purpose of This Request for Proposals?

EPA Region 4, Water Management Division is requesting proposals from state water pollution control agencies, interstate agencies, tribes, and other public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, and organizations under the Clean Water Act Section 104(b)(3) for unique and innovative projects.

An organization whose proposal is selected for Federal assistance must complete an EPA Application for Assistance, including the SF-424 form (Application for Federal Assistance, see 40 CFR 30.12 and 31.10).

Has EPA Region 4, Water Management Division Identified High Priority Areas for Consideration?

The Water Management Division, EPA Region 4 has identified project areas for priority consideration to the extent they are for proposals that are related to Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) activities which support the development of TMDLs. TMDL support includes the rotating basin approach and water quality monitoring. Further priority will

be given to projects that are located within watersheds that have the following characteristics:

- Monitoring activities that support TMDL development on 303(d) listed waters.
- Modeling activities that support TMDL development on 303(d) listed waters.
- Other activities (e.g., watershed characterization, source identification, etc.) that support TMDL development on 303(d) listed waters

Additional consideration will be given to proposed projects that are consistent with the States' TMDL development schedules, with priority given to TMDL development processes, procedures or tools that can be transferred to other waters.

Statutory Authority, Applicable Regulations, and Funding Level

Funding is authorized under the provisions of the Clean Water Act section 104(b)(3), 33 U.S.C. 1254(b)(3).

The regulations governing the award and administration of Water Quality Cooperative Agreements are 40 CFR part 30 (for institutions of higher learning, hospitals, and other non-profit organizations) and 40 CFR part 31 (for States, Tribes, local governments, intertribal consortia, and interstate agencies). In addition, EPA expects to promulgate final rules in the near future that will include program specific regulations for Water Quality Cooperative Agreements to States, Tribes, local governments, interstate agencies and Intertribal consortia. When the rules are finalized, they will be codified at 40 CFR part 35, subparts A and B.

Total funding available for award will depend on EPA Region 4's appropriation for Fiscal Year 2001; however, it is estimated that \$300,000 will be available for funding approved projects. Projects may range in size from \$25,000 to \$150,000.

Proposal Format and Contents

(A) The following format should be used for all proposals.

Name of Project:

Applicant Point of Contact:

(Individual and Organization Name, Address, Phone Number, Fax Number, E-mail address)

Is this a Continuation of a Previously Funded Project? (If so, please provide its name, funding date, and expected final product with the date)

Proposed Award Amount:

Proposed Applicant Cost Share: (A 5% match is encouraged)

Expected Budget: Please include a budget by salary, fringe benefits, travel,

supplies, equipment, contractual and indirect costs and a budget by activity, such as water monitoring, modeling, watershed characterization, best management practices, etc. Identify all sources of funding.

Project Description: (Should not exceed two (2) pages of single spaced text)

Expected Accomplishments or Products(s) with Dates and Interim Milestones: Since eligible activities must be of a relatively short time frame with tangible results, the project and budget period should not exceed two (2) years.

Describe How the Project Meets the Evaluation Criteria: EPA will consider proposals based on the following criteria:

- The relationship of the proposed project to the priorities identified in this notice
- How well the project proposes to address a need
- How well the project is likely to increase water quality protection
- How reasonable the expectation of being successful and implementable
- Soundness of technical content
- Applicant's financial commitment
- Compliance with direction for submittal contained in this notice.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants for assistance agreements under Section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act are state water pollution control agencies, tribes, interstate agencies, other public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, and organizations. This solicitation is limited to applicants within EPA Region 4.

Application Procedure

Please send three copies of the proposal if it is not electronically transmitted. The completed proposals should be limited to three pages. Full application packages should not be submitted at this time.

Schedule of Activities

This is the estimated schedule of activities for review of proposals and notification of selections:

Proposals due to EPA by April 23, 2001.

June 5, 2001—Initial approvals identified and sponsors of projects selected for funding will be requested to submit a formal application package.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Clean Air Act Advisory Committee Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) on November 19, 1990, to provide independent advice and counsel to EPA on policy issues associated with implementation of the Clean Air Act of 1990. The Committee advises on economic, environmental, technical scientific, and enforcement policy issues.

Open Meeting Notice: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2 Section 10(a)(2), notice is hereby given that the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee will hold its next open meeting on Wednesday, March 28, 2001, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. Three of the CAAAC's four Subcommittees (the Linking Energy, Land Use, Transportation, and Air Quality Concerns Subcommittee; the Permits/NSR/Toxics Integration Subcommittee; and the Economics Incentives and Regulatory Innovations Subcommittee) will hold meetings on Tuesday, March 27, 2001 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Mayflower Hotel, the same location as the full Committee. The Energy, Clean Air and Climate Change Subcommittee will not meet at this time. The Permits/NSR/Toxics Subcommittee is scheduled to meet from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; the Economic Incentives and Regulatory Innovations Subcommittee is scheduled to meet from 12 noon to 2 p.m.; and the Linking Energy, Land Use, Transportation, and Air Quality Concerns subcommittee is scheduled to meet from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Inspection of Committee Documents: The Committee agenda and any documents prepared for the meeting will be publicly available at the meeting. Thereafter, these documents, together with CAAAC meeting minutes, will be available by contacting the Office of Air and Radiation Docket and requesting information under docket item A-94-34 (CAAAC). The Docket office can be reached by telephoning 202-260-7548; FAX 202-260-4400.

For Further Information concerning this meeting of the full CAAAC, please contact Paul Rasmussen, Office of Air and Radiation, US EPA (202) 564-1306, FAX (202) 564-1352 or by mail at US

EPA, Office of Air and Radiation (Mail code 6102 A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. For information on the Subcommittee meetings, please contact the following individuals: (1) Permits/NSR/Toxics Integration—Debbie Stackhouse, 919-541-5354; and (2) Linking Transportation, Land Use and Air Quality Concerns—Lucie Audette, 734-668-4438; and (3) Economic Incentives and Regulatory Innovations—Carey Fitzmaurice, 202-564-1667. Additional information on these meetings and the CAAAC and its Subcommittees can be found on the CAAAC Web Site: www.epa.gov/oar/caaac/

Dated: February 21, 2001.

Robert D. Brenner,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy and management issues.

NACEPT consists of a representative cross-section of EPA's partners and principle constituents who provide advice and recommendations on policy issues and serve as a sounding board for new strategies that the Agency is developing.

The NACEPT is addressing several policy issues associated with EPA's human resource planning, the integration of key Agency planning processes, and the identification of emerging issues and trends facing the Agency. The NACEPT Council will: Present its recommendations regarding EPA's Workforce Capacity efforts to the Agency; provide an update on the identification of emerging issues and trends facing EPA over the next five to ten years; and continue to help the Agency identify ways to integrate its