

monitoring and regulatory activities associated with pest control or vegetation management efforts or the tools used in those efforts.

The Contractor shall also contact individuals who are specifically knowledgeable regarding the current regulatory status of the pesticidal agents' most recent toxicological information. This includes the Product Managers of each agent and toxicologists at the EPA, and the manufacturer's technical representatives or Product Managers.

The contract involves no subcontractors.

OPP has determined that the contract described in this document involves work that is being conducted in connection with FIFRA, in that pesticide chemicals will be the subject of certain evaluations to be made under this contract. These evaluations may be used in subsequent regulatory decisions under FIFRA.

Some of this information may be entitled to confidential treatment. The information has been submitted to EPA under sections 3, 4, 6, and 7 of FIFRA and under sections 408 and 409 of FFDCA.

In accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3), the contract with Syracuse Environmental Research Associates, Inc. prohibits use of the information for any purpose not specified in the contract; prohibits disclosure of the information to a third party without prior written approval from the Agency; and requires that each official and employee of the contractor sign an agreement to protect the information from unauthorized release and to handle it in accordance with the FIFRA Information Security Manual. In addition, Syracuse Environmental Research Associates, Inc. is required to submit for EPA approval a security plan under which any CBI will be secured and protected against unauthorized release or compromise. No information will be provided to Syracuse Environmental Research Associates, Inc. until the requirements in this document have been fully satisfied. Records of information provided to Syracuse Environmental Research Associates, Inc. will be maintained by EPA Project Officers for the contract. All information supplied to Syracuse Environmental Research Associates, Inc. by EPA for use in connection with the contract will be returned to EPA when Syracuse Environmental Research Associates, Inc. has completed its work.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Business and industry, Government contracts,

Government property, Security measures.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-100166; FRL-6770-2]

Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC); Transfer of Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that pesticide related information submitted to EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), including information that may have been claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI) by the submitter, will be transferred to Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in accordance with 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3) and 2.308(i)(2). SAIC has been awarded a contract to perform work for OPP, and access to this information will enable SAIC to fulfill the obligations of the contract.

DATES: SAIC will be given access to this information on or before March 12, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Erik R. Johnson, FIFRA Security Officer, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-305-7248; e-mail address: johnson.erik@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action applies to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

II. Contractor Requirements

Under contract number 68-W9-0060/000, the contractor will perform the following:

The Contractor shall provide technical expertise necessary to conduct analyses of samples of pesticide products, particularly aluminum phosphide fumigants, to support possible enforcement actions and provide expert testimony regarding the manner in which the analyses were conducted. The analyses may require testing for both the active ingredient and certain inert ingredients. The analyses of individual samples will not be routinely scheduled but will be conducted as necessary as products are found entering the marketplace. The analyses will determine if the product contains the amount of active ingredient as expressed on the product labeling and whether the active ingredient or specified inert ingredients are within the certified limits contained in the Confidential Statement of Formula (CSF) accepted in connection with the pesticide's registration. The analytical method will generally be specified by EPA and and ingredient may be required to be analyzed by more than one method, using both wet and dry chemical techniques. Analyses will be conducted in accordance with EPA quality assurance procedures, chain of custody procedures, and procedures for maintaining the security of CBI.

This contract involves no subcontractors.

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information has been submitted to EPA under sections 3, 4, 6, and 7 of FIFRA and under sections 408 and 409 of FFDCA.

In accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3), the contract with SAIC, prohibits use of the information for any purpose not specified in the contract; prohibits disclosure of the information to a third party without prior written approval from the Agency; and requires that each official and employee of the contractor sign an agreement to protect the information from unauthorized release and to handle it in accordance with the FIFRA Information Security Manual. In addition, SAIC is required to submit for EPA approval a security plan under which any CBI will be secured and protected against unauthorized release or compromise. No information will be provided to SAIC until the requirements in this document have been fully satisfied. Records of information provided to SAIC will be maintained by EPA Project Officers for the contract. All information supplied to SAIC by EPA for use in connection with the contract will be returned to EPA when SAIC has completed its work.

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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,