

Sheffield, Warren County, PA, Comment Period Ends: 02/06/2006, Contact: O'Dell Tucker 814-362-4613-Ext 125.

*EIS No. 20050524, Final EIS, BLM, CA, Desert Southwest Transmission Line Project, New Substation/Switching Station Construction, Operation and Maintenance, Issuance of Right-of-Way Grant and U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, North Palm Springs and Blythe, CA, Wait Period Ends: 01/23/2006, Contact: Diane Gomez 760-251-4852.*

*EIS No. 20050525, Final EIS, NPS, CA, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Fire Management Plan, Implementation, Muir Woods National Monument, Fort Point National Historic Site, San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin Counties, CA, Wait Period Ends: 01/23/2006, Contact: Alex Naar 415-331-6374.*

*EIS No. 20050526, Final EIS, NPS, CA, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Fire Management Plan, Implementation, Santa Monica Mountains, CA, Wait Period Ends: 01/23/2006, Contact: Marty O'Toole 415-331-6374.*

*EIS No. 20050527, Final EIS, AFS, OR, Big Butte Springs Timber Sales, To Implementation Management Direction, Roque River-Siskiyou National Forest, Butte Falls Ranger District, Cascade Zone, Jackson County, OR, Wait Period Ends: 01/23/2006, Contact: Joe T. King 541-560-3400.*

*EIS No. 20050528, Draft EIS, AFS, IN, Tell City Windthrow 2004 Project, Salvage Harvest and Prescribed Burning of Windthrow Timber, Implementation, Hoosier National Forest, Perry, Crawford and Dubois Counties, IN, Comment Period Ends: 02/06/2006, Contact: Ron Ellis 812-275-5987.*

*EIS No. 20050529, Final EIS, FHWA, CA, 1st Street Viaduct and Street Widening Project, To Replace Two Traffic Lanes on the 1st Street Viaduct between Vignes Street and Mission Road, Funding, in the City and County of Los Angeles, CA, Wait Period Ends: 01/23/2006, Contact: Steve Healow 916-498-5849.*

*EIS No. 20050530, Draft EIS, FHWA, ID, ID-75 Timmerman to Ketchum—US-20 to Saddle Road, Increase Roadway and Transportation Safety, Cities of Bellevue, Hailey, Ketchum and the City of Sun Valley, Blaine County, ID, Comment Period Ends: 02/24/2006, Contact: Ed Johnson 208-334-9180.*

*EIS No. 20050531, Draft EIS, COE, CA, Prado Flood Control Basin Master Plan Project, Construct, Maintain and Operate Recreation Facilities, Santa*

Ana River Basin, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, CA, Comment Period Ends: 02/06/2006, Contact: Dr. Nedenia C. Kennedy 213-452-3856.

*EIS No. 20050532, Draft EIS, FRC, LA, Creole Trail Liquefied National Gas (LNG) Terminal and Pipeline Project, Construction and Operation, Cameron, Calcasieu, Beauregard, Allen, Jefferson, Davis and Acadia Parishes, LA, Comment Period Ends: 02/21/2006, Contact: Thomas Russo 1-866-208-3372.*

*EIS No. 20050533, Draft EIS, AFS, WV, Allegheny Wood Product Easement, Proposes to Convey an Easement of Right-of-Way along the Railroad Grade located in the Blackwater Canyon Area, Monongahela National Forest, Tucker County, WV, Comment Period Ends: 02/06/2006, Contact: Bill Shields 304-636-1800 Ext 287.*

*EIS No. 20050534, Draft EIS, AFS, WA, The Summit at Snoqualmie Master Development Plan (MPD), Proposal to Ensure Long-Term Economic Viability, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie/Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests, King County, WA, Comment Period Ends: 02/06/2006, Contact: Larry Donovan 415-744-3403.*

*EIS No. 20050535, Draft EIS, BIA, AK, Cordova Oil Spill Response Facility, Construct an Oil Spill Response Facility at Shepard Point, NPDES Permit and U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Cordova, AK, Comment Period Ends: 02/10/2006, Contact: Kristin K'eit 907-586-7423.*

*EIS No. 20050536, Final EIS, FAA, 00, Horizontal Launch and Reentry of Reentry Vehicles, Facilitate the Issuance of Licenses in United States, Wait Period Ends: 01/23/2006, Contact: Stacey Zee 202-267-9305.*

#### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 20050460, Draft Supplement, USN, 00, Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active (SURTASS LFA) Sonar Systems, Updated and Additional Information, Implementation, Comment Period Ends: 02/10/2006, Contact: J.S. Johnson 703-465-8404.*

Revision of Notice Published in FR 11/10/2005: Extending Comment Period from 12/27/2005 to 02/10/2006.

Dated: December 20, 2005.

**Robert W. Hargrove,**

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8014-2]

### State Innovation Grant Program, Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Proposals for 2006 Awards

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Innovation (NCEI) is giving notice of the availability of its solicitation for proposals for the 2006 grant program to support innovation by state environmental regulatory agencies—the “State Innovation Grant Program.”

The solicitation is available at the Agency's State Innovation Grant Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategrants/solicitation2006.pdf>, or may be requested from the Agency by e-mail, telephone, or by mail. Only the principal environmental regulatory agency within each State (generally, where delegated authorities for Federal environmental regulations exist) is eligible to receive these grants.

**DATES:** State environmental regulatory agencies will have until January 20, 2006 to respond with a pre-proposal, budget, and project summary. The environmental regulatory agencies from the fifty (50) States; Washington, DC, and four (4) territories were notified of the solicitation's availability by fax and e-mail transmittals on December 12, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Solicitation can be downloaded from the Agency's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategrants> or may be requested by telephone (202-566-2186), or by e-mail

([Innovation\\_State\\_Grants@epa.gov](mailto:Innovation_State_Grants@epa.gov)). You can request a solicitation application package be sent to you by fax or by mail by contacting NCEI as indicated below.

Applicants may apply by sending a hardcopy submission of their pre-proposal to EPA or by applying electronically either through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) as explained in Section 4.4 of the solicitation, or directly by e-mail to:

[Innovation\\_State\\_Grants@epa.gov](mailto:Innovation_State_Grants@epa.gov). Applicants must submit the information required below with their application package. Applicants may download individual grant application forms, or electronically request a paper application package and an accompanying computer CD of

information related to applicants/grant recipients roles and responsibilities from EPA's Grants and Debarment Web site at ([http://www.gov/ogd/grants/how\\_to\\_apply.htm](http://www.gov/ogd/grants/how_to_apply.htm)). Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation, or questions concerning the solicitation should be sent to: State Innovation Grants Program, National Center for Environmental Innovation, Office of the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (MC 1807T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. (202) 566-2186. (202) 566-2220 FAX.

*Innovation\_State\_Grants@epa.gov.*

For courier delivery only: Sherri Walker, State Innovation Grants Program, U.S. EPA, EPA West Building, Room 4214D, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20005.

Proposal responses or questions may also be sent by fax to (202-566-2220), addressed to the "State Innovation Grant Program," or by e-mail to: *Innovation\_State\_Grants@epa.gov.* We encourage e-mail responses. If you have questions about responding to this notice, please contact EPA at this e-mail address or fax number, or you may call Sherri Walker at 202-566-2186. EPA will acknowledge all responses it receives to this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting pre-proposals for an assistance agreement program (the "State Innovation Grant Program") in an effort to support innovation by State environmental regulatory agencies. In April 2002, EPA issued its plan for future innovation efforts, published as *Innovating for Better Environmental Result: A Strategy to Guide the Next Generation of Innovation at EPA* (EPA 100-R-02-002; <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/pdf/strategy.pdf>). This assistance agreement program strengthens EPA's partnership with the States by assisting State Innovation that supports the Strategy. EPA would like to help States build on previous experience and undertake strategic innovation projects that promote larger-scale models for "next generation" environmental protection and promise better environmental results. EPA is interested in funding projects that: (1) Go beyond a single facility experiment to promote change that is "systems-oriented;" (2) provide better results from a program, process, or sector-wide innovation; and (3) promote integrated (cross-media) environmental management with high potential for transfer to other States.

"Innovation in permitting" is the theme for the 2006 solicitation. Under

this theme, EPA is interested in pre-proposals that:

(a) Apply the Environmental Results Program model, an alternative to permitting scheme for small business sectors;

(b) Explore the relationship between Environmental Management Systems and permitting; or

(c) Seek to build State support for EPA's National Environmental Performance Track Program or similar State performance-based environmental leadership programs.

EPA interprets "innovation in permitting" broadly to include permitting programs, pesticide licensing programs, and other alternatives or supplements to permitting programs. EPA is interested in creative approaches that both (1) achieve mandatory Federal and State standards and (2) encourage performance and address environmental issues above and beyond minimum requirements.

This solicitation begins the fourth State Innovation Grant competition. Of the 22 projects that have been awarded in the prior rounds (including those with pending awards) eleven (11) are for development of Environmental Results Programs, seven (7) relate to Environmental Management Systems and permitting, two (2) are to enhance Performance-Based Environmental Leadership programs, two (2) are for Watershed-based permitting, and one (1) is Information Technology for the application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to a permitting process. For information on the prior solicitations and awards, please see highlights of previous awards in Attachment 3 of the solicitation, or see the EPA State Innovation Grants Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategrants>.

Dated: December 8, 2005.

**Elizabeth Shaw,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy Innovation.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8013-8]

### Environmental Economics Research Strategy

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a final document.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is today

announcing the availability of its *Environmental Economics Research Strategy*, EPA/600/R-04/195. The *Environmental Economics Research Strategy* identifies and prioritizes environmental economics and decision science research that will be conducted over the next several years to improve the scientific foundation for EPA's decision-making and policy initiatives.

**ADDRESSES:** A limited number of copies of the *Environmental Economics Research Strategy* will be available from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications. Request a copy by telephoning 1-800-490-9198 or 513-489-8190 and providing the title and the EPA number for the document, EPA/600/R-04/195. Internet users may download a copy from the EPA's Office of Research and Development home page at <http://www.epa.gov/ord/html/documents/econresearch.pdf>. The strategy is also available on EPA's National Center for Environmental Economics home page at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/ee/epa/eed.nsf/webpages/homepage>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. William Wheeler, National Center for Environmental Research (8722F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone: 202-343-9828; facsimile: 202-233-0678; E-mail: [wheeler.william@epa.gov](mailto:wheeler.william@epa.gov) or Dr. Brian Heninger, National Center for Environmental Economics (1809T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone: 202-566-2270; facsimile: 202-566-2338; E-mail: [heninger.brian@epa.gov](mailto:heninger.brian@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The *Environmental Economics Research Strategy* was developed to guide future environmental economics research at the Agency. This research strategy outlines EPA's effort to provide the necessary behavioral science foundation for making decisions and designing environmental policies at the least cost to American businesses and consumers. To be effective the Agency must understand how people and firms make decisions about and affect the environment, and, in turn, how the environment affects Americans' quality of life. The environmental economics research described in this strategy will become a cornerstone of the economic analyses that EPA needs to develop environmental policy.

The *Environmental Economics Research Strategy* was developed by a team from the National Center for Environmental Economics (NCEE) and the National Center for Environmental