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**Affected entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are those companies or organizations, large and small businesses, that want to provide the EPA with supplies or services.

**Title:** Invitation for Bids and Request for Proposals (IFBs and RFPs).

**Abstract:** EPA requires contractors to submit information in order to be considered for the award of a contract. Information requested includes: prices for the supplies/services requested, information on past performance, technical and cost information, and general financial and organizational information. Information provided by vendors in response to an RFP/IFB is used to evaluate which vendor will provide the best product in terms of quality, timeliness and price. Response to IFBs/RFPs are required to be considered for a contract award. The legal authority for this collection is 41 U.S.C. 253., contractor confidential business information submitted in connection with an IFB or RFP response is protected from public release in accordance with 40 CFR 2.201 *et seq.* An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Burden Statement:** Burden estimate for responding to IFBs is 8 hours per submission. Annual collection by the Agency is estimated to be 298 bids. At an average cost of \$503.57 for each submission, the annual cost to respondents is \$150,063.86. Burden for responding to RFPs is estimated at 251 hours per submission. Annual receipt of proposals by the Agency is expected to be 1224. At an average cost of \$15,837.86 the annual cost for RFP information collection is estimated at \$19,385,540. The total respondent burden for both IFBs and RFPs is 309,608 hours. Total annual cost for IFBs and RFPs is estimated at \$19,535,603. This number fluctuates year to year based on how many IFBs and RFPs are released at the Agency. Nominal capital or start up costs are expected. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7556-6]

### Notice of Charter Renewals of the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of charter renewal.

**SUMMARY:** The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC); will be renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee which is in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2 section 9(c). The purpose of CHPAC is to provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on issues associated with development of regulations, guidance and policies to address children's health risks.

It is determined that CHPAC is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

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Dated: September 3, 2003.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7556-2]

### Request for Nominations to the Good Neighbor Environmental Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointments to fill several vacancies on the Good Neighbor Environmental Board. For this round of recruitment, given the goal of maintaining diverse representation across sectors and geographic locations, tribal representatives and representatives from academic