

**AGENCY:** ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

**TITLE:** "INNOVATION IN WOOD STOVE CHANGEOUTS STUDY"

**ACTION:** Request for Proposals (RFP)

**RFP NO:** EPA-OAR-OID-06-09

**CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) NO:** 66.034

**SUMMARY:** Formal Agency responses to additional questions regarding the subject RFP.

**DATE:** August 9, 2006

**Question 5:** Does EPA require verification that a pre-1990 stove has been turned in by a local resident for recycling at a local scrap yard? What type of verification serves as proof?

**Answer 5:** Yes, the Request for Proposals (RFP) states that the project summary shall include: "A method to receive and document data from retailers confirming installation as well as confirmation that the dismantling and proper recycling of the old stove occurs."

**Question 6:** Does EPA anticipate that some of these funds may be used to pay for rebates?

**Answer 6:** The use of federal funds to provide reasonable incentives in the form of rebates would be an allowable expense.

**Question 7:** If our Air District is in attainment for national PM standards, will that affect our chances of being awarded a grant?

**Answer 7:** Designation status (Attainment/Non-attainment/Maintenance) is not an evaluation criterion, so it will not have an impact on the numerical score assigned to the proposal. In making final funding decisions, however, the Approving Official may consider designation status along with other factors as specified in Section V.B., Review and Selection Process (programmatic priorities, geographic distribution of funds, etc.).

**Question 8:** Section IV.C.2., requires that "the narrative must explicitly describe how the proposed project meets the guidelines established in Sections I—III of this announcement, and address each of the evaluation criteria set forth in Section V." Sections I—III contains the opportunity description, award information, and eligibility. Please explain what you want here.

**Answer 8:** The statement quoted in this question must be addressed in each applicant's narrative proposal. Specifically, applicants must provide a brief synopsis of their proposed project so that EPA can quickly determine its consistency with the overall funding opportunity description as contained in Section I of the RFP. In addition, applicants must provide a very brief background on the organization for the purpose of confirming eligibility to apply as identified in Section III.