

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

TITLE: “TRIBAL TRAINING SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN AIR QUALITY TRAINING PROGRAM AND TRIBAL AIR MONITORING SUPPORT CENTER”

ACTION: Request for Applications (RFA) - Questions and Answers.

RFA NO: OAR-IO-05-01

CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) NO: 66.034

SUMMARY: Formal Agency responses to questions/comments regarding the subject solicitation.

1. What are the requirements regarding the applications font and margins, and is there a page limit?

The announcement contains no specifications regarding the applications font, margins, or page limit.

2. Is this the first time this program has been solicited? If not, when it was it last solicited, how many awards were made, and how much funding was available?

Yes. This is the first time a competitive selection of recipients will be made under this program.

3. Are applicants advised to contact the program office prior to submitting an application?

No. Because this is an open competitive opportunity, in the interest of fairness, we are unable to meet with individual potential applicants to discuss details of the program or proposal development.

Specific questions regarding the solicitation may be submitted, in writing, via postal mail, facsimile, or by using our website. Answers will be posted, bi-weekly, until the closing date of this announcement, to the OAR Grants & Funding webpage located at: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html. (Refer to Section VII, Agency Contact.)

4. What types of applicants would prove most competitive for this program?

Each eligible proposal, based on Section III, Eligibility Information, will be evaluated according to the criteria disclosed in the announcement. Proposals that are best able to directly and explicitly address the evaluation criteria will have a greater likelihood of being selected for award.

5. Are there any changes to the solicitation information since its release?

No.

6. Will the ending of the grant be March 30, 2010 as stated in the RFA, or was that an error?

The estimated project period for awards resulting from this solicitation is July 1, 2005 through March 31, 2010. The actual project performance period will be negotiated at the time of award.

7. The RFP states “in 2005, total funding shall not exceed \$1.5 million.” Do you mean FY 2006, and will FY 2006 start on July 1, 2005, or do you mean that through the federal fiscal year 2005 which ends September 30, 2005?

The RFA states “In FY 2005, total funding shall not exceed \$1.5 million.” FY 2005 began on October 1, 2004 and extends through September 30, 2005.