

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

**TITLE:** “MARKET-BASED APPROACHES TO REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS THROUGH ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN HOMES AND BUILDINGS”

**ACTION:** Request for Initial Proposals (RFIP) - Questions and Answers.

**RFIP NO:** OAR-CPPD-05-03

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

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

- 1. Please advise if you have restrictions on the types of designs or construction materials used. The reason I ask the question is due to a USDA refusal to grant funds for our innovative passive solar home design, with a solar attic. USDA also said that any unusual construction materials would not be allowed; e.g. earth-block, straw bale, cordwood etc.**

This RFIP seeks proposals to further enhance delivery of energy efficient products used in residential and commercial sectors. The activities you described are not eligible for consideration under this RFA.

- 2. We have a technology for holographic solar lighting and energy savings (lower lighting costs, lower consequent A/C) and I would like a short conversation to determine if a program to bring this to market suits this RFP. Phase II work was supported by NSF and USDA.**

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](http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html). (Refer to Section VII, Agency Contact.)

- 3. The Scope of Work states that proposals may address delivering improved energy performance to existing commercial buildings (e.g., offices, schools, hotels, hospitals, supermarkets, etc.) through technology or practice. We are contemplating submitting a proposal that focuses on small and medium commercial customers, including corner grocery stores, restaurants, and warehouses. Does this population fit within the Work Scope?**

Yes.

- 4. I understand that EPA requested proposals on this topic last year, however, I am unable to find any information from the Office of Air and Radiation website on projects funded last year. Can you provide information on which projects were funded last year under this solicitation?**

Information on projects funded under prior year solicitations may be obtained by contacting the EPA Freedom of Information Office. Electronic Freedom of Information Act requests may be made on the internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/foia/requestform.html>.