

NOTICE OF WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES

Opportunity to Participate: Researchers within the National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory (NHEERL) may be willing and available to participate with an eligible institution to prepare a joint assistance application in response to a Request for Application (RFA) issued by another federal agency.

Limitations:

- 1) The funding agency must have the necessary statutory authority to award a grant or cooperative agreement to EPA before EPA can apply for grant or cooperative agreement funding. Not all agencies have this authority. If the funding agency does not have statutory authority to award a grant or cooperative agreement to EPA, it might be willing to fund EPA under an interagency agreement (IAG). A NHEERL researcher would be required to ascertain that the authority exists for the funding agency to award a grant or cooperative agreement to EPA or would be willing to make the award to EPA by an IAG before considering a request to participate.
- 2) The funding opportunity must relate to the Office of Research and Development's strategic goals and complement NHEERL's in-house research. More information on the research focus of the NHEERL can be found on this website; in particular in the Section "About NHEERL." More specific information about the research being conducted in the various NHEERL Divisions can be obtained by clicking on the links on the NHEERL Home Page.
- 3) **NHEERL** employees may not participate in preparation of an application to be submitted in response to an RFA issued by the EPA.

Eligibility Requirements:

Institutions eligible to participate are other federal agencies, U.S. non-profit public and private institutions of higher education, and their directly associated non-profit research entities, or other entities such as state and local governments, Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments, and U.S. territories or possessions. Profit-making organizations are ineligible.

Criteria for Participation:

The participating institution must be able to demonstrate the availability of research staff with appropriate scientific credentials, a history of successfully conducting research in the subject area of the RFA, the availability of facilities and related resources necessary to complete the research. For federal employees to participate there must also be an absence of any actual or apparent conflict of interest, as well as an absence of any lack of impartiality, as defined by the Standards of Ethical Conduct.

Contact Us: If you are interested in participating with NHEERL researchers in preparing a funding application in response to another federal agency's RFA, submit a written request to: U.S.E.P.A.

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The request should identify the sponsoring federal agency, the RFA identifier, indicate in general terms the research project that is anticipated and how NHEERL researchers would be expected to collaborate, and date by which EPA should reply. Provide the scientific qualifications required of the NHEERL researcher(s); specific individuals may be identified.

Decision to Participate: If the proposed project appears to be complementary of the NHEERL's in-house research, you may be contacted for more information related to the planned project, the qualifications of your team, and the availability of facilities and other resources. All requests from eligible institutions will be given fair and equal consideration. The NHEERL reserves the right to choose to participate with more than one eligible partner in preparing an application in response to a particular RFA. The decision to allow an EPA researcher to participate with a particular eligible institution in the preparation of an application will be made by **NHEERL** management and is not subject to dispute.

Further Information: For further information, contact:

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