

OVERVIEW INFORMATION

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), National Risk Management Research Laboratory

TITLE: Reliability and Life Expectancy of Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Systems

ACTION: Request for Applications (RFA) - Initial

RFA NUMBER: EPA-ORD-NRMRL-CI-09-05

CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA): 66.511 – Office of Research and Development Consolidated Research/Training/Fellowship Programs

DATES: The closing date and time for receipt of hard copy applications or electronic receipt of applications is **May 18, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. EST**. All applications must be post marked or submitted electronically thru email as described in Section IV., by the closing date and time to receive consideration. No late proposals will be accepted

To allow efficient management of the competitive process, EPA requests submittal of an informal notice of an “Intent to Apply,” by **May 4, 2009**. Submission of “Intent to Apply” is optional; it is a process management tool that will allow EPA to better anticipate the total staff time required for efficient review, evaluation, and selection of submitted proposals.

SUMMARY: The purpose is to develop reliability and life expectancy data (tables, charts, graphs) for use by operators/managers/owners of decentralized wastewater systems. The current lack of this type of information has hindered the proper operation and maintenance of decentralized wastewater systems, contributing to failing systems that endangered public health and the aquatic environment.

CATEGORY OF FUNDING: Environment

NUMBER OF EXPECTED AWARDS: One

CEILING: \$ 200,000 - EPA anticipates awarding one grant; \$100K for year one and \$100K for year two.

COST SHARING OR MATCHING: Cost sharing is not required by statute or regulation; however, voluntary cost sharing will be evaluated in accordance with evaluation criteria set forth in Section V.

GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION: Not Applicable

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:

Programs under CFDA 66.511 are available to each State, territory and possession, and Tribal nation of the United States, including the District of Columbia, for public and private State universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, State and local government departments, and other public or private nonprofit institutions and in some cases, individuals or foreign entities who have demonstrated unusually high scientific ability. Profit-making firms are not eligible to receive awards. Eligible nonprofit organizations include any organizations that meet the definition of nonprofit in OMB Circular A-122. However, nonprofit organizations described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 are not eligible to apply. Universities and educational institutions must be subject to OMB Circular A-21.

Application Materials:

Applicants may submit either a hard-copy printed application or an electronic application through email (but not both) for this announcement. Instructions for both forms of submission follow in Sections IV. B. and C. Grant application forms can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/application.htm>

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