

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR STUDENT SERVICE CONTRACTS
(DIRECT PURCHASE ORDERS TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS)
RFQ-RT-09-00187**

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Research and Development
National Exposure Research Laboratory
Chemical Exposure Research Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio**

The Chemical Exposure Research Branch (CERB) of the Microbiological and Chemical Exposure Assessment Research Division (MCEARD), National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL), Office of Research and Development (ORD), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking a college student to provide services under a contractual agreement to conduct research to determine the extent of pesticide transfer from contaminated household surfaces to foods. Pesticides may be routinely applied within a home which adhere to surfaces and become potential sources of dietary exposure. Research within CERB addresses these potential sources of dietary exposure and may include the development of analytical methods for determination of contaminants on foods.

The student will work within a multi-disciplinary research team and will provide technical and general laboratory support for various research projects. Duties will involve the development and evaluation of methods to create contaminated household surfaces and measure pesticide transfer to a variety of foods and may include the development of analytical methods for determination of contaminants on foods. Other duties may also include maintaining research supplies and materials, routine maintenance of laboratory equipment, solution preparation, and other tasks necessary to carry out the studies. The student will perform duties, as requested, according to specifications and instructions provided by the mentor. The student will also maintain careful and accurate records in designated laboratory notebooks. These notebooks and all other data produced under this order will be the property of the EPA.

This work is projected to begin, depending upon the availability of the selected student contractor, upon availability and will end in twelve months, with an option to renew for an additional two one-year appointments. It is anticipated that the student contractor will work no more than 20 hours per week during the academic school year and 40 hours per week during the summer time, not to exceed 1000 hours in one twelve month period. The majority of the work will be Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. The duty location is in the CERB, MS 564, 26 W. MLK Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45268. Work will be primarily performed in a laboratory.

Eligible student contractors must be students in good academic standing who are currently enrolled in a master's or Ph.D. degree program at an accredited college/university and have completed a B.S. or equivalent degree in chemistry, biology, biochemistry, public health, or a related field. The preferred student contractor will have had training and/or experience in analytical instrumentation and other general laboratory techniques and safety practices. Non-U.S. citizens may be eligible to participate, depending on their immigration status and the applicable regulations of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS). All

non-US citizens must submit, as part of their proposal package, evidence of their immigration status that allows them to work in the United States.

The hourly rate is \$26.20 per hour for students who are currently enrolled in a master's or Ph.D. degree program at an accredited college/university and have completed a B.S. or equivalent degree. Student contractors will be paid the basic hourly rate only for the number of hours worked and do not receive overtime premium for any hours worked beyond the 40-hour week. Student contractors do not accrue leave or holiday benefits and are not paid for any non-work days, regardless of the reason. Federal, State, Local, and Social Security taxes will not be withheld; student contractors are responsible for reporting income to authorities and paying all taxes. The student contractor is responsible for all costs of transportation to and from the principal duty station location. EPA does not provide housing, meals or other living expenses while working at the principal duty station.

To submit a proposal for this position, the applicant must provide a one or two page resume or statement of qualifications including: (1) full legal name, (2) mailing address, (3) telephone number, (4) email address (if any), (5) date of birth, (6) place of birth, (7) citizenship or, if not a US citizen, immigration/VISA status, (8) education, including description of relevant classes, (9) work or volunteer experience related to the scientific field, (10) laboratory work experience, and (11) a statement of your commitment to fulfill at least the initial year of the order, if selected. Attach a copy of all your college/university transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable, if it is apparent from the transcript copy that it is a copy of an official document and that the school is identified), listing courses taken, grades, and overall GPA. Three letters of recommendation are also strongly suggested. Also, your proposal must contain a statement that you propose/accept the stated hourly rate of \$26.20 per hour. Send your proposal submittal to: James E. Wesley, II wesley.james@epa.gov fax no. (919) 685-3412. The submission deadline will be listed at the website listed below.

Prior to applying for this position, you should visit the EPA solicitation web page at http://www.epa.gov/oam/rtp_cmd to learn the full details of the position for which you are applying. Under the section entitled "Student Services" read all of the attached documents. You should visit the website periodically to check the status of this procurement and to see whether or not any amendments (changes to the requirement of the posted position) have been issued. If you have any questions on the information contained on this website, contact James E. Wesley, II wesley.james@epa.gov fax no. (919) 685-3412.

The Government will make contract award(s) based on the student's work experience, knowledge and skills, training and course work as it relates to the services as described in the Announcement. Students who perform under contract for EPA will be required to undergo a background check, check of FBI fingerprint files and a suitability determination by EPA.

All questions regarding this position should be addressed to the Contract Specialist James E. Wesley, II wesley.james@epa.gov fax no. (919) 685-3412.