

OVERVIEW SECTION

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

TITLE: "STATE POLICY-BASED APPROACHES TO REDUCING EMISSIONS THROUGH IMPROVED GREENHOUSE GAS MANAGEMENT AND CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS"

ACTION: Request for Proposals (RFP)

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DATES: The closing date for applicants to submit proposals under this RFP is **June 9, 2006, 4:00 p.m. EST**. All proposals, however transmitted, must be received by the closing date and time to receive consideration. No late proposals will be accepted.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals to encourage voluntary efforts to reduce energy-related emissions from stationary sources by funding proposals to advance improvements in state greenhouse gas management and state clean energy policies and programs.

FUNDING/AWARDS: The total estimated funding available under this competitive opportunity is approximately \$600,000.00. EPA anticipates award of up to five cooperative agreements resulting from this announcement, subject to the availability of funds and quality of evaluated proposals. Final applications will be requested from those eligible entities whose initial proposal has been successfully evaluated and preliminarily recommended for award. Upon notification of award from EPA, awardees will be provided with instructions and a due date for submittal of the final application package.

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I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

A. Background

The Climate Protection Partnerships Division (CPPD) is committed to reducing emissions through energy efficiency, clean energy, and cost-effective partnerships with industries and governments in all sectors of the economy where emissions reductions can be achieved. One of CPPD's newer programs is the Clean Energy-Environment State Partnership. States are finding that clean energy offers a cost-effective way to further their environmental and energy goals and achieve public health and economic benefits. The Clean Energy-Environment State Partnership Program is a voluntary state-federal partnership that supports state efforts to increase the use of clean energy. Under the Partnership Program, states work across their agencies to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy or action plan for using existing and new energy policies and programs to promote clean energy sources that provide multiple benefits. An action plan can serve as a platform and roadmap for engaging relevant state agencies, including non-government stakeholders. In addition, states often work beyond state boundaries on a collaborative basis to develop regional clean energy strategies (e.g., the Western Governors Clean and Diversified Energy Initiative). Through this solicitation, states will understand the connection between clean energy sources and improvements to the air quality and other benefits to the states' citizens. States will be able to obtain the information to help them harmonize actions that will help their citizens through clean energy actions that will enhance economic development and improve air quality and the population's public health. In addition, through this solicitation, states collaborating on a regional basis can help reduce emissions and improve air quality from energy sources that affects the citizens of the states in a given region.

B. Scope of Work

The EPA seeks to fund proposals from eligible entities to help and train states develop cost-effective clean energy strategies that further their energy, economic and environmental goals. Through state clean energy plans, states are developing clean energy policies and programs that help them implement a range of innovative approaches that achieve quantifiable reductions in air emissions. The purpose of this solicitation is to assist interested state officials and staff within the state environmental, energy and utility official offices evaluate their energy programs and develop clean energy plans that will address the states' environmental challenges through improved air quality. Through this solicitation, states may develop their unique strategies and plans that integrate their clean energy and environmental goals.

Examples of the types of activities that proposals may address include the following:

- Support a state's effort to develop a clean energy action plan (or similar equivalent effort) and provide technical analysis need to develop the plan. The clean energy action plan could include a clean energy goal, clean energy programs/policies and their descriptions, potential emissions reductions expected and a process for attaining the clean energy goal through the development of these programs/policies. The assistance might include, but not be limited to, helping and training states to:

