

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

TITLE: "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPLIANCE/PREVENTION UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM"

ACTION: Request for Proposals (RFP) - Questions and Answers.

RFA NO: EPA-OSWER-OUST-10-01

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SUMMARY: The following are formal Agency responses to questions/comments received regarding the subject solicitation.

1. The RFP states that the cooperative agreement period is 30 months. Will the recipient be able to extend the funding past the 30 months?

No. All project activities must be completed within the negotiated project performance period of 30 months.

2. How do the activities in the RFP relate to NEIWPCC's existing grant, specifically, in terms of funding and participation for the National Tanks Conference?

The activities supported under this RFP are for a different purpose not related to the existing grant between EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks and NEIWPCC. For information regarding participation in the National Tanks Conference, refer to *Section I(B), Project Description* of the RFP.

3. For Contractual Costs in the Budget Narrative, does that refer to contracts with vendors or any contract the awardee would sign, such as hotel contracts?

If the awardee enters into contracts deemed necessary to perform tasks outlined in the proposal, including contracts with hotels, those costs would be considered contractual costs. If consultants are hired to perform tasks, those costs should also be included in the contractual costs section. Please note that if you intend to use EPA grant funds for subawards of financial assistance (i.e., subgrants to states or non profits) the costs for subawards would be classified as "Other" with a notation in the budget narrative.