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### **FAQ for Tribal Support for E-Enterprise for the Environment**

This Frequently Asked Questions document has been prepared to answer questions related to EPA-OCFO-OEE-18-02, Tribal Support for E-Enterprise for the Environment.

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>. The FAQs will be updated periodically as we continue to receive questions.

**Q: I have been checking the E-Enterprise website and I cannot find anything about current tribal participation or what efforts are currently happening with tribes. Are there any? Is there another website?**

A: More information about tribal participation in E-Enterprise is described in the Charter of the E-Enterprise Leadership Council, <https://www.epa.gov/e-enterprise/eelc-charter>. Additional information on tribal participation can also be found at <https://e-enterprisefortheenvironment.net>

**Q: What do the reimbursements cover and is the invitational cost travel response from EPA?**

A: The successful applicant must use funding available through this cooperative agreement or a non-Federal sources of funds to cover the costs associated for tribal EELC members to travel and participate in the in-person EELC and Management Board meetings. Examples of components of an effective plan to support tribal participation in both EELC and Management Board meetings, include provisions for paying program participation support costs such as travel (transportation, hotel, M&IE, conference fees, if necessary). The successful applicant, rather than EPA, will respond to requests for travel assistance decide which EELC tribal members and tribal Management Board members receive travel assistance.

**Q: Do these reimbursements cover all cost? We are looking into what exactly is to be reimbursed to the Tribal Representatives. (Hotel, air fare, per diem, taxi/shuttle services, etc.**

A: When developing your budget, EPA considers the Federal travel per-diem rates, which are available at: <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates> and other GSA travel reimbursement policies reflected in the Federal Travel Regulations to be reasonable. Applicants may propose other approaches for EPA to evaluate from a cost-effectiveness standpoint.

**Q: Or does EPA provide invitation only where EPA pays for the flights or the rooms?**

A: EPA does not intend to issue 5 USC 5703 invitational travel orders to tribal EELC members to cover their travel expenses to attend these in-person meetings directly.