

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Air and Radiation
Immediate Office**

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**American Indian Air Quality Training Program and
Tribal Environmental Education, Outreach and
Support Program Operations
Request for Applications (RFA) Teleconference**

February 12, 2015



Teleconference Overview

1. Purpose of this Teleconference
2. Timing Status of the Grant
3. Background
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 - Please note that this teleconference is NOT a consultation, but Tribes are welcome to request a formal consultation with us.



Timing Status of the Grant

- January 15, 2015 – RFA Opened
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American Indian Air Quality training Program Background

- EPA created the AIAQTP to provide training and educational outreach for tribal environmental staff throughout the United States (including Alaska).
- Projects and Services of this grant help to accomplish the following goals:
 - Assist in the building of Tribal Capacity for Air Management
 - Provide high quality up-to-date training that is immediately relevant to tribes
 - Enhance communications skills to promote collaboration and networking



American Indian Air Quality training Program Background continued

- Provides Native American Students an avenue to pursue environmental careers.
- Assists schools teaching Native American students in improving environmental science literacy.
 - these last two tasks were previously included in a separate grant but have been returned to the AIAQTP grant under the current request for applications.



Purpose of the RFA

- Purpose of the RFA:
 - Seek applications from eligible entities to provide support for the tribal air program through training and outreach.
 - Perform the tasks outlined in the RFA.
 - Coordinate with EPA's Office of Air and Radiation on air and tribal training and outreach activities.



Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Applicants are NOT limited to Tribal applicants.
- States, local governments, territories, Indian tribes, and possessions of the U.S., including the District of Columbia, international organizations, public and private universities, and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, and other public or private non-profit institutions.



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Request for Applications Highlights

- Applications must address how they will accomplish five tasks:
 1. Workshop Training
 2. Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center (TAMS)
 3. Professional Assistance
 4. Tribal Environmental Education, Outreach and Support Program
 5. Environmental Education Internship Programs



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1. Workshop Training

- Approximately 20 workshop courses offered annually.
- Training should reflect a community based approach specific to tribal issues.
- Training should be sensitive to tribal culture while providing accurate technical information.
- Course should include Tribal instructors.



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2. TAMS

- Provide specialized tribal training, technical assistance, outreach and support activities in response to tribal needs and requests.
- Activities conducted through the TAMS center and coordinated between recipient and EPA staff using existing facilities.



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3. Professional Assistance

- Website
- Information and technical Assistance
- Mentoring
- Reference Library
- Newsletter
- National Meetings



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4. Tribal Environmental Education, Outreach and Support Program

- Outreach to Tribal Schools, Students and Communities
- Training Facility Site Visits
- Mentoring Programs
- Professional Assistance and Support
- Program Website



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5. Environmental Education Internship Programs

- Offer the opportunity for tribal students and Tribal environmental professionals to work in an academic, tribal or other governmental setting to gain experience.
- Financial Assistance should be made available to all interns to support this activity



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Web Resources

Current Award Grantee (NAU) AIAQTP website:

<http://www4.nau.edu/itep/air/>

EPA OAR Tribal Webpage :

<http://www.epa.gov/air/tribal/>

EPA OAR Grants Webpage:

http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html



Questions

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Thank you!!!

If you have any other comments you would like to share, please email them to:

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