

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

TITLE: CLIMATE AND INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT MODELING STUDIES

ACTION: Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP: EPA-OAR-CCD-12-07

CFDA: 66.034

SUMMARY: Formal Agency responses to questions regarding the subject RFP

DATE: July 18, 2012

Q1: Regarding the proposed project start date listed on page 5 of the RFP in section II. Part D. , can you please give me more precise time line for start date?

A1: For planning purposes, applicants should assume a project start date of January 2013. After the proposal review process is complete and a selection has been made, we will be able to provide a more definitive date.

Q2: On page 10 section III, part 1. Summary Page, e. "Project period: ...should assume a project start date of January 2012", should it be January 2013? Please confirm this date.

A2: For planning purposes, applicants should assume a project start date of January 2013. After the proposal review process is complete and a selection has been made, we will be able to provide a more definitive date.

Q3: Are references separate attachments or are they part of 20 page narrative limit?

A3: Please refer back to page 12 of the RFP, number 4. Attachments, are not included in the 20 page limited narrative.

Q4: Are FFRDC's eligible to apply? The RFP does not specifically prohibit FFRDC's, but it doesn't specifically include them either.

A4: Applicants are responsible for determining whether they are an eligible entity for this funding announcement. It is also the responsibility of an applicant to determine what type of organization they plan to partner or collaborate with, not EPA. Once the competition closes and during the threshold criteria evaluation of proposals, EPA will determine whether an applicant is eligible or not, and notify ineligible applicants accordingly. If an applicant proposes to subcontract to a specific entity (laboratory), the applicant must follow the proper procurement provisions in 40 CFR part 30 or 31.

Additionally, please refer to section IV parts D and E of the RFP for guidance regarding subcontracts and partnerships.

Q5: How do I access the full announcement?

A5: Please access the full announcement via the following link:
http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html

Q6: Will EPA need experienced peer reviewers for this program?

A6: External reviewers will not be used for this announcement.

Q7: Is the detailed budget justification, including the budget table, included in the body of the proposal?

A7: Yes, a detailed budget narrative/justification is included in the body of the narrative proposal. Please review section IV. part C. Content of Proposal Information of the RFP, specifically pages 10-12 detailing required contents of the narrative proposal.