Tribal ecoAmbassadors FAQs for RFA #EPA-OITA-AIEO-2016-001

Q1. Who is considered as an eligible institution for submitting an ecoAmbassadors grant Proposal?

A. Per Section III of the RFP and Appendix B, any federally recognized and accredited Tribal College or Tribal University (TCU) may submit a grant a proposal.

Q2. I am a professor at a non-TCU, but have a great project in mind that would be good fit for this program. Can I partner with a TCU?

A. Yes. TCU have a large research network and have partnered with non-TCUs in the past for this Program. Please see Appendix B of the RFP for the current list of accredited Tribal College and Universities.

Q3. Where can I find a copy of the Tribal ecoAmbassadors Program Request for Proposals (RFP) so that I can apply?

A. The Tribal ecoAmbassadors Program RFP (RFP #EPA-OITA-AIEO-2016-001) is accessible two ways, via the Tribal ecoAmbassadors webpage (https://www.epa.gov/tribal/tribal-ecoambassadors-program) and http://www.grants.gov/.

Q4. Can a TCU submit more than one application?

A. Yes, a TCU can submit more than one application, as long as they are distinct applications/projects.

Q5. My TCU is in the process of being accredited. We will not be accredited by the time applications are due, on June 17, 2016. However, we are currently on schedule to be accredited by the time the awards are signed. Is a TCU eligible to apply if it is not accredited by the application deadline, but will be accredited by the time the grant is awarded? (Assuming it is successful in the competition.)

A. No. According to the Request for Proposals EOA-OITA-AIEO-2016-001 (page 8), the eligibility requirement is at the time of application. This means that an eligible TCU must be fully accredited by June 17, the application deadline.

Q6. Does the principal investigator of an application need to be a professor?

A. No. The RFP does not specify that the principal investigator must be a professor. To date, the vast majority have been professors. However, other TCU officials, such as the TCU administrators, or researchers, may be the principal investigators. Please make sure to review Section I.B.3 for travel and task requirements that pertain specifically to the principal investigator.