

Dear stakeholders and partners,

EPA expects to issue a Request for Applications (RFA) this summer to solicit applications from eligible entities for grants to demonstrate innovative practices on working lands through collaboration with farmer-led or farm focused organizations in the Gulf of Mexico watershed within the Continental United States. The projects should demonstrate innovative practices within farming communities, measure the results of those practices, and identify how the practices will be incorporated into farming operations. For the purpose of this RFA the term “farmer” refers to those individuals that make management decisions concerning agriculture lands, including cropland, forestland, and grazing lands.

Once the RFA is released, applicants will have approximately 60 days to respond to the RFA. EPA anticipates that approximately \$7.5 million in total funding will be available, awards will range from approximately \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. More details will be made available once the RFA is released later this summer.

Thank you,