

period, but those decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, if and when they become necessary.

#### V. Pre-application Procedure

Applicants must submit a work plan and a budget (as described below) for the pre-application procedure. The Agency will use applicants' work plans and budgets to select projects to be funded under this grant program. After EPA conducts a review of all submitted pre-applications, successful applicants will be contacted and requested to submit other documents (such as the "Application for Federal Assistance" form (Standard Form 424 or SF424), a "Budget Information: Non-Construction Programs" form (SF424A) and other required forms) to complete the application process. However, for the purposes of the pre-application process, applicants must only submit a work plan and budget.

Applicants must submit one original and two copies of the application (double-sided copies are encouraged). Pre-applications must be reproducible (for example, stapled in the upper left hand corner, on white paper, and with page numbers).

1. *Work plan.* A work plan describes the applicant's proposed project. Work plans must be no more than 10 pages total. One page is one side of a single-spaced typed page. The pages must be letter size (8 1/2" x 11"), with normal type size (10 or 12 cpi) and must have margins that are at least 1 inch. The only appendices that EPA will accept are resumes of key personnel and copies of outreach materials (if appropriate to the application.)

2. *Budget.* The budget should include the following categories of costs: personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual, construction, other, total direct charges (sum of personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual, construction and other), indirect charges and total (sum of total direct charges and indirect charges.) All budgets must include funds to travel to Washington, DC or Atlanta, GA for an information sharing meeting of all successful grantees (at a time to be determined.)

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Lead.

Dated: June 9, 1997.

**William H. Sanders III,**

*Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5841-9]

#### Small Community Environmental Compliance Assistance Grants for Two States

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Solicitation of Pre-proposals for FY 1997.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Compliance at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting pre-proposals from States seeking support for efforts to provide multi-media compliance assistance to small communities in a manner consistent with EPA's November 1995 Policy on Flexible State Enforcement Responses to Small Community Violations (the Policy). EPA has approximately \$110,000 available for this purpose in 1997, and intends to award at least \$55,000 to each of two States. States must use grant funds provided by EPA for a variety of activities related to small community environmental compliance assistance, including program development, training, building small communities' technical, administrative, or financial capacity, or overall project management. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis.

**DATES:** The period for submission of pre-proposals for FY 1997 will begin upon publication of the **Federal Register** Notice. Pre-proposals must be submitted by mail and postmarked by July 7, 1997, to be considered for funding.

**ADDRESSES:** Please provide two copies of your pre-proposal to Carolyn Young, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Compliance (2224A), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

**APPLICATIONS:** Pre-proposals must include a one page cover sheet that: identifies the submitting State (as defined below); lists the name, position within State government, address and telephone number of the person(s) who prepared the pre-proposal, and the person(s) or office(s) who would manage the effort if funded; and specifies the value of any proposed match, whether dollars or in-kind. The pre-proposal must contain a narrative description of how the State intends to offer comprehensive multi-media environmental compliance assistance to small communities in a manner consistent with EPA's Policy. The pre-proposal narrative must be limited to five double-sided pages. Pre-proposals must also include a plan for evaluating

the effectiveness of the State's efforts. Pre-proposals lacking complete documentation will not be considered.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carolyn Young, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Compliance (2224A), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 564-7062. Electronic mail may be sent to cyoung@epamail.epa.gov. The Policy is available at (<http://es.inel.gov/oeca/scopclcy.html>)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Purpose and Scope

EPA's Policy on Flexible State Enforcement Responses to Small Community Violations (the Policy) encourages State efforts to help small communities achieve and maintain comprehensive multi-media environmental compliance. The intent of these grants is to help States build their capacity for providing small community compliance assistance consistent with the Policy. State implementation activities could include: project development, compliance training for operators or local government officials, and efforts to build the technical, administrative, or financial capacity of small communities.

##### II. Definitions

The term "State" includes territories and Native American tribes that have met the requirements for treatment as States. For the purposes of the Policy, the term "small community" means a non-profit governmental entity, incorporated or unincorporated, that supplies municipal services to a resident population of fewer than 2,500 people.

##### III. Who Is Eligible To Apply

Only States, as defined above, should submit pre-proposals.

##### IV. Questions To Be Addressed

In their pre-proposals, States wishing to apply for funding should address the following questions:

1. Who in your organization will be responsible for managing your participation in this effort?
2. What are the major activities you will support with a grant provided to your State?
3. What specific matching resources, if any, will you provide either in dollars or in-kind contributions?
4. How will the State integrate efforts supported by this grant into other activities directed to small communities?
5. What specific outcomes, both short-term and long-term, do you anticipate resulting from this effort?

6. How do you anticipate making your efforts useful to other States seeking to build capacity to provide small community environmental compliance assistance?

#### Selection and Awards Process

EPA's Office of Compliance will assess how well the small community assistance efforts described by a pre-proposal satisfy the criteria of the Policy. The Office of Compliance will also consider the extent to which the proposed efforts can be expected to produce long-term benefits by developing lasting mechanisms to increase the administrative, technical, and financial capacity of small communities. Matching resources from a State will be interpreted as an indication of the State's commitment to creating a sustainable program. The Office of Compliance hopes to identify State efforts whose successes may serve as models to other States.

After determining which pre-proposals have the most merit, the Office of Compliance will consult with the appropriate EPA Regional Offices before making its selection. EPA will make every effort to complete the selection process and notify the individual States selected by July 18, 1997. States will be notified of their selection and asked to prepare a formal grant proposal for submission to the Office of Compliance and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. As part of the formal grant proposal, States will be asked to develop workplans, including specific milestones, for implementing their programs over an initial two year period. EPA intends to complete its review of the formal proposals and award the grants before October 1, 1997.

Dated: May 19, 1997.

**Ken Gigliello,**

*Acting Director, Chemical, Commercial Services, and Municipal Division United States Environmental Protection Agency.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00484; FRL-5723-8]

#### Plant Pesticide Registration Workshop; Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Environmental Technology Initiative, EPA will hold a workshop in conjunction with the

National Foundation for Integrated Pest Management Education to explain the process for registering plant pesticides pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended. Industry representatives will also present information on the research, development and commercialization of plant pesticides. There will be an opportunity for questions and comments from the attendees.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on July 17, 1997 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 18, 1997 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, National Airport, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA, and is open to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Laura Sallmen Smith, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501W), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 5th floor, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, 703-308-8716; e-mail: sallmen-smith.laura@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As the development and commercialization of plant pesticides matures, the stakeholders involved in this industry need a better understanding of the issues facing the regulators and the regulated community. This understanding can serve to bring these potentially risk-reducing technologies to faster commercialization and use. Through a cooperative agreement with EPA, the National Foundation for Integrated Pest Management Education is sponsoring a workshop to bring EPA's regulators, the seed industry, researchers, plant pesticide registrants, and other interested stakeholders together to develop an understanding of the issues. This agreement was funded by President Clinton's Environmental Technology Initiative, which was designed to encourage public/private cooperation toward the goal of commercializing technologies whose use improves the environment. The conference will consist of formal presentations by EPA, the seed industry and researchers with panel discussions on issues of concern.

The following topics will be covered: plant pesticide registration process; types of studies required for registration and possible exemptions; labeling requirements; seed research and commercialization process. Time will be allotted for questions and open discussion.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: June 3, 1997.

**Kathleen Knox,**

*Acting Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30430A; FRL-5721-4]

#### Abbott Laboratories; Approval of Pesticide Product Registrations

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces Agency approval of applications submitted by Abbott Laboratories, to conditionally register the pesticide products Retain Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Powder, ABG-3097 Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Powder, and ABG-3097 Technical Powder, containing new active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(7)(C) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Denise Greenway, Regulatory Action Leader, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7501W), Office of Pesticide Programs, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Westfield Building North Tower, CS #1, Environmental Protection Agency, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, 703-308-8263; e-mail: greenway.denise@epamail.epa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Electronic Availability:** Electronic copies of this document and the Fact Sheet are available from the EPA home page at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

EPA issued a notice, published in the **Federal Register** of February 26, 1997 (62 FR 8728; FRL-5589-3), which announced that Abbott Laboratories, Dept. 28R, Bldg., A1, 1401 Sheridan Road, North Chicago, IL 60064-4000, had submitted applications to register the pesticide products Retain Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Powder, ABG-3097 Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Powder, and ABG-3097 Technical Powder, (EPA File Symbols 275-RRE, 275-IO, and 275-II), containing the active ingredient