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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Synopses of Proposed Contract Actions and Market Research Activity, OMB Control Number 2060-0039, EPA ICR Number 1910.02, expiration date December 31, 2002. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: EPA's Office of Acquisition Management is required by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), parts 5 and 10, to publicize certain contract actions, and to conduct market research activity prior to solicitation of certain contract requirements. In addition to the mandated requirements, the FAR encourages the publication of contract actions and the conduct of market research in other instances. The information collected from these activities is used to make procurement decisions such as: the supply or service to procure, which sources to utilize, extent of small business participated, contract type, etc. Response to synopses notices and market research inquiries are voluntary, but may be required in order to be considered for the award of an Agency contract.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 07/05/2002, 67 FR 44828. No comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.75 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able

to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities:

Businesses involved in EPA Procurement.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,746.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 28,316.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: \$0.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the addresses listed above. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1910.02 and OMB Control No. 2030-0039 in any correspondence.

Dated: October 15, 2002.

Oscar Morales, Director,

Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7398-9]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, General Administrative Requirements for Assistance Programs

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: General Administrative Requirements for Assistance Programs, OMB Control Number 2030-0020, expiration date December 31, 2002. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 0938.09 and OMB Control No. 2030-0020, to the following addresses: Susan Auby, U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code 2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001, and to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR, contact Susan Auby at EPA by phone at (202) 566-1672, by E-Mail at Auby.Susan@epa.gov or download it off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0938.09. For technical questions about the ICR, contact William Hedling at 202-564-5377.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: General Administrative Requirements for Assistance Programs, OMB Control Number 2030-0020, EPA ICR Number 0938.09, expiration date December 31, 2002. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The information is collected from applicants/recipients of EPA assistance to monitor adherence to the programmatic and administrative requirements of the Agency's financial assistance program. It is used to make awards, pay recipients, and collect information on how Federal funds are being spent. EPA needs this information to meet its Federal stewardship responsibilities. This ICR renewal requests authorization for the collection of information under EPA's General Regulation for Assistance programs, which establishes minimum management requirements for all recipients of EPA grants or cooperative agreements (assistance agreements). Recipients must respond to these information requests to obtain and/or retain a benefit (Federal funds). 40 CFR part 30, "Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-profit Organizations," includes the management requirements for potential grantees from non-profit organizations. 40 CFR part 31, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," includes the management responsibilities for potential state and local government grantees. These regulations include only those provisions mandated by statute, required by OMB Circulars, or added by EPA to ensure sound and effective financial assistance management. The information required by these regulations will be used by EPA award officials to make assistance awards and

assistance payments and to verify that the recipient is using Federal funds appropriately to comply with OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-102, A-110, A-122, A-128, and A-133, which set forth the pre-award, post-award, and after-the-grant requirements.

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Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 33 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,100.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, quarterly, and annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 166,037.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: \$0.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including the use of automated collection techniques, to the addresses listed above. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 0938.09 and OMB Control No. 2030-0020 in any correspondence.

Dated: October 17, 2002.

Doreen Sterling,

Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund, Section 104 (k); "Announcement of Proposal Deadlines for the Competition for the 2003 National Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants"

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of Brownfields Grant Application Guidelines and deadlines for submissions of proposals.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will begin to accept proposals for the National Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants on October 24, 2002. This notice provides information on how to obtain the application guidelines. These grants may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum). The brownfields assessment grants (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years) provide funding for a grant recipient to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to brownfield sites. The brownfields revolving loan fund grants (each funded up to \$1,000,000 over five years) provide funding for a grant recipient to capitalize a revolving loan fund and to provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites that are owned by the subgrant recipient. The brownfields cleanup grants (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years) provide funding for a grant recipient to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites that are owned by the grant recipient. (See Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 66.811; a revised CFDA number entry has been submitted for approval).

For the brownfields assessment grants, an applicant may request a waiver of the \$200,000 limits and obtain funding up to \$350,000 based on the anticipated level of contamination, size, or ownership status of the site. The revolving loan fund and cleanup grants require a 20 percent cost share, which may be in the form of a contribution of money, labor, material, or services from a non-federal source. If the cost share is in the form of contribution of labor, material, or other services, it must be

incurred for an eligible and allowable cost under the grant and not for ineligible costs. An applicant may request a waiver of the 20 percent cost share requirement based on hardship.

The National brownfields assessment, revolving loan fund, and cleanup grants will be awarded on a competitive basis using a two-step proposal selection process. To ensure a fair selection process, evaluation panels consisting of EPA Regional and Headquarters staff and other federal agency representatives will assess how well the proposals meet the selection criteria outlined in the application booklet, *Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants (October 2002)*. Initial Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by Regional evaluation panels. EPA will determine those Initial Proposals that have the highest rankings, and then invite those applicants to prepare and submit Final Proposals, the second step in the two-part proposal process. Final Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by National Evaluation Panels. Final selections will be made by EPA senior management based upon the ranking of Final Proposals by the National Evaluation Panels. EPA decisions may also take into account other statutory and policy considerations, such as urban and non-urban distribution and other geographic factors; compliance with the statutory petroleum funding allocation; the benefits of promoting the long-term availability of funds under the RLF grants; designation as a federal Empowerment Zone, Enterprise Community, or Renewal Community; population; and whether the applicant is a federally recognized Indian tribe. Applicants are encouraged to contact and, if possible, meet with EPA Regional Brownfields Contacts.

DATES: This action is effective as of October 24, 2002. EPA expects to make up to 200 grant awards in fiscal year 2003, contingent upon the availability of funds. The application deadline for Initial Proposals for the 2003 assessment, revolving loan fund, and cleanup grants is December 16, 2002. All Initial Proposals must be postmarked by USPS or delivered at the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office by other means, no later than December 16, 2002, and a duplicate copy sent to U.S. EPA Headquarters. The application deadline for applicants who are invited to submit a Final Proposal is March 5, 2003. All Final Proposals must be postmarked by USPS or delivered at the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office by other means, no later than March 5,