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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 off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1755.06. For technical questions about the ICR contact Eric Marsh in EPA's Office of Environmental Policy Innovation at (202) 260-2782.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulatory Reinvention Pilot Projects Under Project XL (OMB Control No. 2010-0026; EPA ICR No. 1755.06) expiring May 31, 2002. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: In 1995 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency began to solicit innovative pilot projects in response to a challenge to transform the environmental regulatory system to better meet the needs of a rapidly changing society while maintaining the nation's commitment to protect human health and safeguard the natural environment. Through site-specific agreements with project sponsors, EPA is gathering data and project experience that will help the Agency redesign current approaches to public health and environmental protection. Through these projects, sponsors—private facilities, multiple facilities, industry sectors, Federal facilities, communities, universities, Tribes and States—can implement innovative strategies that produce superior environmental performance, provide flexibility, cost savings, paperwork reduction or other benefits to sponsors, and promote greater accountability to stakeholders.

The intent of the regulatory flexibility of the innovative pilot projects is to allow the EPA to experiment with untried, potentially promising regulatory approaches, both to assess whether they provide superior environmental performance and other benefits at the specific facility affected, and whether they should be considered for wider application. Such pilot projects allow the EPA to proceed more quickly than would be possible when undertaking changes on a nationwide basis. EPA may modify rules, on a site or state specific basis, that represent one of several possible policy approaches within a more general statutory directive, so long as the alternative

being used is permissible under the statute.

Innovative pilot project proposals are collected by EPA's Office of Environmental Policy Innovation (OEPI) [formerly the Office of Reinvention], which has been given responsibility for implementation of this program. Since 1995, EPA has implemented pilot projects to test innovative ideas working with EPA headquarters, EPA regions, federal, state, and local government agencies. The renewal of this ICR is important as it will allow the Agency to identify additional regulated entities who are interested in participating in innovative pilot projects as well as allow the Agency to continue its commitment to innovation and regulatory flexibility with facilities, communities, and states in achieving environmental results. The renewal of this ICR will allow OEPI to continue to receive and work with project sponsors on proposals for innovation, including those directly through EPA and those through the Joint EPA-State Agreement to Pursue Regulatory Innovation. In addition, the renewal of this ICR is necessary to allow EPA to continue its commitments to current projects, including three specified in approved ICR amendments: the NYSDEC ICR amendment (1755.03), the US Filter ICR amendment (1755.04) and the POTWs ICR amendment (1755.05).

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 November 9, 2001 (66 FR 56671); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 150 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 transit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities:

Business or other for profit, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 480.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 60,840.

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. 1755.06 and OMB Control No. 2010-0026 in any correspondence.

Dated: May 2, 2002.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7218-6]

Request for Initial Proposals for Fiscal Year 2003—Chesapeake Bay Program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) is issuing a Requests for Initial Proposals (RFIP) to implement specific outcomes that will further goals of the Chesapeake 2000 agreement. Up to \$2.2 million dollars may be available for Fiscal Year 2003 for implementation of activities to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay. Any non-profit organization, federal state or local government agency, interstate agency, college or university is eligible to submit proposals in response to this Request for Initial Proposals. Funding will be provided to an applicant under the authority of the Clean Water Act, section 117.

The RFIP will be available starting May 29, 2002 at the following Web site: <http://www.gov/r3chespk/> You may also request a copy by calling Robert Shewack at 410-267-9856 or by e-mail at shewack.bob@epa.gov All proposals must be postmarked NLT July 30, 2002.

Diana Esher,

Deputy Director, Chesapeake Bay Program Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**[FRL-7218-4]****Notice of Availability for FY 02 Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Multi-Media Assistance Agreements****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Compliance (OC), within EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA), is soliciting proposals for assistance agreements with states and tribes, in the range of \$50,000–\$200,000, for proposals in three focus areas: Tribal and State Inspector Training; Program Planning and Performance Measurement; and Data Management.

DATES: Two to five page pre-proposals must be received electronically or by hard copy by July 5, 2002. Funding decisions will be made by August 16, 2002 based on the pre-proposals. Applicants selected to receive funds will be required to submit final proposals to the appropriate EPA Region by September 27, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Copies of Pre-proposals should be sent to David Piantanida (2222A), US EPA—Ariel Rios South Rm 6149D, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, email: piantanida.david@epa.gov, Tel: (202) 564-8318, Fax: (202) 564-0034; and simultaneously to the appropriate Regional Enforcement Coordinator. This document will be posted on the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance web site at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/planning/states>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Piantanida at (202) 564-8318.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Eligibility and Authority**

The funds available are from OECA's Multi-Media State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) appropriation. Eligible applicants include States, Tribes, Inter-Tribal Consortia, Territories, and multi-jurisdictional organizations.

Authority to enter into assistance agreements for the purposes described in this Notice are delegated to OECA in EPA Delegation 1-47, Assistance Agreements for Economic, Social Science, Statistical, and Other Research, Development, Studies, Surveys, Demonstrations, Investigations, Public Education Programs, Training, and Fellowships.

Funding priorities must be allowable under 66.709 (Capacity Building Grants and Cooperative Agreements for States and Tribes) of the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* (CFDA).

Desired Projects

OECA will only consider funding projects for the three focus areas described below, and for projects which can be completed in 3 years or less. Projects will be evaluated for potential funding based on the extent to which they address the information below. Please note, applicants do not need to address all 3 focus areas in their pre-proposals. Each focus area is separate and proposals from each category will be evaluated independently.

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1. Tribal and State Inspector Training;
2. Program Planning and Performance Measurement:
 - (A) Enhancing Results through improved Regional/State/Tribal Planning
 - (B) Outcome measures for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Initiatives
 - (C) Development of performance measures for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) and Worker Protection Standards (WPS)
3. Data Management:
 - (A) Permit Compliance System (PCS) Modernization
 - (B) Air Facility System (AS)—Universal Interface (UI)

1. Tribal and State Inspector Training

OECA's Office of Compliance is seeking ways to improve and build tribal and state inspector capability. EPA maintains discretionary authority to ask tribes and states to conduct civil inspections on behalf of the Agency under each federal environmental statute. It is essential that tribal and state inspectors are trained to safely and properly conduct federal civil inspections. OECA will consider funding for basic inspector training, media-specific inspector training, and/or health and safety training courses.

This Notice also solicits projects that build partnerships between states or tribes through a Regional Inspectors workshop. The workshop may be designed for state, tribal or local inspectors within a region, and could cover a variety of topics designed to build inspector capability to conduct compliance monitoring inspections under federal authority. The host state or tribe would fund the travel, course materials, and contractor costs with grant funds.

Criteria for proposal selection will include the following:

- (a) The explicit intent to collaborate and partner with other states and tribes

within an EPA region to host or participate in an Inspector workshop.

(b) Course outline and content is consistent with EPA Federal guidelines and is supportive of an authorized program. (e.g., training provides information on federal inspection law and policy) Course content may also provide information on inspection issues that arise under state and tribal laws.

2. Program Planning and Performance Measurement

OECA's Office of Compliance is making funds available to assist states and tribes with Performance Measurement and Program Planning initiatives. Projects should develop and/or implement performance measurement outcomes or improved program planning in the following ways:

(A) Enhancing Results through Improved Regional/State/Tribal Planning: Projects to support state or tribal efforts to collaboratively carry out joint priority setting and work planning. Projects address the following components of a joint planning effort:

- (1) Projects that describe how a state or tribe plans to perform efficient enforcement and compliance work planning with EPA Regions;
- (2) Projects that define the components for the steps in the joint planning process; and
- (3) Projects that develop a process which would be used to produce a surrogate "risk based" ranking of all identified enforcement and compliance assurance problems facing a state or a tribe.

Projects may be used to support either Performance Partnership grants or traditional, media specific program grant activities.

(B) Outcome measures for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Initiatives: Historically, EPA and the states have used enforcement outputs such as inspections conducted, or enforcement actions taken, as the primary performance measures for their enforcement and compliance assurance programs. While these output measures provide important information about the enforcement presence among regulated facilities and industries, they do not necessarily characterize the state of compliance in regulated facilities, describe the overall environmental results achieved, or assess the extent to which important objectives and problems are being addressed.

Measurement of environmental outcomes in general is often very challenging due to the difficulty of defining outcomes, lack of supporting