

## NOTICE OF WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES

**Opportunity to Participate:** Researchers within the EPA's Office of Research and Development's Center for Environmental Solutions and Emergency Response (CESER) may be willing and available to participate with an eligible institution to prepare a joint assistance application in response to a Request for Application (RFA) issued by another federal agency. Depending upon the circumstances, EPA may request some of the assistance funding or may be willing to participate as an unfunded collaborator.

### **Limitations:**

If EPA is seeking some of the assistance funding and the awarding agency is unwilling to make separate awards to EPA and its partner, then EPA must assume the role of the lead applicant if its partner is a non-federal entity. If the partner is another federal agency, then either agency may assume the role of the lead applicant. If EPA is the lead applicant, the funding agency must be willing to transfer the awarded funding to EPA by means of an Interagency Agreement. EPA is unable to accept funding by means of a grant or cooperative agreement.

The funding opportunity must relate to the Office of Research and Development's strategic goals and complement CESER's in-house research. More information on the research focus of CESER can be found on this website; <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-center-environmental-solutions-and-emergency-response-ceser>. More specific information about the research being conducted in the various CESER Divisions can be obtained by clicking on the links of each of the divisions, found under the heading "Divisions".

ORD employees may not participate in preparation of an application to be submitted in response to an RFA issued by the EPA.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Institutions eligible to participate are other federal agencies, U.S. non-profit public and private institutions of higher education, and their directly associated non-profit research entities, or other entities such as state and local governments, Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments, and U.S. territories or possessions. Profit-making organizations are ineligible.

### **Criteria for Participation:**

The participating institution must be able to demonstrate the availability of research staff with appropriate scientific credentials, a history of successfully conducting research in the subject area of the RFA, the availability of facilities and related resources necessary to complete the research. For federal employees to participate, they must be participating in their official capacity and be free of any actual or apparent conflict of interest, as well as any loss of impartiality, as defined by the Standards of Ethical Conduct.

**Contact Us:**

If you are interested in participating with CESER researchers in preparing a funding application in response to another federal agency's RFA, submit a written request to:

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email: [hubbell.eric@epa.gov](mailto:hubbell.eric@epa.gov).

The request should identify the sponsoring federal agency, the RFA identifier, indicate in general terms the research project that is anticipated and how CESER researchers would be expected to collaborate, and date by which EPA should reply. Provide the scientific qualifications required of the CESER researcher(s). Specific individuals may be identified.

**Decision to Participate:**

If the proposed project appears to be complementary to CESER's in-house research, you may be contacted for more information related to the planned project, the qualifications of your team, and the availability of facilities and other resources. All requests from eligible institutions will be given fair and equal consideration. CESER reserves the right to choose to participate with more than one eligible partner in preparing an application in response to a particular RFA. The decision to allow an EPA researcher to participate with a particular eligible institution in the preparation of an application will be made by ORD management and is not subject to dispute.

**Further Information:**

For further information, contact Eric Hubbell; [hubbell.eric@epa.gov](mailto:hubbell.eric@epa.gov)