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**Request for Public Comment on the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) Guidelines for Project Submission and Criteria for Project Certification Document**

**AGENCY:** Border Environment Cooperation Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the BECC Guidelines for Project Submission and Criteria for Project Certification document for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the BECC on or before July 10, 1996. Oral comments may be received on July 18, 1996 at the BECC Board of Directors Public Meeting in San Diego, California.

**ADDRESSES:** To mail comments, receive a copy of the document, or for further information contact:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) is a binational organization, created through an agreement between the United States and Mexican governments via an environmental side agreement to NAFTA. The BECC assists communities and other sponsors in coordinating and implementing environmental infrastructure projects to help resolve environmental and human health issues on both sides of the U.S./Mexican border. Projects certified by the BECC may be considered for North American Development Bank (NADBank) financing and/or other sources of financing.

Prior to certifying environment infrastructure projects, and with

extensive public review and comment, the BECC Board of Directors adopted the BECC Guidelines for Project Submission and Criteria for Project Certification document (Criteria document) at its Regular Public Meeting, August 31, 1995 in El Paso, TX. The Criteria document provides guidelines for submission of projects using a two step process and indicates the eight fundamental areas of criteria for project certification, including: (1) General project description, (2) environment and human health, (3) technical feasibility, (4) economic and financial feasibility, (5) social issues, (6) community participation, (7) operations and maintenance, and (8) sustainable development. At the August 31, 1995 BECC Public Meeting, the Board of Directors decided to provide the public another opportunity to review and comment on the Criteria document after one year of application.

The BECC encourages public comments to be annotated directly on the Criteria document. The document may be found on the BECC Home Page at <http://cocef.interjuarez.com> and may be requested on computer diskette, via Email, or through the mail.

The BECC is particularly interested in receiving comments in the areas of small community assistance and sustainable development. Public comments may be submitted to the BECC in writing on or before July 10, 1996. Oral comments may be received at the July 18, 1996 BECC Board of Directors Public Meeting in San Diego, California. The Criteria document will be revised following a review and synthesis of the written and oral comments made by the public. It is anticipated that a final draft document will be available for public review in August. Furthermore, it is expected that the BECC Board of Directors will consider the final document for approval at its fall public meeting scheduled for October 24, 1996.

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H. Roger Frauenfelder,  
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**Notice of Availability of FY 1996 Multimedia Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention Grant Funds**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is soliciting grant proposals under the Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention (EJP2) grant program. EPA anticipates that between \$750,000 and \$1.5 million will be available. The purpose of this program is to support pollution prevention approaches that address environmental justice concerns. The grant funds will support national or regional environmental or environmental justice organizations that will provide financial or technical assistance to community-based, grass-roots groups, or Tribal organizations for projects that use pollution prevention approaches to address environmental justice concerns.

**DATES:** Applications must be postmarked by July 31, 1996, and received by EPA's Pollution Prevention Division office in Washington, DC by August 5, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain copies of the EJP2 grant program guidance and application package, or to obtain more information regarding the EJP2 grant program, please contact Chen Wen at (202) 260-4109, or Pamela Moseley at (202) 260-2722. You may also forward your requests and questions via the Internet, by writing to: [wen.chen@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:wen.chen@epamail.epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Scope and Purpose of the EJP2 Grant Program**

The purpose of the FY 1996 EJP2 grants program is to fund national or regional environmental organizations that will in turn support community organizations in using pollution prevention solutions to address the environmental problems of minority and low-income communities and tribes. This grant program is designed to fund projects which have a direct impact on affected communities. This approach complements last year's Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention grant program, where grants were provided directly to grass-roots and community organizations. Funds awarded must be used to support pollution prevention programs in minority and low-income communities or Tribal lands.

EPA is particularly interested in innovative approaches which will result in activities and products that can be applied to other communities. The Agency strongly encourages cooperative efforts between communities, business and industry to address common pollution prevention goals. Projects funded under this grant may involve public education, training, demonstrations, research,