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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Transfer of Confidential Business Information

Under EPA Contract 68-W6-0053, RTI, and its subcontractors, will assist the Office of Solid Waste, Communications, Information and Resources Management Division, by providing technical support for: Cost Analyses of RCRA Waste Programs and Regulations; Analyses of Environmental and Human Health Effects, Cost and Risk Comparative Analyses; Regulatory Support; Data Collection and Management; Analysis Support Services; and Communications, Outreach, and Public Access. RTI, and its subcontractors, will need access to RCRA CBI submitted to the Office of Solid Waste to complete this work. Specifically, RTI and its subcontractors, need access to the CBI that EPA collects, under the authority of Section 3007 of RCRA, in Industry Studies Surveys and other studies of industries involved with waste management such as: organic and inorganic chemicals, pulp and paper, refuse and waste management, mining, mineral processing, wood preserving, petroleum refining, paint production, and cement kilns.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.305(h), EPA has determined that RTI, and its subcontractors, require access to CBI submitted to EPA under the authority of RCRA to perform work satisfactorily under the above-noted contract. EPA is submitting this notice to inform all submitters of CBI of EPA's intent to transfer CBI to these firms on a need-to-know basis. Upon completing their review of materials submitted, RTI, and its subcontractors, will return all CBI to EPA.

EPA will authorize RTI, and its subcontractors, for access to CBI under the conditions and terms in EPA's "Contractor Requirements for the Control and Security of RCRA Confidential Business Information Security Manual." Prior to transferring CBI to RTI, and its subcontractors, EPA will review and approve their security plans and RTI, and its subcontractors, will sign non-disclosure agreements.

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Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of request for applications.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information on the availability of the fiscal year 1997 investigator-initiated grants program announcement, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedule are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

DATES: Proposals must be received at the contact point on a schedule beginning January 15, 1997, through February 15, 1997, depending on the research area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703), 401 M Street SW, Washington DC 20460, telephone (800) 490-9194. The complete announcement can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page: <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Request for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites research grant applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Exploratory Research, (2) Ecosystem Indicators, (3) Issues in Human Health Risk Assessment, (4) Endocrine Disruptors, (5) Ambient Air Quality, (6) Health Effects and Exposures to Particulate Matter and Associated Air Pollutants, (7) Drinking Water, and (8) Contaminated Sediments. In cooperation with the National Science Foundation, three areas of interest to both agencies are identified:

(1) Water and Watersheds, (2) Technology for a Sustainable Environment, and (3) Decision-making and Valuation for Environmental Policy.

The RFA provides relevant background information, summarizes EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describes the application and review process. Additional programs to be announced separately will involve cooperation with other agencies.

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Allocation of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Monies; Request for Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on allocation of Drinking