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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6318-6]

Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications in the "Supersites" Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of request for Applications.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information on the availability of a fiscal year 1999 investigator-initiated grants solicitation for a Particulate Matter (PM) "Supersites" monitoring program. The areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedules are set forth in the announcement. Cooperative agreement grants will be competitively awarded following peer review. This competition is jointly announced by the Office of Air and Radiation and the Office of Research and Development. A discussion of the program will take place on June 7, 1999, in Durham, NC. **DATES:** The receipt date for applications is Wednesday, August 4, 1999, by 4:00 p.m. EDT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703R), 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> under "announcements."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In this Request for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Air and Radiation and Office of Research and Development, invites research cooperative agreement applications to support development of a "Particulate Matter Supersites" monitoring program that will provide information of value to the atmospheric sciences, human health, and human exposure research communities. The PM Supersites Program will be implemented through individual projects in as many as five study areas of the United States. Each of these individual projects will be an ambient atmospheric measurement study which

is designed to address and integrate objectives of the atmospheric sciences, health, and exposure research communities. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, August 4, 1999. The RFA provides relevant background information, summarizes EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describes the application and review process.

To foster interaction among potential applicants across a spectrum of scientific disciplines, EPA has organized a discussion session on the evening of June 7, 1999, at the Durham Marriott at the Civic Center, in Durham, NC. Further information about this meeting is posted on the EPA web site: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/supsites.html>.

Contact person for technical questions related to the program is Richard D. Scheffe (scheffe.richard@epa.gov), telephone 919-541-4650, and administrative questions is Robert E. Menzer (menzer.robert@epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6849.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6318-7]

Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of request for applications.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information on the availability of fiscal year 1999 investigator-initiated grants program announcements, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedules are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

DATES: Receipt dates vary depending on the specific research area within the solicitation and are listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703R), 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> under "announcements."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Requests 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) Airborne Particulate Matter Health Effects; (2) Drinking Water; (3) Combustion Emissions; (4) Computing Technology for Ecosystem Modeling; and (5) Exploratory Physical Science and Engineering Research. Applications must be received as follows: June 2, 1999, for topic (1); May 19, 1999, for topics (2) and (3); May 12, 1999, for topic (4); and June 9, 1999, for topic (5).

The RFAs provide relevant background information, summarize EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describe the application and review process.

Contact person for the Airborne Particulate Matter Health Effects RFA is Deran Pashayan (pashayan.deran@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6913. Contact person for the Drinking Water RFA is William Stelz (stelz.william@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6834. Contact person for the Combustion Emissions RFA is Thomas Veirs (veirs.thomas@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6831. Contact person for the Computing Technology for Ecosystem Modeling RFA is Chris Saint (saint.chris@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6909. Contact person for the Exploratory Physical Science and Engineering RFA is Bala Krishnan (krishnan.bala@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6832.

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Effluent Guidelines Task Force Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Effluent Guidelines Task Force, an EPA advisory committee, will