

the complaint shall also be due on or before September 11, 2000.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6859-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, Information Requirements for Importation of Nonconforming Vehicles

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Information Requirements for Importation of Nonconforming Vehicles, OMB Control Number 2060-0095, expiration date 11/30/2000. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 0010.09 and OMB Control

No. 2060-0095, to the following addresses: Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code 2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460; and to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at

Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0010.09. For technical questions about the ICR contact Leonard Lazarus at 202-564-9281.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Information Requirements for Importation of Nonconforming Vehicles, OMB Control Number 2060-0095, EPA ICR Number 0010.09 expiration date 11/30/2000; This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Individuals and businesses importing on and off-road motor vehicles or motor vehicle engines report and keep records of vehicle importations, request prior approval for vehicle importations, or request final admission for vehicles conditionally imported into the U.S. The collection of this information is mandatory in order to ensure compliance of nonconforming vehicles with Federal emissions requirements. Joint EPA and Customs regulations at 40 CFR 85.1501 *et seq.*, and 19 CFR 12.73 and 12.74 promulgated under the authority of Clean Air Act Sections 203 and 208 give authority for the collection of information. The information is used by program personnel to ensure that all Federal emission requirements concerning imported nonconforming motor vehicles are met. Any information submitted to the Agency for which a claim of confidentiality is made is safeguarded according to policies set forth in Title 40, Chapter 1, part 2, subpart B—Confidentiality of Business Information (see CFR part 2), and the public is not permitted access to information containing personal or organizational identifiers. 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 5/1/00 (65 FR 25324); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.7 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 transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected entities: Individuals and businesses importing motor vehicles and motor vehicle engines.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 13,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.6 responses/year.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 14,400.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: \$1,296,000.

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 following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 0010.09 and OMB Control No. 2060-0095 in any correspondence.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6858-4]

Solicitation Notice for National Performance Track Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Solicitation notice.

SUMMARY: This document solicits cooperative agreement proposals from state environmental agencies to support the on-going work of states and establishment of programs to recognize facilities whose environmental performance exceeds minimal compliance. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is prepared to assist state programs that assess and monitor the performance of facilities within the individual state. Where states have an existing program, this cooperative agreement will serve as a vehicle to enhance those programs. Where states have no existing program but plan to develop one this cooperative agreement will serve as seed money for program development. In particular, EPA seeks to support state efforts to: evaluate the impact of the national program on State policies, rules, and regulations; evaluate program implementation and effectiveness; and analyze and disseminate performance data.

DATES: Original proposals and one copy must be mailed to EPA and postmarked no later than September 11, 2000. EPA expects to announce the awards by October 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: An original and one copy of the proposal should be mailed to EPA headquarters in Washington, DC at the following address: Julie C. Taitt, Administration and Budget Management Team, U.S. EPA, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (MC 1803), Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 260-9230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical assistance in preparation of your proposals, please contact Dan Fiorino at (202) 260-2749, Chuck Kent at (202) 260-2462 or Ken Munis at (202) 260-9560. For administrative assistance in preparation of your proposals, please contact Julie Taitt at (202) 260-9230.

Environmental Protection Agency

Solicitation Notice: National Performance Track Program

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Section I—Background

A. Background

This document solicits cooperative agreement proposals from state environmental agencies to support the on-going work of states and establishment of programs to recognize facilities whose environmental performance exceeds minimal compliance. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is prepared to assist state programs that assess and monitor the performance of facilities within the individual state. Where states have an existing program, this cooperative agreement will serve as a vehicle to enhance those programs. Where states have no existing program but plan to develop one this cooperative agreement will serve as seed money for program development. In particular, EPA seeks to support state efforts to: (1) evaluate the impact of the national program on State policies, rules, and regulations; (2) evaluate program implementation and effectiveness; and (3) analyze and disseminate performance data.

This solicitation notice contains all the information necessary to prepare a proposal. EPA Administrator, Carol Browner announced this program on June 26, 2000. The Environmental Protection Agency is offering financial support for state programs which recognize and encourage facilities that achieve better environmental performance than is required under existing regulations. EPA operates a National Performance Track Program at the Federal level as well. Because EPA expects to be “substantially involved” in the activities receiving financial assistance under this Notice of Funding Availability, the Agency has determined that a cooperative agreement is the appropriate funding instrument. EPA anticipates funding of approximately \$700,000 for this program, subject to appropriations and the availability of funds. These cooperative agreements require no matching funds.

B. Environmental Performance Track Program

EPA’s National Environmental Performance Track program is designed to recognize and encourage top environmental performers—these who go beyond compliance with regulatory requirements to attain levels of environmental performance and management that benefit people, communities, and the environment—at the Federal level. The Agency is offering financial assistance to states to help carry out similar efforts at the state level by our “co-regulator” colleagues.

Our system of environmental protection continues to evolve. There is a growing recognition that government should complement existing programs with new tools and strategies that not only protect people and the environment, but also capture opportunities for reducing costs and spurring technological innovation.

Over the last several years, EPA has joined states, businesses, and community and environmental groups in experimenting with new approaches that achieve high levels of environmental protection with greater efficiency. Likewise, many states have developed innovative programs for improving environmental performance.

This Notice of Funds Availability builds upon the lessons EPA has learned from several state leadership programs and from its own efforts. We have learned that innovations in environmental management can be used to create strategic business opportunities and advantages while maximizing the health and productivity of our ecosystems and communities. We have learned the importance of keeping innovation programs simple and their transaction costs low. We know that we must focus on performance, not just the means of achieving it, and derive measurable results.

EPA’s National Environmental Performance Track program will recognize innovation, motivate others to improve, and complement existing regulatory activities. It also emphasized the importance of effective state/EPA partnerships and the need to inform and involve citizens and communities. Throughout the development of its National Environmental Performance Track program, EPA has consulted closely with state officials, including a national forum to discuss state programs, issues, and participation. These consultations indicated that states could make effective use of relatively small amounts of EPA financial assistance.

C. Due Date and Award Schedule

An original proposal signed by an authorized representative of the state, plus one copy must be mailed to EPA postmarked no later than September 11, 2000. This is not a competitive program, therefore all viable proposals received from states by the postmarked dates will be reviewed and considered for award. EPA expects to announce the awards by October 1, 2000. Applicants should anticipate project start dates beginning October 2000.

D. Funding Limits Per Proposal

The total funding for this program is approximately \$700,000. If all fifty (50) states, and the District of Columbia apply for assistance the total amount of funding potentially available to each state is approximately \$14,000. This amount of funding is contingent upon a number of factors, such as whether the state has an existing program to identify high environmental performers or whether a state anticipates a large number of facilities that will apply to become a part of the program, or whether there is no existing state program but one will be initiated. The specific funding scenarios are fully described in Section III, Funding.

Section II—Eligible Applicants and Activities

E. Eligible Applicants

Entities eligible to receive funding from the Environmental Protection Agency under this proposed program are the fifty (50) states of the United States of America and the District of Columbia. States are invited to participate regardless of their previous level of experience with evaluating, assessing, and recognizing facilities with higher than minimal environmental performance.

F. Multiple or Repeat Proposals

It is not necessary for any eligible state entity to provide multiple or repeat proposals. No state will be awarded more than one cooperative agreement for the same project during the same fiscal year. The one cooperative agreement that is awarded will encompass all the programmatic activities and elements. EPA does not generally sustain projects beyond the initial award period.

G. Eligible Activities

This program is geared toward providing money to advance and enhance existing state environmental performance track programs, support new state environmental performance track program efforts, increase knowledge about the effectiveness of performance based programs. Activities to be funded in this solicitation include:

1. Studies and investigations of state environmental policies, rules, and regulations affected by incentives proposed in the Performance Track program. This task will involve analysis and coordination of state "co-regulation" efforts in light of the proposed consolidated rulemaking put forward by the US EPA, and identification of all state policies, rules, and regulations which may need to be

revised to make them consistent with the proposed changes at the national level.

2. Evaluation of existing state performance track programs. Program evaluation involves verifying that the goals of voluntary performance track programs have been achieved. The goals of state performance track programs may include:

- Public recognition of facilities that have been chosen to participate;
- Continuous improvement in environmental performance by participating facilities, including achievement of performance targets set by the participants for themselves;
- Effective use of program incentives by participants;
- Motivation of participating facilities to improve environmental performance; and
- Reduction of the environmental impact of participating facilities.

Evaluation also may include assessment of participants' Environmental Management Systems, performance tracking systems, public outreach, or other program elements.

The evaluation process will require occasional travel for on-sites to the facilities chosen for this review. Travel costs incurred by state employees can be reimbursed under this cooperative agreement to the extent allowable under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87.

EPA plans to hold training covering key components of the National Environmental Performance Track (e.g., Environmental Management Systems, pollution prevention, performance measurement). This training may be appropriate for State representative participation. Travel costs incurred by state employees participating in this training can be reimbursed to the extent allowable under OMB Circular A-87.

3. Analysis and dissemination of performance data. States will collect environmental performance data published by program participants for the purpose of assessing program impact, and for aggregating and sharing data, where appropriate, with the public. These data can be used for public education on the environmental improvement measured as a result of this program, as well as sharing performance information with other potential candidates for the state's program.

H. EPA's Anticipated Substantial Involvement

EPA anticipates that it will be substantially involved with state recipients in the following four aspects of their work:

1. EPA is reviewing federal regulations and policies and will propose changes that implement the incentives outlined in the National Environmental Performance Track program description. EPA will hold discussions with states to explain these changes.

2. EPA will share with states EPA's experience with federal voluntary programs. EPA will also communicate with states regarding the implementation status of the National Environmental Performance Track program on an ongoing basis.

3. EPA will exchange program information with states that have existing performance track-type programs or programs under development. EPA will work with states to analyze the similarities and differences between the federal and state programs and ultimately to develop a worksheet that states and industry can use in determining appropriate program participation by specific facilities or companies.

4. EPA will make available to state employees training on aspects of the National Environmental Performance Track, including environmental management systems.

EPA's involvement in these aspects is intended primarily to facilitate state work under the tasks indicated in their work plans, but also to increase information-sharing and consistency among co-regulators.

I. Ineligible Activities

All proposals must focus on activities that are state initiated, and that advance state goals (e.g., furthering the state environmental performance track program). All training must be for the purpose of allowing and facilitating the states to better execute their responsibilities. All analysis and data collected by the states as a part of this cooperative agreement must be primarily for the purpose of providing information on state facilities and their environmental performance under the state's program.

EPA cooperative agreement funds must not be used for:

1. Revising State policies, rules, and regulations solely to implement the National Environmental Performance Track

2. Establishing "membership" in the National Environmental Performance Track

3. Conduct compliance screening for National Environmental Performance Track applicants.

4. Any activity that is unallowable under OMB Circular A-87.

*Section III—Funding***J. Funding**

EPA has approximately \$700,000 to support this Notice of Funds Availability. This is not a competitive selection process and EPA plans to support all state proposals that meet the criteria for funding. Although the amount of money available is fixed, it is uncertain how many states will apply for funding, therefore the actual award amounts are not known. If all 50 states plus the District of Columbia applied for funding and were accepted, each cooperative agreement would be for approximately \$14,000. However, EPA does not expect all 50 states to apply for funding in response to this Notice.

Proposals may ask for an award up to a total of \$20,000. For this level of funding, the proposal is expected to address each of the three eligible tasks (discussed in detail above):

1. Studies and investigations of state policies, rules and regulations affected by incentives proposed in the National Environmental Performance Track Program.

2. Evaluation of performance track programs that recognize and reward top environmental performers.

3. Analysis and dissemination of performance data.

For States that choose not to addresses each task, proposals may focus on a single activity at a \$12,000 expected level of funding or two tasks at an expected funding level of \$15,000.

*Section IV—Requirements for Proposals***K. Requirements for Proposals**

The anticipated dollar value of each cooperative agreement to a particular state is expected to be under \$100,000 so the EPA "small grant" procedures may be followed. The Environmental Protection Agency Application Kit for Federal Assistance (pg. 15) outlines requirements for proposals which are listed below. Cooperative Agreement proposals must include:

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424) with original signatures including:

- SF-424A, budget by categories and indirect cost rate

- SF 424B, Assurances for non-construction programs

- Number of Copies: Original and 1 copy

- Debarment and Suspension

Certification

- EPA Form 4700-4 Pre-Award

Compliance Review Report

- Abbreviated Work Plan and

Resume:

The narrative work plan should not exceed five (5) pages in length. The

work plan must include a summary of specific objectives, expected outcomes and deliverables; and discussion of the budget and how the budget relates to the objectives. Provide an overview of your project that explains the concept and your goals and objectives. List the types of activities for which EPA funds will be spent. Under project evaluation explain how you will ensure the goals and objectives are met. Evaluation plans may be quantitative and/or qualitative and may include, for example, surveys, observation, or outside consultation. (See section VI). Resumes of the applicants and/or individuals performing this grant should not exceed an additional two (2) pages.

- Key Contact List
- Application Receipt Letter, with your address filled in.

L. Submission Requirements and Copies

"One page" refers to one side of a single spaced typed page. The pages must be letter sized (8½ × 11 inches) with margins at least an inch wide and with normal type size (10 or 12 point) rather than extremely small type. To conserve paper, please provide double-sided copies of the proposal. Do not include other attachments such as cover letters, tables of contents, or appendices other than resumes and letters of commitment. The SF-424 should be the first page of your proposal and must be signed by a person authorized to receive funds. Blue ink for signatures is preferred. Proposals must be reproducible; they should not be bound. They should be stapled or clipped once in the upper left hand corner, on white paper, and with page numbers. Mailing addresses are listed at the end of this document.

*Section V—Evaluation and Award Criteria***M. Evaluation and Award Criteria**

Proposals will be reviewed and assessed based on their articulation of the criteria defined in Sections IV and V of this solicitation. In addition the Agency will consider:

1. Previous efforts completed or underway that are consistent with the goals of the National Environmental Performance Track, and
2. Proposed state efforts in support of the goals of the National Performance Track.

This is purely a voluntary program, with an anticipation that all 50 states, and the District of Columbia could provide proposals. To that extent there is no competition in the usual sense. Any and all states that provide a proposal will be considered for an

award. The amount of the award will be contingent on the number of tasks included in the proposal (as previously described).

N. Award Process

All proposals submitted by states will be evaluated by an EPA panel consisting of technical, legal, and administrative personnel substantially involved with the National Performance Track Program. States may be asked to modify proposals as a result of this review. As mentioned previously, it is the intention to award cooperative agreement funding to any state that submits a viable proposal that meets the requirements of this NOFA.

*Section VI—Proposals***O. Work Plans**

All work plans must adhere to the "small grant" limit of five pages. EPA will accept these short proposals and negotiate specific work plans after the award is made. Please assure that proposals are complete and contain sufficient detail to facilitate panel review and consideration.

Section VII—Recipient Responsibilities

All projects must be performed by the applicant or by a person satisfactory to the applicant and EPA, and whose qualifications have been reviewed and approved by EPA. All proposals must identify any person other than the applicant who will assist in carrying out the project. The state remains responsible for ensuring that all cooperative agreement conditions are satisfied, and for the successful completion of the project.

Recipients may begin incurring costs on the start date identified in the EPA award agreement. Activities must be completed and funds spent within the time frames specified in the award agreement.

Specific reporting requirements will be identified in the EPA award agreement. Recipients will be required to submit semi-annual progress reports. Cooperative agreement recipients will submit two copies of their final report and two copies of all work products to the EPA Project Officer within ninety (90) days after the expiration of the budget period. This report will be accepted as the final report provided it is complete.

Section VIII—Other Information

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements contained in this solicitation under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C.

3501 et. seq. and has assigned OMB control number 2030-0020.

P. Statutory Authority

EPA statutory authority for awarding financial assistance under this Notice of Funds Availability include section 103 of the Clean Air Act, section 104, of the Clean Water Act, section 8001 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, section 10 of the Toxic Substances Control Act, and section 20 of Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

Section IX—How To Apply

An original and one copy of the proposal should be mailed to EPA headquarters in Washington, D.C. at the following address: Julie C. Taitt, Administration and Budget Management Team, U.S. E.P.A. Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, 401 M. St., S.W. (MC 1803), Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260-9230.

Section X—OPEI Programs Contact

For Technical Assistance Contact:
Dan Fiorino (202) 260-2749
Chuck Kent (202) 260-2462
Ken Munis (202) 260-9560

For Administrative Assistance Contact: Julie C. Taitt, 401 M. St., S.W. (MC 1803), Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260-9230.

Dated: August 22, 2000.

Charles W. Kent,

Associate Director for the Office of Business and Community Innovation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6858-9]

U.S./Mexico Border Program; Request for Proposals

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Solicitation notice; Building Environmental Education Capacity Along the US/Mexico Border—in Region VI.

SUMMARY: This document solicits proposals from education institutions, environmental and educational public agencies, and not-for-profit organizations to assist the U.S. EPA Region VI in the implementation of the draft Border XXI Environmental Education (EE) Plan for the US/Mexico Border in the Lower Rio Grande Valley Region (Brownsville-Matamoros, McAllen-Reynosa, Laredo-Nuevo Laredo and surrounding communities). This

solicitation notice contains all the information necessary to prepare a proposal. Federal forms are available on line, please see III, A. for web-site information. This solicitation notice is also available on line at: <http://www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder/>. If your proposal is selected as a finalist after the evaluation process is concluded, EPA will provide you with the additional Federal forms needed to process your proposal. This cooperative agreement will be awarded in the amount of \$100,000 and the recipient will be required to provide a 5% match (\$5,000). Please see section III., C. for additional information on matching funds.

A cooperative agreement was selected as the funding mechanism for this project since various EPA offices will be involved in project planning, implementation, and evaluation. Environmental Education programming activities in the border region are authorized under various sections of the following acts: Clean Water Act, section 104(b)(3); Safe Drinking Water Act, section 1442(b)(3); Solid Waste Disposal Act sections 6981 and 8001; Clean Air Act sections 103 and 7403; Toxic Substances Control Act, section 10(a); and Comprehensive Environmental Response and Sanctuaries Act, section 311(a).

DATES: An original proposal signed by an authorized representative plus one copy, must be mailed to EPA postmarked no later than November 21, 2000. Proposals postmarked after that date will not be considered for funding. EPA expects to make the award in early January 2001. Applicants should anticipate project start dates for January, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Applicants may submit proposals via regular U.S. mail, or express mail to the following address: Amadee Madril (6WQ-CO), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75202, Telephone (214) 664-2767.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amadee Madril, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI, Telephone (214) 664-2767 or E-Mail: madril.amadee@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section I: Overview, Background, and Deadlines

A. Environmental Education Versus Environmental Information

Environmental Education increases public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provides the

skills to make informed decisions and take responsible actions. It does not advocate a particular viewpoint or course of action. It teaches individuals how to weigh various sides of an issue through critical thinking and it enhances their own problem-solving skills. Simply providing or “distributing” environmental information such as scientific facts or opinions about environmental issues or problems, is not considered to be environmental education. Although information is an essential element of any educational effort, environmental information is not, by itself, environmental education.

B. Background of the Border XXI EE Plan

The Border XXI EE Plan is based on a program development model known as TEEM (Training and Environmental Education Materials) which was created through a collaborative effort led by the North American Association for Environmental Education and the U.S. Peace Corps with funding from EPA's Office of Environmental Education and the U.S. Agency for International Development. The TEEM model has a proven track record in building local capacity and empowering communities to play integral roles in protecting their environment and conserving natural resources. The TEEM model is locally driven and based on needs identified by educators who have a first-hand understanding of the issues relevant to their individual communities. Ultimately, our aim is to establish a network that links U.S. and Mexican EE providers that will be responsible for improving access to EE materials/information, and developing and implementing professional/organizational development activities. The network will build stability and develop synergy through partnerships by coordinating activities, leveraging resources, capitalizing on the relative expertise of partners, and, in general, working together to achieve common goals.

The plan is designed to overlap with work already being conducted by local EE provider agencies and organizations along the entire border. Indeed TEEM efforts are currently underway in Arizona, California, Sonora, Chihuahua, and Baja California. Participants in this regional TEEM effort will be asked to take responsibility for identifying their own EE training needs, and then designing, implementing and evaluating the strategies that will meet those needs. This effort will incorporate the experiences already gained in other areas of the border.