

CDC Acknowledgement of Application Receipt

A postcard will be mailed by PGO-TIM, notifying you that CDC has received your application.

Deadline

Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are received before 4 p.m. Eastern Time on the deadline date. Any applicant who sends their application by the United States Postal Service or commercial delivery services must ensure that the carrier will be able to guarantee delivery of the application by the closing date and time. If an application is received after closing due to (1) carrier error, when the carrier accepted the package with a guarantee for delivery by the closing date and time, or (2) significant weather delays or natural disasters, CDC will, upon receipt of proper documentation, consider the application as having been received by the deadline.

Any application that does not meet the above criteria will not be eligible for competition, and will be discarded. The applicant will be notified of their failure to meet the submission requirements.

H. Evaluation Criteria*Application*

Applicants are required to provide measures of effectiveness that will demonstrate the accomplishment of the various identified objectives of the cooperative agreement. Measures of effectiveness must relate to the performance goals stated in the purpose section of this announcement. Measures must be objective and quantitative and must measure the intended outcome. These measures of effectiveness must be submitted with the application and will be an element of evaluation.

An independent review group appointed by ATSDR will evaluate each application against the following criteria:

1. Scientific and Technical Review Criteria of Application

- a. Methods (45 percent total). The extent to which the applicant's proposal fully and adequately addresses: (1) Experience in methods of reconstruction of exposure histories through the identification and pursuit of technical advances such as environmental multimedia exposure, kinetic networks, progressive optimality genetic algorithm (POGA) optimization and water-distribution system operations, uncertainty analysis, fuzzy mathematics, dose reconstruction, and spatial analysis techniques (20 percent); (2) the familiarity, qualifications,

knowledge, and experience of the principal investigator in his/her ability to utilize and apply methodology driven environmental assessment tools to reconstruct exposure histories (10 percent); (3) the ability of the principal investigator to modify these tools in order to meet the program objective as described in the Purpose section of this announcement (5 percent); and (4) the demonstrated ability of the principal investigator to integrate the aforementioned computational tools into existing computational tools and platforms so as to develop, maintain, or enhance a decision support system in order to support ATSDR's public health assessment process (10 percent).

- b. Evaluation (25 percent total). The extent to which the applicant has fully and adequately described how it will demonstrate its effectiveness in meeting all objectives in the evaluation of its work plan, including: (1) The qualifications, experience, and commitment of the principal investigator, and his/her ability to devote adequate time and effort to provide effective leadership (10 percent); (2) the competence of associate investigators to accomplish the proposed study, their commitment, and the time they will devote to the project (5 percent); and (3) the adequacy and commitment of institutional resources to administer the program and the adequacy of facilities, such as the availability of a multimedia environmental simulations laboratory, as they impact on performance of the proposed project (10 percent).

- c. Proposed Plan (20 percent total). The extent to which the applicant's proposal fully and adequately addresses: (1) the development and implementation of methods designed to characterize exposure-dose relations associated with hazardous waste sites (10 percent); and (2) the applicant's experience and past performance in assisting ATSDR in methods development, conducting exposure assessments, and exposure-dose reconstruction analyses (10 percent).

- d. Objectives (10 percent total). The extent to which the applicant's proposal fully and adequately addresses: (1) the proposed project schedule, including clearly established and obtainable project objectives for which progress toward attainment can and will be measured: (5 percent); and (2) experience and past performance in meeting project objectives (5 percent).

- e. Program Budget (Reviewed, but not scored). The extent to which the budget is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with the intended use of cooperative agreement funds. If

applicant's proposed budget exceeds the availability of funds, their application will be funded at the level of availability of funds.

- f. Performance goals (Reviewed, but not scored). The extent to which the applicant's proposal adequately addresses the following performance goal for ATSDR: evaluate the human health risk from toxic sites and releases.

2. Continuation Awards Within the Project Period Will Be Made on the Basis of the Following Criteria

- a. Satisfactory progress has been made in meeting project objectives.

- b. Objectives for the new budget period are realistic, specific, and measurable.

- c. Proposed changes in described long-term objectives, methods of operation, need for cooperative agreement support, and/or evaluation procedures will lead to achievement of project objectives.

- d. The budget request is clearly justified and consistent with the intended use of cooperative agreement funds.

I. Other Requirements*Technical Reporting Requirements*

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of:

1. Interim progress report, no less than 90 days before the end of the budget period. The progress report will serve as your non-competing continuation application, and must contain the following elements:

- a. Current Budget Period Activities Objectives.

- b. Current Budget Period Financial Progress.

- c. New Budget Period Program Proposed Activity Objectives.

- d. Detailed Line-Item Budget and Justification.

- e. Additional Requested Information.

2. Financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period.

3. Final financial and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the "Where to Obtain Additional Information" section of this announcement.

Additional Requirements

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Attachment I of the program announcement, as posted on the CDC website.