

If a proposal is selected, EDA will provide the proponent with an Application for Federal Assistance (OMB Control Number 0610-0094).

## VI. Areas of Special Interest

EDA is inviting proposals for National Technical Assistance, Training, Research, and Evaluation as described below.

*Program: National Technical Assistance—(Pub. L. 89-136, as Amended by Pub. L. 105-393, 42 U.S.C. 3147)*

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: 11.303 Economic Development Technical Assistance)

**Background:** As part of its ongoing mission to assist communities in reusing former military bases, EDA supports the dissemination of information to economic development practitioners engaged in base reuse. The intent of disseminating this information is to broadly convey how reuse works successfully, to increase the knowledge of practitioners, and to attract innovative practitioners into the field of redeveloping former military bases.

### *Scope of Work:*

The successful applicant will:

(1) Develop and disseminate, on alternate months,

(a) Three to five “news” stories reporting on activities at former military bases. The 300–1,000 word news stories will answer, for example, why particular end-users chose a particular base, rather than just announcing that they did; and

(b) “Feature” stories on major base-reuse topics. The 2,000–5,000 word (with a few appropriate charts or diagrams) feature stories will show how practitioners engaged in base redevelopment solved specific challenges in reusing the former military bases that closed in the 1990s. They will not be “policy studies” that address the strengths or weaknesses of federal base closure programs and legislation. Rather, feature stories will analyze in-depth one particular aspect of base redevelopment at one to three former bases; for example, how did redevelopers structure environmental service cooperative agreements to facilitate redevelopment, and reduce the cost of site preparation and regulatory burden. Issues with news and feature stories will alternate each month, six each per year.

(2) Disseminate news and feature stories widely, using existing electronic networks for economic development practitioners engaged in the reuse of both military bases and non-military facilities.

(3) Establish with the grantor a 3–5 member editorial board to comment on stories and to suggest and select themes for future feature stories. Topics for initial feature stories on base redevelopment will include: how to blend grant, municipal debt, asset sales, and private equity to finance infrastructure; how environmental service cooperative agreements can become a redevelopment tool; when planning and zoning alone are sufficient to direct redevelopment. Other topics may be proposed in the application, but must then be adopted by the editorial board.

**Timing:** The initial award and funding periods will be for two years from the date of approval. However, those periods may be amended to cover an additional two-year period resulting in four-year award and funding periods, subject to funding availability, satisfactory performance under the initial award, and at the sole discretion of EDA.

**Additional Requirement:** The proposed information dissemination should not be primarily for the benefit of the grantee or the grantee’s members, or a localized geographic area.

## VII. Other Information and Requirements

EDA regulations at 13 CFR Chapter III are available on the EDA Web site at <http://www.doc.gov/eda>. The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), are applicable to this solicitation and can be found on EDA’s Web site <http://www.doc.gov/eda>.

A. Ordinarily, the applicant is expected to provide a 50% non-federal share of project costs. However, EDA may reduce or waive the required 50% matching share of the total project costs, provided the applicant demonstrates: (1) The project is not feasible without a reduction or waiver and the project merits a reduction or waiver, or (2) the

requirements of 13 CFR 301.4(b) are satisfied.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. This notice involves a collection of information requirement subject to the provisions of the PRA and has been approved by OMB under Control Number 0610-0094. The EDA application (ED-900A), which incorporates the SF-424, are the forms in the EDA application kit, approved under the aforementioned OMB control number.

C. If an application is selected for funding, EDA has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with an award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the sole discretion of EDA.

D. EDA is committed to a policy of non-discrimination in the administration of all its programs.

E. EDA will notify unsuccessful proposers in writing and unsuccessful proposals will be maintained for not more than three years from the date of receipt.

F. This Notice has been determined to be “not significant” for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

G. It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

H. The rulemaking requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553 are not applicable to this notice relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 5553(a)(2)). Because notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law for this rule, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601) are not applicable. Thus, a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required and has not been prepared for this rule.

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