

partners in the specifics of implementing FQPA.

4. Demonstrate region-specific pest management technologies and integrated crop management systems to replace pesticide uses which may be canceled under FQPA.

5. Use "farmer to farmer" training and communication methods, community participation, and/or other forms of public-private cooperation.

IV. Grant Specifics

1. *Amount of funding available.* A total of approximately \$100,000 in Federal funds is available to award for projects in Region III. The number of awards will depend on individual proposal cost; the final aggregate amount of Federal funding for all proposals; and the total amount of Federal funding available. Should additional funding become available for award, the Agency may award additional grants based on this solicitation and in accordance with the final selection process, without further notice of competition.

2. *Funding type.* The funding for selected award projects is in the form of a grant awarded under FIFRA.

3. *Right to reject all initial proposals.* The Agency reserves the right to reject all proposals and make no awards.

4. *Matching/cost share requirements.* There are no cost share requirements for these projects. However, matching funds are encouraged.

5. *Project period time frame.* The project period time frame should not exceed 2 years.

6. *Eligible applicants.* Grant funds are available to non-profit groups, including commodity groups/associations and farmers' groups, State agencies, Tribal governments, cooperative extension, universities, and institutes of higher learning. Ineligible groups are encouraged to work with an eligible organization to submit proposals. Implementation of all projects must occur within one of the States of EPA Region III (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia) or the District of Columbia. EPA will consider only one proposal by an applicant.

7. *Proposal submittal.* All proposals should be mailed or hand delivered to: John Butler, Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Waste & Chemicals Management Division, Mail code (3WC32), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029.

8. *Due dates.* EPA will consider all proposals which are postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service, hand delivered, or electronically delivered to the Agency, or include official delivery service

documentation indicating EPA acceptance from a delivery service, on or before the deadline published in the request for initial proposals. This due date is on or before 5 p.m. eastern standard time, July 31, 2003. Proposals received after the due date will not be considered for funding.

9. *Statutory and regulatory authorities.* Strategic Agricultural Initiative Grants will be awarded under the authority of section 20 of FIFRA, as amended, for research, public education, training, monitoring, demonstration and studies. The regulations governing the award and administration of these grants can be found at 40 CFR part 30 for institutions of higher education, colleges and universities, and non-profit organizations; and 40 CFR part 31 for States and local governments.

10. *Allowable costs.* EPA grant funds may only be used for the purposes set forth in the grant agreement, and must be consistent with the statutory authority for the award. Grant funds may not be used for matching funds for other Federal grants, lobbying, or intervention in Federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings. In addition, Federal funds may not be used to sue the Federal government or any other government entity. All costs identified in the budget must conform to applicable Federal Cost Principles contained in OMB Circular A-87; A-122; and A-21, as appropriate.

11. *Federal requirements.* An applicant whose proposal is selected for Federal funding must complete additional forms prior to award (see 40 CFR 30.12 and 31.10). In addition, successful applicants will be required to certify that they have not been debarred or suspended from participation in Federal assistance awards in accordance with 40 CFR part 32.

12. *Intergovernmental review.* Applicants must comply with the Intergovernmental Review Process and/or consultation provisions of Executive Order 12372 or section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act, if applicable, which are contained in 40 CFR part 29. Further information regarding this requirement will be provided if your proposal is selected for funding.

13. *Pre-application assistance.* None planned.

V. Proposal Format and Contents

Proposals must be typewritten, double spaced in 12 point or larger print using 8.5 x 11 inch paper with minimum 1 inch horizontal and vertical margins. Pages must be numbered in order starting with the cover page and

continuing through the appendices. One original and one electronic copy (e-mail or disk) is required. All proposals must include:

1. Completed Standard Form SF 424*, Application for Federal Assistance. Please include organization fax number and e-mail address.

2. Completed Section B--Budget Categories, on page 1 of Standard Form SF 424A*, (See Unit IV.10.--Allowable Cost). Blank forms may be located at <http://www.epa.gov/region03/grants/appforms.htm>.

3. Detailed itemization of the amounts budgeted by individual Object Class Categories (See Unit IV.10.--Allowable Cost).

4. Statement regarding whether this proposal is a continuation of a previously funded project. If so, please provide the assistance number and status of the current grant/cooperative agreement.

5. *Executive Summary.* The Executive Summary shall be a stand alone document, not to exceed one page, containing the specifics of what is proposed and what you expect to accomplish regarding measuring or movement toward achieving project goals. This summary should identify the measurable environmental results you expect including potential human health and ecological benefits.

6. *Table of contents.* A one page table listing the different parts of your proposal and the page number on which each part begins.

7. *Proposal narrative.* Includes Parts I--VI (Parts I through VI listed below are not to exceed 10 pages).

- *Part I--Project title.* Self explanatory.

- *Part II--Objectives.* A numbered list (1, 2, etc.) of concisely written project objectives, in most cases, each objective can be stated in a single sentence.

- *Part III--Justification.* For each objective listed in Part II, discuss the potential outcome in terms of environmental, human health, pesticide risk and/or use reduction or pollution prevention. If appropriate, the target pest(s) and crop(s) should be explicitly stated. This section should be numbered with a justification corresponding to each objective.

- *Part IV--Literature review.* Briefly, describe relevant information currently available. This should also include information on projects currently in progress that are relevant to or provide the basis for either the experimental design or the validation of a new approach to pest management.

- *Part V--Approach and methods.* Describe in detail how the program will be carried out. Describe how the system