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3. *By mail or in person.* Contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

II. Purpose of this Request

EPA's, Waste & Chemicals Management Division, Pesticides/Asbestos Programs & Enforcement Branch, Region III, is requesting proposals for its Urban Initiative Grant. The goals of the Urban Initiative Grant Program are to: (1) Detect any diversion of highly toxic pesticides from the agriculture sector into urban areas for illegal use indoors; (2) identify any ongoing misuse of agricultural pesticides in urban and residential communities; and (3) prevent future diversion and structural application of pesticide misuse through compliance assistance and education. This program is included in the Catalog of Federal

Domestic Assistance under number 66.716.

III. Grant Specifics

1. *Amount of funding available.* A total of approximately \$60,000 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 extensions, 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 following EPA Region III States: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and 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: Fatima El Abdaoui, 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 October 3, 2003. Proposals received after the due date will not be considered for funding.

9. *Statutory and regulatory authorities.* Urban Initiative Grants will

be awarded under the authority of section 20 of FIFRA, as amended, for 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.

IV. 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