

review process. During the evaluation phase, proposals will be evaluated on the quality of their work plans. EPA officials, who will serve as reviewers, will conduct the screening and evaluation phases of the review process. At the conclusion of the evaluation phase, the reviewers will score work plans, on a one hundred point scale. EPA senior Agency management will consider the reviewers' recommended rankings, along with other special considerations, such as the number of eligible students in the school's population. EPA will ask the applicant selected by senior management to select a complete application package by March 1, 2004. We reserve the right to make no awards.

## VI. Award Administration Information

### Award Notices

The recipient of a selected proposal will be notified by a separate letter saying that the proposal has been selected and that a completed application must be submitted by the due date of March 1, 2004. After the application is received, it must be reviewed and approved by EPA. The grant award signed by EPA's Award Official is the legal document, which will be provided through postal mail or by electronic means. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by letter.

## VII. Agency Contacts

**Pre-application assistance:** EPA will provide pre-application assistance by responding to all content-related questions (for example, technical questions pertaining to the EPA statutes (CERCLA and Solid Waste Disposal Act), grants management issues, or information to the Agency's approach to evaluating or ranking applications) which are submitted to the Web site <http://clu-in.org/proposals/oswerintern>.

**Note:** Applicants are responsible for the content of their applications and pre-application assistance must not in any way provide applicants with a competitive advantage. It is for this reason that *all questions and answers can be viewed by the public on this Web site*.

EPA points of contact, listed on next page, may provide pre-application assistance on process-related questions, via e-mail, (for example, eligibility requirements, deadlines, proposal format, etc.).

**Note:** If applicants do not have e-mail capacity, it is permissible to call points of contact. Please note that EPA points of contact may not prepare applications, share ideas with an applicant that are contained in a competing application, review and comment on draft applications, or provide

any information that is not already provided in the proposal solicitation.

**Note:** Receiving information and assistance from EPA does not guarantee funding.

**Agency Contacts:** Nancy Allinson, Project Officer, 202-566-1915 (tel), 202-566-1943 (fax), [nancy.allinson@epa.gov](mailto:nancy.allinson@epa.gov), (Eligibility/process issues).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) Internship Assistance Agreement Competition: Solicitation Notice

**SUMMARY:** This document solicits cooperative agreement proposals from educational institutions and non-profit organizations that are interested in obtaining EPA financial assistance to provide educational and training opportunities, in the form of internships, for students in the hazardous waste management field. These cooperative agreements will be awarded under Section 311(b)(3) and (9) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and Section 8001 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act. This cooperative agreement would enable students to (1) gain knowledge of alternative or innovative treatment technologies and real work experience in the hazardous waste management field, and (2) earn academic credit.

Depending on the availability of funds, it is anticipated that a total of approximately \$750,000 over five years, including direct and indirect costs, will be awarded in FY04. Proposals may request funding with a total project cost of up to \$150,000 per year with a duration of up to five years. It is anticipated that OSWER would provide funding for up to fifteen (15) interns per summer, for a twelve-week summer internship, at a stipend of approximately \$10,000 per intern. The project period, however, would run April to April of each year. Funding will only cover stipends and cannot be used to cover housing or student round-trip travel costs. Based on CERCLA statute

311(b)(3), EPA requires cost sharing at a minimum of 5%. The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is 66.607.

**ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:** Only accredited four (4)-year educational institutions subject to OMB Circular A-21 and non-profit organizations, as defined in OMB Circular A-122, are eligible to apply. However, non-profit organizations described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue code that engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 are not eligible to apply. For profit training schools are not eligible.

### DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS:

Proposals must be submitted no later than February 4, 2004. *Please do not e-mail proposals.*

### PROPOSAL FORMAT REQUIREMENTS:

Proposal length is limited to fifteen (15) pages, with 1-inch margins, and no attachments.

**ADDRESSES:** Proposals must be mailed to:

1. Official Mailing Address: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), Mail Code 5103T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention: Nancy Allinson, Telephone Number: 202-566-1915. Fax Number: 202-566-1943.

### AGENCY POINTS OF CONTACT:

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