

4. *Proposal Submission Deadline:*
Proposals must be submitted no later

than February 4, 2004. *Please do not e-mail proposals.*

V. Proposal Review Information

1. Criteria/Scope:

Criteria	Points
—Effectiveness of overall work plan, including evaluation plan and time-frame, that is detailed and reasonable. Additionally, a clearly-stated detailed and appropriate budget should be included	32
—Formal program in place or experience in administering a student internship program, especially with a Federal agency or department, and experience with Federally funded grants programs. Successful applicant should have an overall familiarity with Federal government operations as well as have the ability to process stipends, a system for reporting and record keeping, and the capacity for processing and evaluating student applications. Applicants must identify and explain any adverse Federal audit findings or terminations of grants, or special terms and conditions imposed on grants within the last five (5) years	24
—Proximity of 50–100 mile radius to the Washington-Metropolitan area	12
—Formal curricula in civil, chemical, electrical engineering and industrial engineering as well as the natural and physical sciences, computer science, business and public administration. Academic departments that are developing new curricula with an emphasis in environmental engineering with courses focusing on hazardous waste management, hydrology and water resources, remediation, and renewable natural resources	32
Total points possible	100

(Note: points assigned to each criterion are the maximum number of points applicant can receive).

2. Review and Selection Process:

Proposals submitted to EPA headquarters will be evaluated using the defined criteria. Proposals will be reviewed in two phases—the screening phase and the evaluation phase. During the screening phase, proposals will be reviewed to be determined whether they meet the basic requirements of this document. Only those proposals that meet all of these basic requirements will enter the full evaluation phase of the 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 website <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 website.*

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:

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Border 2012 National Coordinators Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Border 2012 National Coordinators Meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Secretaría del Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico's Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources), in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico's Secretariat of Health), the U.S. border tribes, and the environmental agencies from each of the ten U.S.-Mexico border states, will convene the Border 2012 National Coordinator's Meeting (NCM). This National Coordinators Meeting will take place at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Av. Pedro Cardenas 5001 Carretera a Cd. Victoria, Matamoros, 87396, Mexico. Public meetings will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 3rd and all day on Thursday, December 4th.

The mission of Border 2012 is to protect public health and the environment in the U.S.-Mexico border region, consistent with the principles of sustainable development. The Border 2012 Program is the latest multi-year, binational planning effort to be implemented under the 1983 U.S.-Mexico Agreement on Cooperation for