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Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those companies or organizations, large and small businesses, that want to provide the EPA with supplies or services.

Title: Invitation for Bids and Request for Proposals (IFBs and RFPs).

Abstract: EPA requires contractors to submit information in order to be considered for the award of a contract. Information requested includes: prices for the supplies/services requested, information on past performance, technical and cost information, and general financial and organizational information. Information provided by vendors in response to an RFP/IFB is used to evaluate which vendor will provide the best product in terms of quality, timeliness and price. Response to IFBs/RFPs are required to be considered for a contract award. The legal authority for this collection is 41 U.S.C. 253., contractor confidential business information submitted in connection with an IFB or RFP response is protected from public release in accordance with 40 CFR 2.201 *et seq.* An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: Burden estimate for responding to IFBs is 8 hours per submission. Annual collection by the Agency is estimated to be 298 bids. At an average cost of \$503.57 for each submission, the annual cost to respondents is \$150,063.86. Burden for responding to RFPs is estimated at 251 hours per submission. Annual receipt of proposals by the Agency is expected to be 1224. At an average cost of \$15,837.86 the annual cost for RFP information collection is estimated at \$19,385,540. The total respondent burden for both IFBs and RFPs is 309,608 hours. Total annual cost for IFBs and RFPs is estimated at \$19,535,603. This number fluctuates year to year based on how many IFBs and RFPs are released at the Agency. Nominal capital or start up costs are expected. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: September 3, 2003.

Leigh Pomponio,

Manager, Policy and Oversight Service Center.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7556-6]

Notice of Charter Renewals of the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal.

SUMMARY: The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC); will be renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee which is in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2 section 9(c). The purpose of CHPAC is to provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on issues associated with development of regulations, guidance and policies to address children's health risks.

It is determined that CHPAC is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquiries may be directed to Joanne Rodman, Designated Federal Officer, CHPAC, U.S. EPA, OCHP MC 1107A, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460

Dated: September 3, 2003.

Joanne Rodman,

Acting Director, Office of Children's Health Protection.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7556-2]

Request for Nominations to the Good Neighbor Environmental Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointments to fill several vacancies on the Good Neighbor Environmental Board. For this round of recruitment, given the goal of maintaining diverse representation across sectors and geographic locations, tribal representatives and representatives from academic

institutions in the state of Arizona are especially encouraged to apply. Suggested deadline for receiving nominations is Friday, September 19, 2003. Appointments will be made by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Appointments are scheduled to be announced during October 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit nomination materials to: Elaine Koerner, Designated Federal Officer, Good Neighbor Environmental Board, EPA Region 9 Office, WTR-4, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105, T: 415-972-3437, F: 415-947-3537, e-mail koerner.elaine@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine Koerner, Designated Federal Officer, Good Neighbor Environmental Board, EPA Region 9 Office, WTR-4, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105, T: 415-972-3437, F: 415-947-3537, e-mail koerner.elaine@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Good Neighbor Environmental Board meets three times each calendar year at different locations along the U.S.-Mexico border. It was created by the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative Act of 1992. An Executive Order delegates implementing authority to the Administrator of EPA. The Board is responsible for providing advice to the U.S. President and Congress on environmental and infrastructure issues and needs within the States contiguous to Mexico in order to improve the quality of life of persons residing on the U.S. side of the border. The statute calls for the Board to have representatives from U.S. Government agencies; the governments of the States of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas; and private organizations with expertise on environmental and infrastructure problems along the southwest border. Board members typically contribute 10-15 hours per month to the Board's work. The Board membership position is voluntary; travel expenses are covered.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominees:

- Residence in one of the four U.S. border states.
- Professional knowledge of, and experience with, environmental infrastructure activities and policy along the U.S.-Mexico border.
- Senior level-experience that fills a gap in Board representation, or brings a new and relevant dimension to its deliberations.
- Representation of a sector or group that is involved in border region environmental infrastructure.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a consensus-building process with a wide

range of representatives from diverse constituencies.

- Willingness to serve a two-year term as an actively-contributing member, with possible re-appointment to a second term.

Nominees' qualifications will be assessed under the mandates of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which requires Committees to maintain diversity across a broad range of constituencies, sectors, and groups. Nominations for membership must include a resume describing the professional and educational qualifications of the nominee as well as community-based experience. Contact details should include full name and title, business mailing address, telephone, fax, and e-mail address. A supporting letter of endorsement is encouraged but not required.

Dated: August 29, 2003.

Elaine M. Koerner,
Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7556-3]

National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy, technology, and management issues.

NACEPT consists of a representative cross-section of EPA's partners and principle constituents who provide advice and recommendations on policy issues and serve as a sounding board for new strategies that the Agency is developing. The Council is a proactive, strategic panel of experts that identifies emerging challenges facing EPA and responds to specific charges requested by the Administrator and the program office managers.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the NACEPT Council agenda for FY 04 and agree on appropriate venues to address the topics in a timely and efficient manner. NACEPT will discuss a number of issues, including

environmental technology, EPA's Report on the Environment, and emerging trends facing the agency. In addition, NACEPT will report on the work of its subcommittees.

DATES: NACEPT will hold a two day public meeting on Wednesday, September 24, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, September 25, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public, with limited seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests to make oral comments or provide written comments to the Council should be sent to Mark Joyce, Designated Federal Officer using the contact information below. The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Joyce, Designated Federal Officer, joyce.mark@epa.gov, 202-233-0068, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601E), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460.

Meeting Access: Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Mark Joyce at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: August 29, 2003.

Mark Joyce,
Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA-USDA Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency-United States Department of Agriculture Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition (EPA-USDA CARAT) will hold a public meeting on October 1-2, 2003. An agenda is being developed and will be posted by September 22, 2003, on EPA's website. This meeting will focus on recent case studies for the following selected commodities: Almonds, carrots,