EPA REGION 10 UPDATES

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AK STRP Workshop
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2016 Spring To Do List!!!

- Success Stories due 4/30/16 with 2\textsuperscript{nd} Quarterly Report
- AK STRP Quarterly Call 5/10/16
- FY16 STRP 128(a) Applications
Success Stories are due with your 2nd Quarterly Report

- Submit a success story with your quarterly report – as required by the terms and conditions of your grant award
- [http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/state_tribal/news.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/state_tribal/news.htm)
AK STRP Quarterly Call

- Next call planned for May 10th at 11am AK time
- Topics planned so far
  - Spring 2016 STRP Application Process and Proposed Timeline reminder on Grant.gov online use
  - EPA Project Officer Updates
  - Tribal and State Response Program Updates
STRP 128(a) Application – Questions to ask your program!

- Have you had your staff more than 2 years – how to solve turnover?
- Do you have a Standard Operating Procedure Manual in place?
- Is your BF Inventory/Public Record accessible – one step further - on your program website?
- Have you provided your council a recent update on Brownfields and what your program can do?
- Do you have any ordinances in place?
- Have you attempted to get to assessments with cleanup for reuse in mind?
- Have you coordinated with the state and federal entities involved if you have spill response planning included in your workplan?
- Are you providing outreach to the BF Competitive Grants eligible entities in your village or consortia?
STRP 128(a) Application Process and Timeline

- Some funding levels may not stay the same—there may be cuts in funding

- Pay attention to:
  - Completing tasks in current workplan and providing sufficient deliverables
  - Stay in communication with your EPA Project Officer
  - Enhance your program—improve upon your current program!
STRP 128(a) Application Process and Timeline

- Invitation to apply most likely this week and final application package due the second week of June
- Start working with your EPA Project Officer now and respond to every email in a timely manner—REMEMBER this is a cooperative agreement—substantial involvement of your EPA Project Officer
STRP 128(a) Application Process and Timeline – Reminder!!!

- Application submittal will happen online again at Grants.gov
STRP 128(a) Application Process

- Complete Application Package
  - FY16 Workplan
  - R10 Detail Budget Worksheet
  - Required Application forms found at: http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/application.htm
STRP 128(a) Application Process

- Required application forms
  1) Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) - with original signature

- Budget Information - Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A): The budget information provided on this form must match exactly the budget information included in your Cooperative Agreement Workplan. To preclude multiple submissions, please do not finalize form SF-424A until your work plan is final and approved by your EPA Project Officer.

- Assurances – Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B) - with original signature. Required for all assistance agreement applications.

- Preaward Compliance Review Report (EPA Form 4700-4) - with original signature. Required for all assistance agreement applications.

- Certification Regarding Lobbying – with original signature. Required if the requested EPA funding is more than $100,000, OR if your application is for additional funding for a current grant and the revised total EPA funding exceeds $100,000.

- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities - with original signature. If EPA funding totals over $100,000 AND your organization is or will be conducting lobbying activities.

- Key Contacts – Applicant lists their organization’s key contacts for the assistance agreement including: Authorized Representative, Project Manager, Financial Representative, Payee Information, and organization’s website URL if applicable.
STRP 128(a) Application Process

- **Enhance your Program**
  - Well-organized and specific workplan that shows progress
  - Tasks are feasible and well paced
  - First focus is on Capacity Building
  - Must be making progress on the key elements of the program
Structure of a 128(a) work plan

No single model is for everyone but be sure to focus on:

the Four Elements

then

Site specific work
Four Elements as structure

- Developing a site inventory
- Developing oversight and enforcement authorities
- Developing a mechanism for community involvement
- Developing system to approve cleanup plans and certify cleanups are complete
  - Don’t forget the Public Record
STRP 128(a) Application Process

- **Enhance your Program Capacity Building**
  - Provide training – Native Village of Eyak
  - Create a Standard Operating Procedures Manual to transition proof your program – Craig Tribal Association
  - Continue to provide outreach/inreach to the Competitive Grants Eligible Entities (Village or Regional Corporations) BBNA and ANTHC
  - Find resources for your BF Inventory Sites that aren’t eligible for BF Funding – ONC
  - Create criteria to prioritize BF Inventory when moving towards assessment work - YRITWC
STRP 128(a) Application Process

Once Capacity is Built – Next Steps

- Apply for a Targeted Brownfields Assessment
- Apply for the next round of DEC Brownfields Assessment or Cleanup
STRP 128(a) Application Process

- Before applying for site work you need:
  - A process in place to coordinate with the state
  - Procedures and resources to protect community from threats
  - Criteria to rank current BF Inventory
  - Established communication plan
  - Leveraging/funding options
Beyond the Four Elements

- Program management tasks
- Site-specific work – Eligibility approved by EPA Project Officer
- Emergency preparedness work
- General capacity-building like training or procuring supplies
Program management tasks

- Quarterly progress reports
- Success Stories
- Annual PALs report
- Funding request preparation includes the plan for progress and it must be clear
Site Specific Work

- No site work should occur without a solid plan for reuse and how to get there
- No site work should occur without an agreement with ADEC on roles, goals, liabilities, and demonstrated community support/request
Stay in contact with you EPA BF Project Officer through the entire application process!!

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