



EPA REGION 10 UPDATES

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AK STRP Workshop
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2015 Spring To Do List!!!

- AK STRP Quarterly Call
4/30/15
- Success Stories due 4/30/15
with 2nd Quarterly Report
- STRP 128(a) Applications

AK STRP Quarterly Call

- Next call planned for April 30th at 9am AK time
- Topics planned so far
 - Spring 2015 STRP Application Process and Proposed Timeline update for Grant.gov online use
 - EPA Project Officer Updates
 - Tribal and State Response Program Updates

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

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 Tentative Timeline

- Most funding levels will not stay the same- there will 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 Tentative Timeline

- Invitation to apply most likely in April and final application package tentatively due the first 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 Tentative Timeline – New This Year!!!

- Application submittal will happen online at Grants.gov
- ASAP - register your organization at Grants.gov - <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration.html>

STRP 128(a) Application Process

- Complete Application Package
 - FY15 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**
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- 2) **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.**
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- 3) **Assurances – Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B) - with original signature.** Required for all assistance agreement applications.
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- 4) **Preaward Compliance Review Report (EPA Form 4700-4) - with original signature.** Required for all assistance agreement applications.
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- 5) **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.
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- 6) **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities - with original signature.** If EPA funding totals over \$100,000 AND your organization is or will be conducting lobbying activities.
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- 7) **Key Contacts** – This is an optional form, but very helpful for EPA staff. 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
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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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