

**AGENCY:** ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

**TITLE:** “Regional Indoor Environments: Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants”

**ACTION:** Request for Applications (RFA)

**RFA No:** EPA-OAR-ORIA-12-04

**CFDA:** 66.034

**SUMMARY:** Formal Agency responses to questions regarding the subject RFA

**DATE:** April 10, 2012

***Q1: In regards to sub award and executive compensation reporting, what is the funding limit?***

**A1:** According to OMB, the current executive cap is set at \$693,951 per year. There is not a set funding limit for sub awards. However, EPA will not award 'pass thru' grants. For example: EPA awarding a grant for \$100k to grant recipient 'A', and then grant recipient 'A' sub-awarding \$100k to their sub-grantee/sub-contractor. At a minimum, the grantee must budget for costs to administer and manage their project. Also, keep in mind in Section II. Award Information, A. the chart providing each Regions Funding Ranges on pages 16 and 17 of the RFA.

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/procurement\\_index\\_exec\\_comp/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/procurement_index_exec_comp/)

***Q2: Our organization has many offices, but only 1 tax ID number, and 1 DUNS number, etc. Can we submit more than one application per region?***

**A2:** No, your organization is one organization for tax purposes. Your organization may only submit one application per region. The fact that your organization may have multiple offices is irrelevant because eligibility is at the organizational level, not office level.

***Q3: Are building improvements are allowable expenses under this grant program.***

**A3:** As stated on page 20, #4 under Limitations of Funding. No, this funding opportunity will not cover roof replacement.

**Section III. Part D. Limitations of Funding** (on page 20 of the RFA)

4. EPA will not fund sampling or remediation of mold or **actual construction, renovation, or repair of buildings or their components such as roofs or ventilation systems.**

**Clarification** of funding for each region in **Section II. AWARD INFORMATION:**

Beginning on page 16 and in the table on page 17 of the RFA, the **available funding** amount for each region is for the **two year project period** with a minimum and a maximum amount.

Eligible Funding Ranges and Anticipated Number of Awards		
EPA Region	Available Funding	Anticipated Number of Awards

**Q4:** *Can the RFA application submission deadline be extended or is there an appeal process to get an extension due to having to receive a State Governor’s approval of a state application?*

**A4:** No, there is not a waiver or appeal process for an applicant to request an extension of an application deadline for a State’s Governor approval process.

**Q5:** *Quality Assurance Narrative Statement. On Page 25 of the RFP under 3c is listed “Quality Assurance Narrative Statement”. Can you define what this is as there isn’t further information listed?*

**A5:** Your organization would need to determine based on the activities you propose whether a Quality Assurance Plan is necessary. It is also the responsibility of an applicant to research and gain information on quality assurance plans to better make a determination if a QA plan will be appropriate for your proposed project. A quality assurance plan is optional, as stated in sections IV. on page 25 and VIII on page 33 and 34 of the subject RFA.

General quality assurance (QA) information:

What is a QA Project Plan? A QA Project Plan describes the activities of an environmental data operations project involved with the acquisition of environmental information whether generated from direct measurements activities, collected from other sources, or compiled from computerized databases and information systems.

What is the purpose of the QA Project Plan? The QA Project Plan documents the results of a project’s technical planning process, providing in one place a clear, concise, and complete plan for the environmental data operation and its quality objectives and identifying key project personnel.

**Q6:** *What is the Competition # and Title of this Funding Opportunity?*

**A6:** The Competition # is EPA-OAR-ORIA-12-04 and the Title is Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Air.