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Subject: Limited Competition: EPA, Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program (EJ TCTAC), EPA-I-OP-OEJ-22-02

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UNM Researchers,

The EPA Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program (EJ TCTAC) is accepting applications to establish EJ TCTAC's that will provide technical assistance, training, and other eligible forms of assistance, resources, and support to program participants including but not limited to: nonprofit organizations; underserved communities and organizations; faith-based organizations and churches; educational institutions; and local, tribal, and state governmental units. EJ TCTAC's will serve as a resource for program participants interested in participating in environmental and energy justice programs and policy development and those interested in understanding and utilizing environmental and energy grant programs to advance environmental and energy justice.

Applicants must describe the geographic area covered by their proposed EJ TCTAC. The geographic areas are:

- Regional Geographic Area #1 includes EPA Region 1 (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)
- Regional Geographic Area #2 includes EPA Region 2 (NJ, NY, PR, VI)
- Regional Geographic Area #3 includes EPA Region 3 (DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV)
- Regional Geographic Area #4 includes EPA Region 4 (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN)
- Regional Geographic Area #5 includes EPA Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI)
- Regional Geographic Area #6 includes EPA Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX)
- Regional Geographic Area #7 includes EPA Region 7 (IA, KS, NE, MO)
- Regional Geographic Area #8 includes EPA Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY)
- Regional Geographic Area #9 includes EPA Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV, AS, GU)
- Regional Geographic Area #10 includes EPA Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, WA)
- Nationwide Geographic Area

Applicants should design an approach to ensure that Eligible Services are provided to program participants throughout the entire geographic area covered by their award including to rural and remote areas. Please note that the amount of funding provided to selected applicants will be commensurate with the level and number of Eligible Services to be provided under the award. Those selected applicants providing fewer Eligible Services may receive lower amounts of funding than recipients providing more services or serving a larger geographic area. Applicants selected for award in a particular geographic area may also provide with EPA's approval Eligible Services to program participants in other geographical areas. For example, a recipient may provide technical assistance to an underserved community or organizations in a remote area outside its geographic area if it is uniquely qualified to provide a specific type of technical assistance, or if requested by a program participant, as determined by the EPA Project

Officer. The final scope of work that EPA's Project Officer negotiates with successful applicants will specify the terms under which recipients may provide assistance outside of their geographic areas.

The EPA anticipates providing up to \$6 million per award for a three-year performance period. There is no cost share requirement under this agreement. For more information, see the full program solicitation: https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-08/EPA-I-OP-OEJ-22-02_final_8.5.22.pdf. Applications are due by **October 4, 2022**.

This is a limited competition. Each institution is allowed to submit **THREE (3)** applications, but only **ONE (1)** may serve a geographic region that includes New Mexico. Therefore, we are requesting 200-word statements of interest be submitted via UNM's InfoReady Review portal <https://unm.infoready4.com/> by **NOON on Thursday, September 8, 2022**. No late submissions will be accepted. Should we receive more than three statements of interest, we will request pre-proposals and will run an internal competition.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

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