

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

TITLE: Sustainable Skylines Initiative

ACTION: Request for Applications (RFA)

RFA: EPA-OAR-OAQPS-08-08

CFDA: 66.034

SUMMARY: Formal Agency responses to questions regarding the subject RFA

DATE: November 20, 2008

Q1. Can the 5 project activities all be part of one initiative such as the construction of a new LEED-certified building?

A1. No, the Sustainable Skylines Initiative is a program designed to aid cities to reduce their emissions and to promote sustainability with the goal of cleaner and healthier air. What we are looking for are activities which integrate air quality, climate change, transportation, energy, land use, green buildings, and resource efficiency for the whole area not just one building. For example, Dallas, our pilot city, has efforts underway to convert taxi cabs with hybrid taxis, decrease the heat island effect by planting more trees in the urban area and using permeable surfaces, incorporating green building techniques with affordable housing, and small gas and diesel powered landscaping equipment replacements.

Q2. What types of activities should we be looking at initiating?

A2. The Sustainable Skylines Initiative provides a framework to aid communities in developing locally-led activities to help reduce emissions and promote sustainability. The EPA does not have a specific list of activities from which communities select activities, however, we do ask that you select activities which fit within 5 of seven project categories (see section I.B. of solicitation for more information). To help project locations better understand the seven project categories and to get ideas for activities, visit the websites for the two pilot cities of Dallas and Kansas City already underway at www.epa.gov/sustainableskylines .

Q3. How is an "Intent to Apply" submitted for the above referenced" SSI" RFA?

A3. Please submit all Letters of Intent to Apply to Yvonne W. Johnson at johnson.yvonne@epg.gov. Please identify the submitting organization and a contact person.