

expertise and experience enables the Council to function in a timely and strategic manner. Critical issues, challenges, and solutions for addressing them are identified and presented to the Administrator for consideration. The Council usually meets 4–5 times annually and the average workload for the members is approximately 10 to 15 hours per month. Members serve on the Council in a voluntary capacity; however, EPA does provide reimbursement for travel expenses associated with official government business.

Maintaining a balance and diversity of expertise, knowledge, and judgement is an important consideration in the selection of members. Potential candidates should possess the following qualifications:

- Occupy a senior position within their organization
- Broad experience outside of their current position
- Experience dealing with public policy issues
- Membership in broad-based networks
- Extensive experience in the environmental field
- Recognized expert in the subject matter to be addressed by NACEPT

EPA is seeking nominees for representation from all sectors, in particular federal, state, local and tribal agencies, academia, environmental justice organizations, grassroots organizations, and NGOs.

Nominations for membership must include a resume and short biography describing the educational and professional qualifications of the nominee and the nominee's current business address and daytime telephone number.

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Gwendolyn Whitt,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Chesapeake Bay Program—Fiscal Year 2003 Supplemental Request for Initial Proposals (RFIP)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) is issuing a Supplemental Requests for Initial Proposals (RFIP) to implement a specific outcome that will further goals of the Chesapeake 2000 agreement. One project received no responses in the first Request for Initial Proposals (RFIP) dated May 29, 2002, therefore this supplemental RFIP is being issued. Up to \$75,000 dollars may be available for Fiscal Year 2003 for implemental of activities to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay. Any non-profit organization, federal, state or local government agency, interstate agency, college or university is eligible to submit proposals in response to this Request for Initial Proposals. Funding will be provided to an applicant under the authority of the Clean Water Act, Section 117.

The RFIP will be available starting September 3, 2002 at the following Web site: <http://www.gov/r3chespk/> You may also request a copy by calling Robert Schewack at 410-267-9856 or by e-mail at shewack.bob@epa.gov All proposals must be postmark NLT September 17, 2002.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Developing Assessment Factors for Evaluating the Quality of Information From External Sources; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; comment request.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public meeting on September 20, 2002 to obtain public input on factors and considerations to be used to assess the quality of information voluntarily provided by external sources to the Agency or obtained by EPA from external sources for specific purposes. In addition, EPA is seeking comments

from the public on the draft EPA document, "Assessment Factors for Evaluating the Quality of Information from External Sources." EPA developed this document as part of the *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency* (EPA Information Quality Guidelines). The EPA Information Quality Guidelines were developed pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies* (OMB Guidelines, 67 FR 8452, February 22, 2002).

DATES: The public meeting will be held on September 20, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time, EDT). Written comments must be received on or before September 20, 2002, 11:59 p.m. EDT. For information on dates for submission of written comments, requests to present oral comments, or requests for special seating arrangements, see Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency East Building, Public Hearing Room 1153, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Comments may be submitted by e-mail, mail, courier or in person. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for instructions on submitting comments and public meeting information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Schweer, Office of Science Coordination and Policy (7203M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-8469; fax number: (202) 564-8482; e-mail address: assessment.factors@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to persons or entities who develop or collect information which is voluntarily submitted to EPA or obtained by EPA for its use. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.