

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**



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**REGION 9 BORDER 2012 PROGRAM**  
**2010 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

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## **1.0 OVERVIEW**

The Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) through this Request for Proposals (RFP) is soliciting proposals from eligible applicants for Border 2012 related projects in the U.S. Mexico border region. (Please refer to Section 6.0 for definition of eligible applicant.)

Each proposed project will address one of three Categories as specified herein. Interested applicants have the opportunity to submit separate proposals for any of the three Categories. Each proposal will address only one of the 3 Categories described in Section 3.0 identified as: **Category 1- Unmet Objectives**; **Category 2- Priority Areas**; or **Category 3- Children's Environmental Health Protection**.

The BECC, in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 (EPA), will oversee the RFP process for the selection and funding of quality proposals that best address the 2010 Category Areas for project implementation in the California - Baja California and/or for the Arizona – Sonora border regions. The border region as defined herein is that area within 100 kilometers (approximately 62 miles) of either side of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Eligible applicants must submit project proposals by June 1, 2010 directly to the BECC as specified in Section 7.0 of this RFP. Approximately \$900,000 will be available for projects. It is anticipated that approximately 10-15 projects will be selected during this funding cycle. No one project will be funded for more than \$120,000.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

The Border 2012 Program is a bi-national collaborative effort whose mission is to protect the environment and public health in the U.S.-Mexico border region consistent with the principles of sustainable development. The U.S. – Mexico Border Program continues to target and focus on underserved communities that may be disproportionately impacted by environmental risks. BECC is an international organization established for the purpose of preserving, protecting, and enhancing the environment in the U.S. – Mexico border region. The BECC and the EPA have established a partnership wherein the BECC will administer the RFP, oversee the receipt and review of proposals, coordinate project selection, monitor project performance, and manage the EPA Border 2012 Program funds. The EPA will provide the approximately \$900,000 for the BECC to award to projects, and to administer and manage the implementation of eligible projects in the California - Baja California and Arizona – Sonora border wide regions.

To see all of the Goals and Objectives of the Border 2012 Program and for information and background, refer to the Border 2012 Program web page: <http://www.epa.gov/Border2012>

### 3.0 2010 CATEGORIES FOR PROPOSALS

#### **Category 1**

##### **Unmet Objectives**

Proposed projects submitted under Category 1 must address at least one of the unmet Objectives listed in Appendix 1. Category 1 proposals may address a combination of the unmet Objectives noted in Appendix 1 and Category 2, Priority Areas, noted in Appendix 2. The main emphasis of Category 1 proposals, however, must be one of the unmet Objectives listed in Appendix 1.

First consideration for funding will be given to Category 1 projects that meet the Eligibility Criteria. Refer to Section 4.0 for definition of Eligibility Criteria this Category 1. High ranking proposals for each unmet objective in this category will be funded until the approximately \$900,000 is exhausted. It is possible; however, that few or even none of the proposals submitted under Category 1 could be selected for funding.

#### **Category 2**

##### **Priority Areas**

Proposed projects submitted under Category 2 must address one or more of the noted Priority Areas listed in Appendix 2. Category 2 proposals may address a combination of Priority Areas noted in Appendix 2 and in the Category 1, Unmet Objectives, noted in Appendix 1. The main emphasis of Category 2 proposals, however, must be one of the Priority Areas listed in Appendix 2.

#### **Category 3**

##### **Children's Environmental Health Protection**

A Children's Environmental Health Protection issue is a related topic that is not already covered in the list of Priority Areas under Appendix 1 or Appendix 2 and that has not previously been funded under a prior Border 2012 RFP in the past three years. (Past projects are posted with the RFP in the BECC's webpage at: [www.cocéf.org](http://www.cocéf.org)).

The number of projects and the amount of funding for Children's Environmental Health Issues is limited. A maximum of two projects may be awarded under Category 3. However, it is possible that no projects from the Children's Environmental Health Issues category will be funded.

Category 3 looks for projects that minimize the potential health risk to children along the border resulting from direct exposure to water contamination, air pollution, solid or hazardous waste, pesticides, or other toxic chemicals.

Proposals submitted under **Children's Environmental Health Protection** should only deal with issues addressing Children's Environmental Health Protection as noted in **Appendix 3**.

#### **4.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The selection process includes a preliminary assessment of the project applicant's fulfillment of the eligibility criteria required by this RFP and as specified below. **Project proposal applicants that do not meet the following eligibility criteria will not be considered:**

- A. Applicants must qualify as one of the following groups to be eligible to apply for funding: U.S. and Mexican non-governmental organizations, U.S. and Mexican local and state governmental agencies, industry associations, and universities; Mexican federal agencies; U.S. tribes; and Mexican indigenous communities. For profit entities are not eligible to submit proposals.
- B. The Border 2012 Program's contribution can range up to \$120,000. Proposals may not request more than \$120,000.
- C. Under Category 1 or Category 2, project proposals must address one or more of the listed priority areas in Appendix 1 or Appendix 2.
- D. Under Category 3, project proposals outline how the project will directly improve children's environmental health protection.
- E. Category 1 or Category 2 proposals must identify a project's intended measurable results and must outline how those measurable results are consistent with the project's methodology.
- F. Project proposals may be no more than 5 pages not including the cover page format provided. The prepared cover page in standardized format is posted with the RFP in the BECC's web page, [www.cocef.org](http://www.cocef.org).
- G. A proposed project that requires the purchase of equipment or construction of facilities must comply with Section 8.2.D.7 and 8.2.D.8.
- H. Projects must be scheduled for completion within 18 months of signature of the Technical Assistance Agreement (TAA). The TAA is the contractual document that will formalize the agreement between the Project Sponsor and BECC for project funding. For additional definition of TAA refer to Section 9.3.

#### **5.0 TIMETABLE FOR RFP PROCESS THROUGH PROJECT SELECTION**

The RFP opening date is April 1, 2010, and interested applicants will be able to access the RFP on the BECC's web page, [www.cocef.org](http://www.cocef.org), on this date.

**In order to receive any updates for this RFP, interested applicants need to confirm immediately of their intent to participate, by e-mail, to the BECC's main point of contact Marielena Constandse, Contract Officer at [mconstandse@cocef.org](mailto:mconstandse@cocef.org).**

## 5.1 RFP Schedule and Process

<b><u>April 1 - June 1, 2010</u></b>	<p>The Request for Proposals opens on April 1<sup>st</sup> and stays open until closing date June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M. (Juarez, Chihuahua, MX/ Mountain Standard Time, U.S).</p> <p>The BECC will respond to all inquiries on the RFP process from interested applicants. All inquiries should be submitted by email to <a href="mailto:mconstandse@cocef.org">mconstandse@cocef.org</a> at the BECC. All inquires and responses will be posted along side the RFP in the BECC's web page.</p> <p>Informational workshops will be held during this time to discuss the RFP with the public. Refer to the RFP section in the BECC's web page (<a href="http://www.cocef.org">www.cocef.org</a>) for date, location, and time of meetings.</p>
<b><u>June 1, 2010, 6:00 P.M</u></b> (Juarez, Chihuahua, MX/ Mountain Standard Time, U.S)	Deadline for receipt of project proposals. See Section 7 for more detailed instructions to submit the proposals.
<b><u>August 13, 2010</u></b>	Applicants notified of proposal selection results. Selected applicants will be expected to submit a work plan within 45 days of notification. Note that all projects selected for funding are expected to be completed by the Fall of 2012.

## 6.0 APPLICANT PARTICIPATION ELEGIBILITY

Proposals can be submitted by eligible applicants only. Eligible applicants are U.S. and Mexican non-governmental organizations (i.e. non-profits), local and state governmental agencies, industry associations, and universities, Mexican federal agencies, federally recognized U.S. tribes, and Mexican indigenous communities. Those entities that are for profit are **not** eligible to submit proposals.

## 7.0 INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

The proposals shall address at least one of the 2010 Categories in Section 3 in the California-Baja California and/or Arizona–Sonora border regions. Each proposal should identify the organization that will administer the project.

- 7.1 Proposals must be submitted via email, in Microsoft Word, to [mconstandse@cocef.org](mailto:mconstandse@cocef.org) **by June 1, 2010 before 6:00 P.M.** (Juarez, Chihuahua, MX/ Mountain Standard Time, U.S.) No other forms of transmission will be accepted or reviewed and no late proposals will be accepted. However, signed Letter(s) of Demonstration should be submitted in PDF format. Refer to Section 8.2 C. for explanation of Letter(s) of Demonstration.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to **confirm receipt of their proposal** with the BECC's representative mentioned herein.

- 7.2 Inquiries concerning this RFP may only be submitted by electronic mail to [mconstandse@cocef.org](mailto:mconstandse@cocef.org) prior to the proposal due date. Telephone inquiries will not be accepted. A BECC staff member, in coordination with EPA, will post the questions and answers alongside the RFP in the BECC's web page.

## **8.0 PROPOSAL PREPARATION PROCEDURES**

### **8.1 Proposal Format**

- A. All proposals must be written in Microsoft Word (Times New Roman) with a format of at least 1" margins and size 12 font. Do not submit proposals in PDF format.
- B. All proposals will include a completed cover page form which can be found alongside the RFP in the BECC's webpage.
- C. Proposals should not exceed 5 single-sided pages, not including the cover page format and any Letter(s) of Demonstration. **Proposals in excess of 5 single-sided pages will not be considered.**
- D. Project proposals shall be in either English or Spanish. Applicants should prepare proposals in their preferred language in order to better define the project.
- E. Project proposals submitted under either Category 1 or Category 2 must clearly explain the work being proposed that is necessary to address the specific Objective(s) or Priority Area(s) listed under that particular category. Proposals that address multiple Objectives and/or Priority Areas must detail a project approach with a primary emphasis on either Category 1 or Category 2.

### **8.2 Submittal of Proposals**

- A. Applicants shall submit project proposals with the cover page form that is found alongside the RFP. Applicants must **note the primary Objective or Priority Area that the project is proposing to address or if the project is addressing Children's Environmental Health Protection.** Only one category may be selected on the cover page.
- B. When **e-mailing proposals for submission, applicants must include the following** in the Subject Line of the e-mail transmission: **"Solicitation No. SOLTA-C10-020"; title of project and name of applicant.**
- C. Applicants must furnish Letter(s) of Demonstration from any entity that is contributing additional resources to the proposed project. Any leveraged resources noted in proposals that are not accompanied by a Letter of Demonstration will not be considered during the proposal's evaluation.

1. A Letter of Demonstration should mention the type and amount of monetary or in-kind resources that will be provided for the proposed project.
  2. All Letter(s) of Demonstration must be submitted electronically with the initial proposal application (preferably in PDF format) with a signature from the entity providing the leveraged support.
- D. The proposal itself should be no more than 5 pages, not counting the cover page format, which should be completed and attached with the proposal. Proposal should include the following information:
1. The cover page should contain the project title that clearly describes the project. Title should not exceed 10 words.
  2. The cover page will also contain the legal name of applicant's organization or institution, name and title of main point of contact, location address, phone number and email address.
  3. Brief statement of how the project proposal meets one of the 2010 Categories. For projects that address both Categories 1 and 2, indicate how by referring to Appendix 1 and 2. If the project addresses Category 3, indicate how. (Refer to Appendix 3.) **Please note that proposals submitted under Category 3 cannot be combined with Categories 1 or 2.**
  4. Project description should briefly identify the following:
    - Purpose and goal of the project.
    - The Category addressed by the project and the specific Priority Areas covered under the specific Category.
    - Benefits to the public or environment (e.g. how will the project improve the environment and/or public health.)
    - Measurable results. (The highest scoring measurable environmental results are quantitative outcomes that are a result, effect, or consequence of the proposed project. Examples include 10 tons of e-waste collected resulting in 8 tons recycled, 1.5 tons reused and 0.5 tons properly disposed of; a recycling program resulting in 6 tons of solid waste per day prevented from entering the Tijuana Estuary; etc.) (Category 1 and Category 2).
    - Replicability in other parts of the Border Region.
    - Long-term self-sustainability.
    - Leveraging of resources (e.g. in-kind resources, committed partnerships, applicant funds, and other source of funds.)
    - Continuation or follow-up projects.

- A project timeline (in table or chart format) outlining how the project is expected to be completed within 18 months from signing of the Technical Assistance Agreement (TAA) (See 9.3 for description of TAA.)
  - Qualification and expertise of staff implementing the project.
5. All cost amounts required by the project will be submitted in dollars. The project budget table should be categorized by expense item description (i.e. salary breakdown, sub-contract(s) cost, travel, equipment, supplies, translation, etc.) and include any concurrent matching contributions such as leveraging resources or in-kind services. Projects that leverage resources will improve their scoring under the evaluation criteria of this solicitation. Individual project proposals will not exceed a budget request of \$120,000 in Border 2012 project funds. Refer to the sample budget table included alongside the RFP for an explanation on project budgeting.
  6. In some cases, the proposed projects may require a Sampling Analysis Plan (SAP) or a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) that will entail an additional activity and cost. We recommend that this additional cost be factored into the proposal. A SAP or QAPP may be needed prior to a project start when the project has activities that require data collection or sampling programs. The SAP or QAPP is required to ensure that the data is collected, preserved, analyzed, and interpreted appropriately. Refer to EPA web site <http://www.epa.gov/quality/faq6.html> for additional information on SAP and QAPP requirements.
  7. The funds to be allocated under this RFP are not intended for the exclusive purpose of purchasing general equipment, construction of facilities, and/or other rehabilitation of infrastructure. Applicants that require the purchase of equipment as part of the project proposal will need to clearly identify equipment in the proposed budget and explain its purpose and how it will benefit the overall project. In general, equipment purchases should not exceed \$5,000. In rare instances, projects requesting larger amounts for equipment purchases must be approved with prior permission.
  8. Proposals may not be eligible if the main focus of the proposed project is for construction or rehabilitation. Funding of projects that include tasks for construction or rehabilitation of facilities, as referenced herein, will be limited to those activities that serve a minimal technical purpose for overall project implementation. Projects with a minor construction activity may be considered if the principal intent of the project is to resolve an environmental or public health issue.

## **9.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION, SELECTION, AND AWARD**

- 9.1 After the threshold evaluation criteria has been met (as described in Section 4.0), the BECC and the EPA will rank the projects based on the evaluation criteria in Appendix 4 or Appendix 5. During the review and selection process, BECC may request additional information from the project applicants to further define the project. If necessary, and in coordination with project applicants, proposed projects may be modified to match the available funds.
- 9.2 Projects will be reviewed and evaluated based on completeness and how directly they address the evaluation criteria referenced in Appendix 4 for Categories 1 and 2: (Unmet Objectives and /or Priority Area projects, respectively), or Appendix 5 for Category 3 (Children's Environmental Health Protection).
- 9.3 Once projects are selected for funding, the BECC will provide the applicant with instructions on the next steps. In general, after notice of award and submission of an acceptable work plan, the BECC will issue the applicant of the selected project a Technical Assistance Agreement (TAA) for the authorization of Border 2012 funds. The TAA will also require funding recipients to periodically report project results to the BECC. Project Sponsors/Recipients may be asked to present project findings to the appropriate Border 2012 Task Force(s). Currently there are thirteen (13) Task Forces that were created to address specific regional and community identified concerns, implement projects, and make recommendations to the Border 2012 entities. Further information on how to report to Task Forces will be provided at the time that the TAA is signed. More about Task Forces can be found at: [www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder/getinvolved.html](http://www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder/getinvolved.html)

**APPENDIX 1**  
**Category 1**

**Unmet Objectives**

**California/ Baja California and Arizona/Sonora Border Region**

**Goal 1: Reduce Water Contamination**

*Proposed projects will:*

- 1) Implement a project that improves water quality in transboundary waters.
- 2) Strengthen communication and coordination between U.S. and Mexico on coastal water quality monitoring and beach advisory/closure protocols.

**Goal 2: Reduce Air Pollution**

*Proposed projects will:*

- 1) By 2012, build border greenhouse gas (GHG) information capacity using comparable methodologies and expand voluntary cost-effective programs for reduction of GHG emissions in the border area:
  - Promote and/or expand voluntary energy efficiency and other GHG reduction programs (e.g., Methane to Markets, Smartway, others) in at least two border States, and track the emissions reductions associated with those programs.

**Goal 3: Reduce Land Contamination**

*Proposed projects will:*

- 1) Implement capacity building activities for selected waste streams (e.g., Electronic waste and spent lead acid batteries)
- 2) Implement capacity building activities for solid waste.

**Goal 4: Improve Environmental Health**

*Proposed projects will:*

- 1) Implement one pilot project to change agricultural practices, resulting in the increased use of less toxic pesticides.
- 2) Implement one pilot project to reduce exposure to household pesticides for families in agricultural communities.

**Goal 5: Enhance Joint Readiness for Environmental Response**

*Proposed projects will:*

- 1) By 2012, 75% of sister city joint contingency plans will be supplemented with preparedness and prevention related efforts, such as certified training, risk analysis, and capacity building.

## **Goal 6: Improve Environmental Performance through Compliance, Enforcement, Pollution Prevention, and Promotion of Environmental Stewardship**

### *Proposed projects will:*

- 1) Continue promoting adoption of voluntary programs and pollution prevention by industry and in other sectors in both countries. Federal, state, and local initiatives may include: Industria Limpia program and others, and projects to green the supply chain.
- 2) Determine the pollution sources in the border area that present risks to human health and the environment that are subject to regulation and set priorities for actions to lower the risk.

**APPENDIX 2**  
**Category 2**  
**Priority Areas for 2010**  
**California/ Baja California Border 2012**

**Goal 1: Reduce Water Contamination**

*Proposed projects will:*

- 1) Demonstrate the viability of recycling residential or commercial garbage in order to reduce the flow of solid waste into the Tijuana Estuary.
- 2) Pilot small drinking water and/or waste water systems
- 3) Pilot projects implementing water-related adaptation measures for climate change.
- 4) Increase water and waste water reuse methods

**Goal 2: Reduce Air Pollution**

*Proposed projects will:*

Reduce emissions of air pollutants in the border region. Priority will be given to projects that can quantify emissions reductions of the following pollutants:

- PM10
- Ozone and PM2.5
- Greenhouse Gases
  - Energy Efficiency
  - BioFuels
  - Other Renewable Energy (such as wind and solar)
  - Methane Capture

**Goal 3: Reduce Land Contamination**

*Proposed projects will:*

- 1) Demonstrate viability of recycling household or institutional (schools, airports, etc.) trash and/or hazardous waste.
- 2) Demonstrate viability of composting household or institutional (schools, airports, etc.) trash.
- 3) Reduce the proliferation of illegal dumps.

## **Goal 4: Improve Environmental Health**

### Proposed projects will:

- 1) Reduce air quality impacts affecting children's health via increased monitoring, evaluation and mitigation of air borne contaminants.
- 2) Reduce exposure to pesticides from applications and burning of agricultural fields.
- 3) Improve understanding and reduce exposure to vector-borne infectious diseases.
- 4) Provide education regarding proper storage techniques of potable drinking water in order to reduce the threat of water-borne diseases.

## **Goal 5: Enhance Joint Readiness for Environmental Response**

### Proposed projects will:

- 1) Develop and implement planning initiatives that support environmental responses.
- 2) Implement emergency preparedness and response related efforts that target high-risk sources of hazardous material contamination to the environment or that endanger public health or welfare.

## **Goal 6: Improve Environmental Performance through Compliance, Enforcement, Pollution Prevention, and Promotion of Environmental Stewardship**

### Proposed projects will:

- 1) Promote product stewardship and appropriate final disposition of goods through increased outreach and promoting green purchasing, recycling, and source reduction practices.
- 2) Pilot projects for best management practices and/or collection of expired or obsolete pharmaceuticals.
- 3) Implement Environmental Management Systems workshops to increase number of companies certified to ISO 14001.
- 4) Increase public awareness of Toxic Release reporting via the TRI (U.S.) and PRTR (Mexico) pollutant release and transfer registries.
- 5) Develop a guide outlining the state and federal environmental regulations affecting new industrial plants (e.g. maquiladoras) in the Mexico border region, including comparisons to comparable regulations in California.

# Category 2

## Priority Areas for 2010

### Arizona/Sonora Border 2012

#### **Goal 1: Reduce Water Contamination**

Proposed projects will:

- 1) Develop, implement and support flood control practices to minimize impacts on wastewater infrastructure and/or surface water quality.
- 2) Pilot small, potable water systems.
- 3) Mitigate non-point sources watershed pollution which builds upon state and federal programs.

#### **Goal 2: Reduce Air Pollution**

Proposed projects will:

Reduce emissions of air pollutants in the border region. Priority will be given to projects that can quantify emissions reductions of the following pollutants:

- PM10
- Ozone and PM2.5
- Greenhouse Gases
  - Energy Efficiency
  - BioFuels
  - Other Renewable Energy (such as wind and solar)
  - Methane Capture

#### **Goal 3: Reduce Land Contamination**

Proposed projects will:

- 1) Demonstrate viability of recycling household or institutional (schools, airports, etc.) trash.
- 2) Demonstrate viability of composting household or institutional (schools, airports, etc.) trash.
- 3) Reduce waste generation through green purchasing, solid waste management, and source reduction practices that lead to measurable environmental results.

#### **Goal 4: Improve Environmental Health**

Proposed projects will:

- 1) Develop air quality information and health notification system that leads to public health results.
- 2) Expand tools that reduce children's exposure to air contaminants at schools.
- 3) Reduce exposure of heavy metals or cyanide near populated zones in border communities.
- 4) Identify and reduce the impacts of environmental toxics on infant health.

## **Goal 5: Enhance Joint Readiness for Environmental Response**

### *Proposed projects will:*

- 1) Update Sister City (and tri-national) agreements to better reflect present day priorities.
- 2) Equip emergency responders to better respond to chemical emergencies along the border.

## **Goal 6: Improve Environmental Performance through Compliance, Enforcement, Pollution Prevention, and Promotion of Environmental Stewardship**

### *Proposed projects will:*

- 1) Promote training and guidance in schools leading to an effective reduction and management of chemicals.
- 2) Pilot projects for best management practices and/or collection of expired or obsolete pharmaceuticals.
- 3) Promote green purchasing and source reduction practices.
- 4) Increase public awareness of Toxic Release reporting via the TRI (U.S.) and PRTR (Mexico) pollutant release and transfer registries.
- 5) Promote sustainable environmental management with municipalities and/or private sector (e.g. Pollution Prevention, and Environmental Management Systems)

### **APPENDIX 3**

## **Category 3**

## **Children's Environmental Health Protection for 2012 California/ Baja California and Arizona/Sonora Border Region**

The U.S – Mexico Border Program continues to target and focus on underserved communities that may be disproportionately impacted by environmental harms and risks. Category 3 is promoting new, locally-led approaches to address community concerns and cumulative risks from multiple and/or diffused sources.

Projects that directly improve the environmental health of children along the border resulting directly from exposure to water contamination, air pollution, solid or hazardous waste, pesticides, or other toxic chemicals.

## APPENDIX 4

### PROJECT CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF CATEGORIES 1 AND 2 TYPE PROPOSALS

**For Category 1 and Category 2, the proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria**

		Max Points	Score
<b>1.</b>	<b>Unmet Objectives and/or Priority Areas and coordination</b>	<b>30</b>	
A	Degree that project proposals addresses the 2010 Category 1 or Category 2 ( <i>Refer to Appendix 1 and/or 2</i> )	25	
B	Degree to which project proposals have been coordinated with Border 2012 program partners (i.e. task forces, tribes, and regional workgroup co-chair agencies) and stakeholders (i.e. local, state and federal governments, and local community)	5	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Design and Leveraging</b>	<b>30</b>	
A	Degree that project proposals clearly identify appropriate: (5 points each) i) Expertise ii) Planning iii) Tasks and/or activities iv) Budget that will achieve indicated Objective(s)	20	
B	Degree that proposed budget leverages other resources (e.g. matching funds or in-kind services from applicant, other agencies, private sector, and/or Border 2012 partners)	10	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Results</b>	<b>40</b>	
A	Degree that environmental results are clearly identified and measurable	20	
B	Degree to which project has long term self-sustainability	5	
C	The results of the project are binational in nature (i.e. results can be measured on both sides of the border, binational involvement in the project, resources are allocated binationally, etc.)	5	
D	Degree to which Project will be replicable in other areas of the border region	5	
E	Degree to which project is planned to begin and end within 18 months and in accordance with the proposed schedule	5	
	<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>	

## APPENDIX 5

### PROJECT CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF CATEGORY 3: CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION TYPE PROPOSALS

For Category 3, the proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria

	Criteria	Max Points	Score
<b>1.</b>	<b>Children's Environmental Health Protection and coordination</b>	<b>40</b>	
A	Degree that project proposals address Category 3: Children's Environmental Health Protection ( <i>Refer to Section 3</i> )	25	
B	Extent to which the proposed project is applicable to other parts of the U.S.-Mexico border	15	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Design and Leveraging</b>	<b>30</b>	
A	Degree that project proposals clearly identify appropriate: (5 points each) i) Expertise ii) Planning iii) Tasks and/or activities iv) Budget that will achieve indicated Objective(s)	20	
B	Degree that proposed budget leverages other resources (e.g. matching funds or in-kind services from applicant, other agencies, private sector, and/or Border 2012 partners)	10	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Results</b>	<b>30</b>	
A	Results are clearly identified and measurable (e.g. commitment to implement recommendations, report describing extent of problem, next steps, potential solutions)	20	
B	The results of the project are binational in nature (i.e. results can be measured on both sides of the border, binational involvement in the project; resources are allocated binationally, etc.)	5	
C	Degree to which project is planned to begin and end within 18 months and in accordance with the proposed schedule	5	
	<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>	