Questions and Answers

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Landscape Characterization and Monitoring in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

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1. Does the 15-page limit apply to the entire proposal or 15 pages for each activity?
   Answer: All four activities must be addressed within the 15-page limit of the project narrative.

2. Are for-profit entities eligible to apply and/or receive subaward funding?
   Answer: No. Pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 117(d), for-profit entities are not eligible to apply or receive subawards under this grant program. For-profit entities may receive procurement contracts. Any contracts for services or products funded with EPA financial assistance must be awarded under the competitive procurement procedures of 2 CFR Part 200 and/or 2 CFR Part 1500, as applicable. See Sections III.A and IV.E.3 of the NOFO for more information.

3. For Activity 4, please clarify any goals related to crowd-sourcing data for streamflow.
   Answer: The Chesapeake Bay Program recognizes the importance of participatory science and the need to better integrate these efforts into stream monitoring. Participatory science presents opportunities to help people from across the watershed make connections between changes on the landscape and their waterway conditions. Not only can participatory science help validate and verify the data generated in Activity 4, but this component also has other intangible benefits, such as connecting people with their region and watershed.

4. Is it allowable to pay staff time associated with writing manuscripts for peer reviewed publications with this funding?
   Answer: Yes. The manuscripts must relate to the project being funded for it to be considered an allowable cost. The intent to utilize staff time to write manuscripts related to the project should be included in the Project Narrative.