

Conference call minutes
SBO/SBAP Steering Committee
5/14/02

On the call: Mark Shanahan, Rudy Cartier, Maria Rivera, Andrew Gosden, Richard Rasmussen, Phyllis Copeland, Layli Terrill, Dan Nickey, Nick Melliadis, Marcia Manley, Sally Tarowski

1. Approved minutes from the last conference call.

2. Meeting with Research Triangle Park staff (Mark Shanahan)

Mark Shanahan and Ron Dyer met with Racqueline Shelton and Lalit Banker from EPA's RTP office and Karen Brown's office. Lalit Banker will be the new technical contact at RTP for the 507 programs. RTP plans to take a more active role with 507 programs again.

RTP is interested in salvage yards and would like to talk to any states that have worked with the sector.

3. 2002 Conference Update – Register and let Mark know if there are travel problems.

4. Cooperation with ASBDC (Mark Shanahan)

HR 203 and SB 2455 are this year's versions of the bills to fund compliance assistance pilot projects at SBDCs. Mark is continuing to work with Don Wilson and the P2 Roundtable to develop a companion bill to fund the SBAP network. The current proposal for this would funnel money through Karen Brown's office to state SBAP and P2 programs.

5. Ford Foundation Innovation in government award

Richard Rasmussen worked with Karen Brown to submit the application for this award on behalf of the 507 programs. Individual programs have also applied.

6. Potential Funding Opportunities

The new solicitation for the OECA/STAG grants is out. Compliance assistance measurement activities are among the areas that may be funded.

Another grant opportunity is detailed below.

Open Date: 05/03/2002 - Close Date: 08/28/2002

Summary: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Research (NCER), announces the third annual extramural grants competition supporting research in the area of Corporate Environmental Behavior (CEB). The solicitation will focus on analyzing the motivators that influence corporate environmental behavior and examining the effectiveness of governmental interventions and voluntary initiatives to improve corporate environmental performance.

7. Official Teasing of Chuck McCarty

Chuck was not on the call so he was teased in absentia.

8. Other issues

Sylvia Lowrance (EPA) has sent a memo asking for Compliance Assistance Coordinators to be assigned for each Region Office

EPA is working on a discussion of the definitions of compliance assistance. The e-mails regarding this discussion were forwarded to the steering committee after this call.

Richard Rasmussen wanted to know what outreach programs have done for the 112(j) MACT Hammer.