

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**Agency Name:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education, Child and Aging Health Protection Division

**Funding Opportunity Title:** Building Capacity to Address Environmental Health Issues During Pregnancy

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### Important Dates

Questions must be in writing to [switzer.lavonne@epa.gov](mailto:switzer.lavonne@epa.gov) no later than **March 29, 2007**  
Request for Proposals Deadline: **April 26, 2007, 4:00 PM EST**

## FULL TEXT ANNOUNCEMENT

### I. Funding Opportunity Description

#### A. Project Summary

EPA is accepting proposals to build capacity to address environmental health issues during the prenatal period. The objectives for this solicitation are to (1) increase the capacity of health professionals to address environmental health hazards during pregnancy and (2) ensure that pregnant women have access to information that will help them take actions to reduce environmental exposures. EPA intends for these grants to develop effective mechanisms to educate pregnant women about environmental health risks, to demonstrate the effectiveness of information dissemination and behavioral change that results in reducing these risks, and to increase the number of health professionals who are fluent in prenatal environmental health issues. EPA expects that such demonstration projects will be adaptable to multiple audiences. EPA intends to award up to 3 grants for a total of approximately \$200,000-\$300,000.

EPA aims to bridge the gap between environmental health outreach and prevention of hazardous exposure during pregnancy; consequently improving the health and development of children during the most susceptible stages of life. There is a relationship between a mother's environment and the health of her developing fetus.<sup>9,17</sup> Various behaviors and experiences are associated with adverse health outcomes for both the mother and infant. These experiences can occur before, during and after pregnancy.<sup>30</sup>

EPA's National Agenda to Protect Children's Health from Environmental Threats directed the Agency to expand educational efforts, in partnership with health professionals, to identify,































