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SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This notice is issued to amend the Environmental Justice Government-to-Government program's 2023 Request for Applications (RFA). This amendment includes the following changes:

1) **Closing date extended to April 14, 2023**. The deadline for submitting applications has been extended to 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) on April 14, 2023. (See pages 1, 21, and 39).

2) **Smaller scale land purchases and/or acquisitions.** Clarifying language has been added detailing that smaller scale land purchases and/or acquisitions are an eligible project activity under this RFA. **NOTE:** Only land purchases and/or acquisitions which represent less than half of the requested project funds under an application are allowable. (See pages 7-8, 11, and 19).

3) **Federally recognized tribal governments.** Additional clarifying language has been included in this RFA detailing that federally recognized tribal governments partnering with a community-based nonprofit organization (CBO) are eligible to receive funding under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Federally recognized tribal governments are included in the $20M tribal set aside. (See pages 14-15).

4) **Puerto Rico and state recognized tribal governments.** Clarifying language has been added detailing that Puerto Rico and state recognized tribal governments are eligible to receive funding under the annual appropriations for OEJECR. Puerto Rico and state recognized tribal governments are included in the $10M set aside that also includes U.S. territories, Freely Associated States (FAS), and remote tribal governments. Like the other eligible entities in this set aside, Puerto Rico and state recognized tribes are not required to partner with a CBO to be considered for award. (See pages 14-15).

5) **Remote tribal governments.** Additional clarifying language has been included in the RFA detailing that remote tribal governments can include federally recognized tribal governments and/or state recognized governments located in rural areas with limited or no access to CBOs to partner with. (See page 15).

6) **New Project Period Start Date.** Clarifying language has been added detailing that the new project period for awards resulting from this solicitation is from December 2023 to November 2026. Applicants should plan for projects to start on December 1, 2023. (See page 15 and 39).

7) **States, the District of Columbia, and Instrumentalities of the State.** Additional clarifying language has been included in this RFA defining a *State* to encompass instrumentalities of the state with the exception of state institutions of higher education. The District of Columbia is also identified as a state entity under this RFA. (See pages 14-16).

8) **Requirements of a threshold eligible qualifying CBO partnership.** Additional clarifying language has been included in this RFA detailing that a partnership is a formal relationship between a state, federally recognized tribal government, or local government and a CBO. Also, the direct recipient of EPA funds must be a state, federally recognized tribal government, or local government partner, and the CBO(s) partners must receive the funds from the direct recipient as a subaward. Note: This qualifying partnership requirement does not apply to FAS, U.S. territories, state recognized tribal governments, Puerto Rico, and remote tribal governments. (See pages 16-17).

9) **Multiple applications clause.** Additional clarifying language has been included in this RFA detailing that applicants may submit only one application under this solicitation. **NOTE:** Different agencies, departments and/or divisions within a state, local, tribal, or territorial government may submit one application each. However, each applying agency, department, and/or division must have their own UEI number. EPA will seek clarity from applicants where it appears applications are duplicative and/or were submitted by the same governmental entity. Applications that are duplicative will be considered ineligible. (See page 19).

10) **Partner and collaborate.** Additional clarifying language has been included in this RFA detailing that a state, federally recognized tribal government, or local government qualifying partnership with a CBO counts as one stakeholder group. **NOTE:** Applicants are strongly encouraged to have at least THREE signed letters of commitment from partners representing at least THREE different stakeholder groups. (See pages 24-26 and 30).

This amendment supersedes all previous versions. The amended Request for Applications (RFA) is a separate document.