

**RFA-TS-24-010; The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry | Identify and Evaluate
Potential Risk Factors for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) | Questions and Answers Received |
Pre application call 11/1/2023**

Attendees: 13

While we lack clear ALS expertise; would we still be considered competitive for this NOFO with prior public health work?

Answer: Applicant principal investigators are required to provide documentation of their experience in conducting human epidemiological and environmental, ecological empirical research on ALS risk factors. Per the **Purpose** of this NOFO found on **page 4**, CDC/ATSDR is seeking investigator-initiated research that will identify and evaluate risk factors contributing to ALS, with preferred focus on research proposals that will examine factors related to military service, contact sports, traumatic brain injury, neuroinflammation, and infectious agents. Please also refer to section **III. Eligibility Information 1. Eligible Applicants** on **page 16** for more eligibility information.

Is the pre application call an individual or public call?

Answer: The pre application call scheduled for November 1st is a group conference call.

Are you able to review Aims or discuss Aims for fit/responsiveness in a general way?

Answer: While we are not able to provide guidance or information on the appropriateness of your aims to the NOFO, we can point you to sections of the NOFO that can assist in developing your application. To get a detailed description of the intent of this NOFO, please especially review the **Section I. Funding Opportunity Description, 1. Background and Purpose section**. Please also review **Section III. Eligibility Information, 5. Responsiveness** for details on what constitutes a responsive application.