

RAQPAC Notes – EPA Update

10/26/2023 Meeting

Webinar: EPA’s Clean Ports Program – First Look!

October 31, 2023, from 12-2 PM CT ([register](#)) / ([more info](#)) – The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 provides EPA with \$3 billion to fund zero-emission port equipment and technology and to help ports develop climate action plans to reduce air pollutants at U.S. ports. The Clean Ports Plan builds on EPA’s Ports Initiative to further some of those goals. The webinar will be an update on key program design elements including anticipated eligible activities and equipment, evaluation criteria, program structure, timeline, and more. EPA anticipates this new funding opportunity will become available for application through a notice of funding opportunity released in late winter 2024 (late next Feb/Mar). The webinar will be recorded for those that can’t attend.

Webinar: Quantified Climate Action Measures Directory

November 2, 2023, at 2:30 pm CT ([register](#)) / ([more info](#)), EPA will offer a webinar on the Quantified Climate Action Measures Directory, a technical assistance resource designed to help state, local, tribal, and territorial government officials identify examples of quantified greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures in climate action plans published within the last five years.

The webinar will describe the research methods used to develop the directory, present summary findings about the examples within the directory, and demonstrate how to use the directory.

The directory identifies approaches that existing plans have used to quantify GHG reduction measures and links to more detailed information in state and local planning documents. Planning award grantees under EPA’s [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program](#) can use the directory to identify tools related to the program’s GHG quantification requirements for both priority climate action plans and comprehensive climate action plans and identify other jurisdictions with related quantification expertise.

Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant Competitions

General Competition [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) / Tribes and Territories [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) ([more info](#)) – On September 20, 2023, EPA issued two Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) announcing competitions for \$4.6 billion in implementation grant funding under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants or CPRG program. The \$4.3 billion general competition is open to states, municipalities, tribes, and territories, and the \$300 million tribes and territories competition is available only to eligible tribes and territories. Eligible applicants will compete for CPRG implementation grants to fund measures in applicable Priority Climate Action Plans. As part of its evaluation of applications, EPA will prioritize measures that achieve the greatest amount of greenhouse gas emission reductions. The NOFOs further describe how the agency intends to score applications and award the competitive funds. The deadline to apply to the general competition is April 1, 2024. The deadline to apply to the Tribes and Territories competition is May 1, 2024.