Community Involvement as Conflict Prevention Program:

Community Interviews, Community Profiles and Community Involvement Plans

The CI as CP program is funded by EPA's Conflict Prevention and Resolution Center (CPRC) and is intended to support Community Involvement efforts at Superfund sites. Through this program, CPRC provides contract support for activities that promote conflict prevention, such as conducting community interviews, developing community profiles, and implementing community involvement plans (specific eligible activities listed below). CPRC works with OSRTI's Community Involvement and Program Initiatives Branch to select projects for the CI as CP program. For more information, please refer to the program FAQ sheet, which is attached to this application.

To apply for the program, please complete the application below and submit it to Jonah Richmond (richmond.jonah@epa.gov) with the subject header "CI as CP APPLICATION" no later than COB **Friday, August 31, 2018. (This date is subject to change.) If you have questions about the application or would like to discuss sample projects, please contact Jonah Richmond at 202-564-0210 or richmond.jonah@epa.gov.**

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Site background details: [Tell us about your site.]
Site Name: Lane Plating Works, Inc.
Site Location (Region, City, State): Region 6, Dallas, TX
Site Description: The Lane Plating Works, Inc. site is a former electroplating facility located at 5322 Bonnie View Road, approximately five miles south of downtown Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. The site is a former electroplating facility that primarily conducted hard chromium and cadmium plating for more than 90 years. Electroplating was performed manually. Due to violations, investigations and bankruptcy filing, the facility shut down. Investigations by the EPA and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) found on-site soils and shallow ground water contaminated with plating wastes.

Site Specific Difficulties/Complexities: The site is directly settled next to or close to several south Dallas neighborhoods in highly concentrated low-income areas with residents that consist mostly of minorities, with many being African-American. During the first community meeting, several local and state environmental groups were involved and showed concern, with the meeting growing very contentious. In the weeks after the meeting, two Dallas city council members and the City of Dallas are now eager to understand the details of the site contamination and how quickly EPA will remediate the site.

Please describe your proposed project and explain how it complements site activities in the CERCLA process:
Currently, EPA is preparing the site sampling plan, and there is so much interest that we plan to hold a community meeting to detail it. The City of Dallas has requested monthly meetings for updates as this is turning into a hot item on the agenda for the City Council. As there was a FOIA request regarding the site Community Involvement Plan, there is a need to complete it quickly as well.

Please describe the expected impact that selection into this program will have on your region/site:
As interest in this site at the community and political level is heightening, community members have become contentious during meetings to the point where a moderator is necessary for potential conflict resolution. There is also a need to complete the Community Involvement Plan, which will need a significant amount of conducted community interviews and public input. Being that the local community seem untrusting of state and federal entities, this poses an issue of completion in a timely manner to ensure a better sense of environmental justice.

What specific services you would like assistance with?: [Check all that apply.]

Community Involvement Process Tasks:

- ☒ Plan for community interviews
- ☒ Develop questions for community interviews
- ☒ Record responses at community interviews
- ☒ Analyze community interview responses
- ☒ Draft a community interview summary
- ☒ Research community for development of a community profile
- ☒ Draft or update a community profile
- ☒ Provide feedback and edits on a community profile
- ☒ Analyze community make up for a community profile
- ☒ Conduct a situation or conflict assessment
- ☒ Provide feedback and edits on a community involvement plan
- ☒ Design meaningful engagement processes to include in a community involvement plan
- ☐ Advise on use of 2.0 technologies, including conference calls, web conferencing, Adobe Connect, etc. for inclusion in the community involvement plan
- ☒ Implement community engagement activities

Other Conflict Prevention Tasks:

- ☒ Facilitate sessions or meetings
- ☒ Mediate sessions or meetings
- ☐ Design impasse breaking processes or interventions
- ☐ Contact parties prior to and between sessions or meetings
- ☒ Record or summarize meetings or other relevant information
- ☐ Provide logistical support (arrange for meeting rooms, equipment, invitations, registration, etc.)
- ☐ Develop fact sheets, outreach or presentation materials, case studies, etc.
- ☒ Coach parties in conflict management, meeting management, dispute resolution, community engagement or consensus building skills.
- ☐ Other (please specify below)

Additional support available from CIPIB: Developing Easy-to-Read Community Involvement Plans

- ☐ Graphics development
- ☐ Document formatting (page layout, font, tables, etc.)
- ☐ Plain language document editing