To: Smith, Art[Smith.Art@epa.gov]
Cc: Fetzer, Richard[Fetzer.Richard@epa.gov]
From: Whelan, Ann
Sent: Thur 1/30/2014 4:49:41 PM
Subject: RE: Joint Regional Proposal to Hold Ohio River Spill Response Conference

Art, I think there is a good chance that the R5 States would still be willing to attend as well as the majority of the R5 EPA staff. It is easier for us than perhaps for others.

From: Smith, Art
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 10:14 AM
To: Oliveira, Beatriz; Clark, Josie
Cc: Whelan, Ann; Fetzer, Richard
Subject: Re: Joint Regional Proposal to Hold Ohio River Spill Response Conference

That would be significant. We don't think the states would come without it.

From: Oliveira, Beatriz
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 11:09:31 AM
To: Smith, Art; Clark, Josie
Cc: Whelan, Ann; Fetzer, Richard
Subject: RE: Joint Regional Proposal to Hold Ohio River Spill Response Conference

Thanks, Art.

We will add the event to the budget request.

I am not sure we can use this money for travel. This is extramural money. I am not sure it can be re-programmed to be used for travel.

Stay tuned.

Beatriz.

From: Smith, Art
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 10:56 AM
To: Oliveira, Beatriz; Clark, Josie
Cc: Whelan, Ann; Fetzer, Richard
Subject: Joint Regional Proposal to Hold Ohio River Spill Response Conference

Josie and Beatriz,

I have been working with Ann and Rich the last few days to develop a proposal for funding through the IACP Workgroup. Short background is that the Ohio River passes through 3 Regions and 6 states, and it would be beneficial to get EPA, USCG and the state RRT reps together for a one and a half day conference to go over spill response issues. The recent chemical spill in Charleston, WV traveled about 500 miles downstream in the Ohio River before it diluted out. This event identified a need to talk response and share lessons learned on that incident. We propose to hold the conference in the Cincinnati, OH/Northern Kentucky area. This area is home to the Ohio River Valley Water and Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO), who would be a co-sponsor of the conference.

The funding request is for $40,000. $23,000 would be for EPA Region 4 to task a contractor with supporting the conference, and writing up a summary. $17,000 would need to be programmed for travel at the EPA headquarters level. The money would be used to fund travel for approximately up to 15 EPA staff from the 3 regional offices. The remainder would be for invitational travel to the State RRT reps. Each Region would handle the invitational travel for their states.

Let me know if you need any other information.

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