



Creating Innovations to improve built and urban environments

CARTI RfA

Questions & Answers (Additional as of: 01-10-2006)

Q7. Will this CARTI program consider funding of laboratory animal studies (using animal exposure chamber) to understand the effects of exposure to indoor pollutants on human health and performance?

A7. Yes, subject to the requirement that the proposal is in Syracuse CoE's specific research areas of interest, meets eligibility, scientific and technical merit, and other criteria, and is selected for funding.

Q8. Will the CARTI RfA consider proposals from independent teams that may collaborate and share the end results of the study in addressing the objectives stated in the CARTI RfA?

A8. The Syracuse CoE strongly encourages creation of teams involving collaborators from one or more institutions (see also Section III, Page 5). The Syracuse CoE will not disqualify any team that may involve other teams in an innovative approach to address the key objectives of the CARTI RfA. Funding of any individual proposal is subject to the requirement that the proposal is in Syracuse CoE's specific research areas of interest, meets eligibility, scientific and technical merit, and other criteria, and is selected for funding.

Q9. Does "water quantity" and "seasonal availability", which affect water use for municipal, recreational and agricultural purposes (including lake effect snow), qualify for your stated focus on "water quality"?

A9. The CARTI RfA states the specific "water quality" areas that are of high importance to the Syracuse CoE, and as they relate to improving the environmental quality of built and urban environment. Accordingly, funding will be considered for any proposal in Syracuse CoE's specific research areas of interest, that meet eligibility, scientific and technical merit, and other criteria, and is selected.

Q10. Does the CARTI RfA have any pre-established breakdown of funded projects between the areas of "water quality" and "air quality"?

A10. The Syracuse CoE does not have any pre-established allocation of funding between the two research areas. Through the present CARTI solicitation and two additional CARTI solicitations that are planned in the future, our intention is to support a balanced portfolio of projects in each area, with roughly equal levels of funding committed to each area. The actual distribution of awards made through the present and future solicitations will depend on evaluations of submitted proposals, including eligibility, scientific and technical merit, and relevance to the mission of the Syracuse CoE.