

STAPPA & ALAPCO Recommendation to EPA FY06 Funding for Training
May 11, 2006

STAPPA and ALAPCO's Training Committee has reviewed the EPA document, "National Training Strategy Recommendations; Future Responsibilities Assigned to EPA HQ; Estimated "Ballpark" Contract Costs (April 2006)." Given EPA's estimated costs for training activities and the priorities identified in the National Training Strategy, STAPPA and ALAPCO recommend the following:

- Eliminate activities #1, 6 and 9 for FY06. These activities are:
 - #1 -- Lead development of "core curriculum" for career paths (\$50K);
 - #6 -- Take the lead on scheduling "core curriculum" courses (\$15K); and
 - #9 -- National training needs assessment – analyses & report (\$35K).This frees up \$100K.

- Use the \$100K instead as follows:
 - \$10K to provide additional satellite and Webex time to current providers to give courses in FY06 and FY07.
 - \$90K towards an RFP in FY07, as described below.

- We request that EPA prepare to issue an RFP for FY07 using at least \$165K for the purpose of updating APTI courses. EPA should use the list of courses to be updated developed at the JTC 2006 meeting for this RFP. We anticipate that between 8 and 16 courses could be updated.
 - The \$165K would come from activity #3 – pilot study on course formatting – which, since it would be done in FY06, would not require funds in FY07, and the \$90K not used in FY06.
 - We believe there are outside providers who can update courses for much less than \$100,000 per course EPA estimates it would cost for EPA to do this.
 - EPA has indicated that it cannot put together an RFP in time for FY06, which is why we are delaying this activity until FY07, despite the high priority we place on course updating.

Accordingly, EPA's FY06 activities would be as outlined in the attachment.

1. Conduct pilot study to evaluate strengths and weaknesses of different course formats and life-cycle costs of each format (follow-up to Benchmark study) **est. \$75K**
2. Develop standard course evaluation tool **COMPLETE**
3. Consolidate responses to course evaluations for APTI courses (regardless of who delivers) and provide feedback to training community **est. \$50K**
4. Manage registration, distribution, and completion certificates for APTI courses we develop (regardless of who delivers)

1 OAQPS FTE to manage in-house effort	“FREE”
2 in-house contractors (SEEP)	est. \$50K
Supplies and Materials cost	est. \$10K
WCF charge for APTI website & registration system on EPA-NCC servers	est. \$10K
TOTAL est. \$70K	
5. Manage the master course calendar website (not including WCF) **est. \$10K**
6. Provide training on significant new rules, policies, and issues

Multiple OAQPS FTE technical experts	“FREE”
Specific Conferences/Workshops/Seminars	“FREE”
45 hours of satellite transmission	est. \$15K
50 hours of Webex access	est. \$18K
28 days of classroom instruction (7 4-day courses)	est. \$28K
TOTAL est. \$61K	
7. Provide Webex access and satellite time to existing providers for course delivery **\$10K**
8. Roll over any left over money (at least \$90K) to be used in FY07 for RFP for updating APTI courses (using list developed at 2006 JTC meeting)