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ACC-LRI issues new request for research proposals

“Exploring the Design Elements for Successful Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) for Community Environmental Monitoring Programs”

The request for research proposals (RfP) can be found [here](#).

The objectives of the research covered by this particular RfP are to develop a set of key factors/elements that ACC and its member companies should consider in forming successful Public-Private Partnerships for conducting community environmental monitoring programs. Key details regarding specific research activities and scope are explained in the RfP, but at a high level include:

- A systematic review of the existing published literature to reasonably identify the most relevant articles that inform this specific topic and to compile an initial candidate list of key factors/elements for success
- For each candidate key factor/element, articulate the rationale for why it is important and describe possible “best practices” for how it could be addressed in creating and operating successful PPPs.
- Conduct interviews with selected relevant ACC and member company staff and from representatives from public organizations who have prior experience participating in PPPs and those who have been engaged in environmental monitoring programs to gain their perspectives on those experiences, and to seek their feedback on the candidate list of key factors/elements.
- The proposals should describe any other methods that are contemplated to augment and test the candidate list of key factors/elements, e.g., scientific meetings, workshops, surveys, etc.
- Identification and discussion of other considerations that may present challenges or barriers for private entities to partner with government entities, and vice versa, for government entities to partner with private entities, in designing and conducting community environmental monitoring programs.

Proposals must be received electronically by the ACC no later than close of business on September 30, 2022.

The Project Plan section must be no longer than 15 pages in length, not including literature cited, attachments, and appendices. **All proposals must be prepared using the RfP Proposal Submission Form; see the RfP for instructions on obtaining this form and for further important proposal development requirements .**

The ACC’s LRI promotes innovations in chemical safety assessment. The LRI program invests in science essential for understanding the impact of chemicals on human health and the environment. You can learn more about ACC LRI more at: <https://lri.americanchemistry.com/>.

The following four principles are the basis of the LRI program and ensure that any funded research meets the highest quality standards:

- **Scientific Excellence.** The best research proposals and most-qualified scientists will be selected for funding.
- **Transparency.** Research will be conducted openly, and the results will be publicly available.
- **Fair and Unbiased Conduct.** Potential conflicts of interest will be rigorously evaluated.
- **Relevance to the Chemical Industry.** Research will address the potential health and environmental impacts of chemicals.

ACC LRI research agreements obligate the contracted researchers to full public disclosure of scientific information developed under or through such agreements. Researchers are contractually obligated to develop and submit manuscripts for open access publication(s) in a peer-reviewed journal.

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