

The application form(s) is not yet available. The following sections of the proposed regulation provide details of the collection requirements. Treasury will provide the collection instruments prior to publication of the Final Rule.

Direct Component

§ 34.303 Application procedure.

The entities identified in § 34.302 are eligible to apply for their allocation as a grant. Treasury will develop an application process for grants available under this subpart that is consistent with the Act and Federal policies on grants. At a minimum, the procedure will include the following:

- (a) The applicant must submit a multiyear implementation plan describing each program, project, and activity for which it seeks funding. For each, the plan must include a narrative description showing need, purpose, and objectives; identification of the eligible activity under which it qualifies; location; budget; milestones; projected completion dates; and criteria the applicant will use to evaluate the success of each activity in helping to restore and protect the Gulf Coast region impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The applicant must also state whether it has applied for a grant to fund the program, project, or activity under any other part of the Act. For the State of Louisiana parishes, the applicant must submit information demonstrating compliance with § 34.302(e). Treasury may require a standard format for the plans and additional information.
- (b) An applicant may satisfy some or all of the requirements in §§ 34.303(a) and 34.802(a) through (e) if it can demonstrate in its application to Treasury that before July 6, 2012:
 - (1) The applicant established conditions to carry out projects, programs, and activities that are substantively the same as the conditions required in § 34.303(a).
 - (2) The applicable program, project, or activity qualified as one or more of the eligible activities in § 34.201.
- (c) The applicant must include supporting information that proposed activities meet the statutory requirements for eligibility, that its implementation plan was made available for public review and comment for a minimum of 30 days, and that each program, project, and activity is adopted after consideration of all meaningful input from the public, including broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, Tribal nations, and non-profit organizations.
- (d) The applicant must include supporting information that each program, project, and activity that is designed to protect or restore natural resources is based on the best available science.

§ 34.306 Reports.

Grantees must submit timely reports as prescribed by Treasury.

§ 34.307 Recordkeeping.

Grantees must maintain records as prescribed by Treasury and make the records available to Treasury, including the Treasury Inspector General.

Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program

§ 34.703 Application procedure.

Treasury will develop an application process for grants available to the Gulf Coast States under this subpart that is consistent with Federal law, regulations, and policies on grants. At a minimum, the process will include the following:

- (a) Each Gulf Coast State must describe the rules and policies the State will apply to the Centers of Excellence grant(s), including the competitive process that the State will use to select a Center of Excellence. The process must allow nongovernmental entities and consortia in the Gulf Coast Region, including public and private institutions of higher learning, to compete. The process must give priority to entities and consortia that demonstrate the ability to organize the broadest cross-section of participants in the grant with interest and expertise in the discipline(s) on which the proposal is focused. The process must also guard against conflicts of interest. Centers of Excellence do not need to be located in the Gulf Coast State issuing the grant.
- (b) Each Gulf Coast State must demonstrate that its rules and policies for Centers of Excellence grants, including the competitive selection process, were published and available for public review and comment for a minimum of 30 days, and that they were adopted after consideration of all meaningful input from the public, including broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations. This requirement does not apply to State statutes and regulations.
- (c) Each application must state the amount of funding requested and the purposes for which the funds will be used.

§ 34.706 Reports.

Each Gulf Coast State entity must submit the following reports:

- (a) An annual report to the Council in a form set by the Council that includes information on recipients, grant amounts, disciplines addressed, and any other information required by the Council. When the grant recipient is a consortium, the annual report must also identify the consortium members. This information will be included in the Council's annual report to Congress.
- (b) Other reports required by Treasury.

§ 34.707 Recordkeeping.

Grantees must maintain records as prescribed by Treasury and make the records available to Treasury, including the Treasury Inspector General.