

This is a Request for Information (RFI) and a Notice of Intent (NOI), issued by the DOI, Interior Business Center, Acquisition Services Directorate as the acquisition authority, on behalf of the DOI, regarding a requirement for wildland firefighting slip-on tankers. All interested parties needing one or more wildland firefighting slip-on tankers are requested to reply to this announcement no later than 09 October 2023, 9:00 AM Eastern Time.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides funding and authorizes the Department of the Interior (DOI) to develop and implement a pilot program to provide local governments and Tribal Nations financial assistance to acquire slip-on tanker units to establish fleets of vehicles that can be quickly converted to be operated as fire engines. The Government is finalizing a plan to award grants for slip-on tankers through a competitive process over the next few years to entities who meet the established criteria and is therefore seeking responses from entities such as a county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments (regardless of whether the council of governments is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under State law), regional or interstate government entity, or agency or instrumentality of a local government; an Indian Tribe or authorized Tribal entity, or an Alaska Native Village or Alaska Regional Native Corporation; a rural community, unincorporated town or village, or other public entity; state recognized nonprofit volunteer fire departments, including range and forest protection associations, that provide fire protection and other emergency services in support of local governments or Tribes needing slip-on tankers to improve the wildland firefighting readiness for their area of protection.

Please see full RFI for further details on the scope and how to respond at www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=D23RFI0001.

The purpose of this RFI and NOI is to gather comments and overall feedback on the scope and approach of this effort from interested parties that have a need for slip-on tankers. The information gathered will be used for planning purposes only. It is not a commitment by the Government and responses to this inquiry cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding grant. An announcement for applications is not a part of this RFI and NOI and no grants will be awarded from this announcement. No reimbursement will be made for any costs associated with providing information in response to this announcement and any follow-up information requests.