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Overview: The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is the environmental regulatory agency charged with protecting the air, land, water, and natural resources of the State of Mississippi. Our mission is to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of present and future generations of Mississippians by conserving and improving our environment and fostering wise economic growth through focused research and responsible regulation. To ensure these safeguards, a thoughtful transition to a clean energy future must be implemented in a manner that will not only protect our citizens and resources but foster an environment that incentivizes and encourages investment and development to facilitate a reasoned transition to a cleaner, sustainable, and affordable future for the people of Mississippi.

Budget Summary:

EPA Funding Requested	Total Project Cost
\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000

Project Period: June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2027

Funding Source: Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (Section 60114 of the Inflation Reduction Act regarding Greenhouse Gas Air Pollution Planning Grants)

Pre-award Cost: Per 2 CFR 200.458, MDEQ requests approval for pre-award costs incurred prior to the effective date of the award should the date of the award occur after June 1, 2023.

Summary Statement:

The main objective of this project is to develop the three key deliverables required under the planning portion of EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program. Expected outputs and outcomes of this project are the development of a Priority Climate Action Plan, identifying near-term, high-priority, implementation-ready measures to reduce GHG pollution, and subsequent development of a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, addressing all significant greenhouse gas (GHG) sources/sinks and sectors present in the state, establishing near-term and long-term GHG emission reduction goals, and providing strategies and identifying measures to achieve those goals. GHG reduction measures identified in the Priority Climate Action Plan will be eligible for additional funding under the separate implementation grants made available by the

Inflation Reduction Act. A Status Report will conclude the four-year planning grant period by addressing the status of individual measures identified in the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan.

Workplan and Budget

SECTION I. WORKPLAN SUMMARY

There are three deliverables during the planning phase with the initial deliverable being the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP), which is a narrative report due March 1, 2024. It will include a focused list of near-term, high-priority, implementation-ready measures to reduce GHG pollution and an analysis of GHG emissions reductions that could be achieved through implementation. MDEQ and other coordinating entities, which are listed in Section II.B, will collaborate to complete the PCAP document.

The second deliverable is the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), which will be due two years from the date of award of the planning grant. The CCAP will touch on all significant GHG sources/sinks and sectors present in the state, establish near-term and long-term GHG emission reduction goals, and provide strategies and identify measures to achieve those goals. As with the PCAP, MDEQ and other coordinating entities will collaborate to complete the CCAP document. The CCAP will be submitted to EPA in the Summer or Fall of 2025, depending on the date the planning grant is awarded.

The third deliverable is a Status Report that will be due at the end of the four-year planning grant period. The status report will include an update on the current status of plan implementation, including the status of implementation for the individual measures identified in the CCAP. If a measure is still under development, the report will indicate what actions, including budget/staffing needs, are required to complete implementation of the measure. If the measure has been fully implemented, the status report will characterize progress in terms of key metrics identified in the CCAP. As with the other two deliverables, MDEQ and other coordinating entities will collaborate to complete the Status Report. The Status Report will be submitted to EPA in mid-2027, at the end of the planning grant period.

MDEQ will work alongside other coordinating entities within the state, noted in Section II.B, to develop the PCAP and CCAP for the state of Mississippi which will cover the entire state. These plans will evaluate emissions reductions from sectors that contribute to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, including but not limited to energy generation, transportation, industry, waste management, and agriculture. In addition to evaluating sources of GHG emissions, MDEQ will also explore opportunities to include measures addressing energy efficiency in the areas of residential and commercial buildings and measures to minimize new waste streams resulting from the deployment of clean technology. MDEQ will also evaluate greenhouse gas sinks to determine potential opportunities for enhancing these sinks and will also evaluate opportunities to improve climate resiliency through smart building and land planning practices.

MDEQ will conduct outreach to stakeholders and the general public throughout plan development. Stakeholder outreach for the development of the plans will include engagement with representatives of disadvantaged communities that may be affected by or benefit from plan development. This outreach will be critical to ensuring that the plans prioritize the needs

of those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate pollution. Stakeholder engagement will begin early and be ongoing throughout the planning process.

Mississippi's timeline and budget are attached to this Workplan as Attachment 1 and Attachment 2, respectively. Both are detailed documents covering the entirety of the four-year planning grant.

SECTION II. RESPONSIBLE ENTITIES

A. Lead Organization:

The lead agency for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) for the state of Mississippi is the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. The point of contact for Mississippi is Carla Brown, the technical project manager, who may be reached by email at cbrown@mdeq.ms.gov or by phone at 601-961-5561. The secondary contact is Matt Carpenter, MDEQ's designated Climate Action Planning Manager, who may be reached by email at mcarpenter@mdeq.ms.gov or by phone at 601-961-5164.

B. Coordinating Entities:

The following entities are expected to be contacted regarding involvement in the deliverable development process for the state of Mississippi. The coordinating entities could include but are not limited to the following:

Primary Coordinating State Agencies

- Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (Lead)
- Mississippi Development Authority | Mississippi Office of Energy
- Mississippi Department of Transportation

Other Coordinating Entities

- Mississippi Forestry Commission
- Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce
- Mississippi State Oil and Gas Board
- Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
 - Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD)
 - Gulf Regional Planning Commission (GRPC)
 - Hattiesburg Petal Forrest Lamar MPO (HPLF MPO)
- Mississippi State University
- University of Mississippi
- Jackson State University
- University of Southern Mississippi

SECTION III. DELIVERABLES DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

A. Priority Climate Action Plan

The PCAP is a narrative report due on March 1, 2024, that includes a focused list of near-term, high-priority, implementation-ready measures to reduce GHG pollution and an analysis of GHG emissions reductions that would be achieved through implementation. MDEQ will lead the development of the PCAP with support from coordinating entities, including the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), and other entities outlined in Section II.B. MDEQ held a preliminary coordination meeting with MDA and MDOT to review the requirements of the CPRG and relay our intent to collaborate and provide support to both agencies' ongoing efforts to address climate pollution and identify reduction measures. Specifically, MDA, which houses the Mississippi Office of Energy, will provide support in the areas of energy efficiency measures and workforce development. MDOT will provide support with regard to electric vehicle infrastructure initiatives. MDEQ will also reach out to other entities listed in Section II.B to ascertain and evaluate measures that are implementation-ready for inclusion in the PCAP. Given the short timeframe for completion of the PCAP, MDEQ does not foresee using contractor support for this deliverable. The draft PCAP will be sent to EPA for review in February of 2024, and it will be submitted to EPA on or before March 1, 2024.

PCAP Development Approach:

The PCAP will be developed through a participatory process that includes key stakeholders, experts, and the public. The PCAP will take approximately eight months to complete. In the first two months, MDEQ will develop a preliminary GHG inventory to establish a baseline of GHG emissions for Mississippi. The baseline may consist of one year or an average of years depending on the availability and representativeness of the data. This inventory will be used to identify the key sectors and sources of emissions to be addressed in the PCAP. The development of this preliminary GHG Inventory will rely on the use of existing data, including but not limited to, the EPA's *Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks by State*, the EPA's GHG Reporting Program, and EPA's National Emissions Inventory. Resources provided by EPA, such as the State Inventory and Projection Tool, the MOtor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES), and the WASTE Reduction Model (WARM) may also be utilized in creating the preliminary GHG inventory, specifically in the development of key sector emissions.

Following development of the preliminary GHG inventory, MDEQ will work with coordinating entities to identify, evaluate, and select priority GHG reduction measures to be included in the PCAP. The identified measures will be analyzed to determine their GHG emissions reduction and feasibility of implementation. The analysis will also include other factors such as co-pollutant reductions (including criteria pollutants/precursors and air toxics), benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities, increased climate resiliency, improved access to services and amenities, jobs created and workforce development, decreased energy costs from energy efficiency improvements, electrification infrastructure expansion/improvement, cost-effectiveness, and other economic factors.

These reduction measures may include GHG reduction methods and/or carbon sink enhancement strategies.

MDEQ will identify low-income and disadvantaged communities and conduct a benefits analysis, based on forthcoming guidance from EPA, to determine how the PCAP can address their needs and priorities. This analysis will help ensure that the PCAP addresses equity and environmental justice concerns. The approach for identifying low income and disadvantaged communities will be consistent with the guidance from the Executive Office of the President utilizing the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST).

To ensure that the PCAP is legally and administratively feasible, MDEQ will review existing laws, regulations, and policies, and identify any gaps in authority to implement the PCAP. A schedule of milestones for actions needed by key entities for obtaining any authority needed to implement each program or measure will be included.

Interim deliverables will include quarterly progress reports, stakeholder engagement summaries, and draft sections of the PCAP. MDEQ will use a phased approach to develop the PCAP with specific milestones, including completion of the GHG inventory in approximately two months, identification of reduction measures over the course of six months following development of the inventory, and completion of the low-income and disadvantaged communities' benefits analysis by February 2024.

PCAP Interagency and Intergovernmental Coordination:

MDEQ will coordinate with those entities identified in Section II.B throughout the development of the PCAP. MDEQ will create an interagency working group to coordinate the development of the PCAP and establish a shared electronic repository for background material and working drafts. The interagency working group will consist of those persons from MDEQ, the primary coordinating state agencies, and other entities identified as having both a knowledge of ongoing energy and/or climate issues within the state and a vested interest in developing and implementing the state's priority measures identified in the PCAP, including applying for implementation grants in the future. This interagency group will meet regularly (at least bimonthly) through a combination of in-person and/or virtual meetings, providing reasonable opportunities to promote input and provide feedback on the PCAP development. The interagency collaboration will help to identify priority measures to include in the PCAP that can be implemented by coordinating entities.

PCAP Public and Stakeholder Engagement:

MDEQ will conduct a comprehensive public engagement process to ensure that the PCAP reflects the needs and priorities of Mississippi residents. MDEQ Air Division will coordinate with MDEQ's Office of Community Engagement (OCE) to help identify contacts in low-income and disadvantaged communities. This process will include outreach to these identified low-income and disadvantaged communities, as well as other stakeholder groups, such as businesses, non-profits, academic institutions, and the general public. MDEQ may use a variety of engagement methods, such as in-person meetings, virtual meetings, online

surveys, and focus groups, to gather input and feedback on the development of the PCAP. Based on feedback from community stakeholders, MDEQ may create a stakeholder advisory committee to provide ongoing feedback and guidance throughout the development of the PCAP. MDEQ will ensure that the PCAP will be accessible to the public to help facilitate broad participation of the implementation grant under the CPRG program.

B. Comprehensive Climate Action Plan

The second deliverable is a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), which is due two years from the date of award of the planning grant (i.e., summer to fall 2025). Work will begin on the CCAP in approximately February or March of 2024, following submittal of the PCAP, and will take approximately sixteen months to complete. A more detailed timeline is provided in Attachment 1. The CCAP will touch on all significant GHG sources/sinks and sectors present in the state, establish near-term and long-term GHG emission reduction goals, and provide strategies and identify measures to achieve those goals. The draft CCAP will be sent to EPA for review early to mid-Summer of 2025, and it will be submitted to EPA in late Summer or early Fall of 2025 (i.e., no later than two years from the date of award).

CCAP Development Approach:

MDEQ and the interagency working group will develop the CCAP in a collaborative manner with key stakeholders identified during PCAP development. Planned development activities will include developing a more comprehensive GHG inventory, developing GHG emissions projections, setting GHG reduction targets, quantifying GHG reduction measures, conducting a benefits analysis for the state, analyzing benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities, reviewing authority to implement the CCAP measures, assessing the intersection of potential GHG reduction measures with other funding availability, and conducting a workforce planning analysis.

MDEQ will build on the preliminary GHG inventory developed for the CCAP to provide a more comprehensive GHG inventory. At this point MDEQ will likely use a contractor to develop a more robust GHG inventory for both sources and sinks of GHG emissions following commonly accepted protocols for the following sectors: industry, electricity generation and/or use, transportation, commercial and residential buildings, agriculture, natural and working lands, and waste and materials management. In conjunction with developing the comprehensive inventory, MDEQ and/or the contractor will develop a methodology for projecting GHG emissions and sinks from these sectors. Should the collection of environmental data be required in the building of the comprehensive GHG inventory, a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) will be developed as required, based on the determination of our Regional EPA Office.

Both near-term (e.g., 2030-2035) and long-term (e.g., 2050) GHG projections will be included in the CCAP as required. MDEQ will begin developing these projections by creating a "business-as-usual" projection, which estimates GHG emissions in the absence of CCAP measures. These projections will be based on historical data and trends, as well as future

projections of economic growth, population growth, and other relevant factors. The second projection will be based on a scenario where the CCAP GHG reduction measures are fully implemented. This projection will take into account the specific measures outlined in the CCAP, such as energy efficiency programs, renewable energy targets, and transportation initiatives.

The CCAP also requires economy-wide near-term and long-term reduction targets. If possible, sector-based emission reduction targets will be included. The reduction targets will be set by the lead agency, along with the coordinating entities. EPA is not requiring a specific reduction target. If additional assistance is needed, contracting services may be acquired.

MDEQ and coordinating entities will use a data-driven approach to select quantified GHG reduction measures for the CCAP, considering GHG emissions reductions and other relevant planning goals. Measures will be evaluated and prioritized based on a variety of factors, including projected GHG emissions reductions/sinks, co-pollutant reductions (including criteria pollutants/precursors and air toxics), benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities, cost-effectiveness, increased climate resiliency, improved access to services and amenities, jobs created and workforce development, decreased energy costs from energy efficiency improvements, electrification infrastructure expansion, and other economic factors.

To ensure the full suite of implementation measures are identified to meet the GHG reduction targets, MDEQ will evaluate measures addressing the main GHG emission sectors: industry, electricity generation and/or use, transportation, commercial and residential buildings, agriculture, natural and working lands, and waste and materials management. MDEQ will identify the quantifiable GHG emissions reductions (or enhancement of carbon sinks), key implementing agency or agencies, implementation schedule and milestones, expected geographic location if applicable, requirements for obtaining implementation authority as appropriate, identification of funding sources if relevant, and metrics for tracking progress for each measure. Furthermore, MDEQ will include cost information for each measure to ensure that the CCAP is economically feasible. The agency will evaluate and select cost-effective measures and explore funding sources to support implementation. If additional assistance is needed, contracting services may be acquired.

MDEQ will conduct a benefit analysis for its CCAP by assessing the benefits of GHG reduction measures across the state. The analysis will include both base year estimates of co-pollutants, such as criteria pollutants/precursors and air toxics, and anticipated co-pollutant emission reductions. Data sources provided by EPA, such as the National Emissions Inventory (NEI), will be utilized to assess the co-pollutant impacts. Specific estimates of potential co-pollutant reductions resulting from GHG reduction measures will be provided when feasible. MDEQ will also track, minimize, and mitigate any potential disbenefits resulting from implementation of GHG reduction measures included in the CCAP, to the extent possible.

As with the PCAP, MDEQ will conduct a separate benefit analysis specific to GHG reduction measures within and/or benefiting low-income and disadvantaged communities across Mississippi. This analysis in the CCAP will evaluate the extent to which any GHG reduction measures will deliver co-pollutant emissions reductions and other benefits to these communities. Other benefits could include, but not be limited to, increased climate resilience, improved access to services and amenities, jobs created and workforce development and decreased energy costs from energy efficiency improvements.

As with the PCAP, the CCAP must indicate whether there is existing statutory or regulatory authority to implement the measure or whether such authority still must be obtained. A schedule of milestones for actions needed by key entities for obtaining any authority needed to implement each program or measure will be included.

The development of the CCAP will include an assessment of other funding programs available from federal, state, local, and private sources that could be leveraged to achieve the goals of the CCAP. The wide array of public investment available as a result of the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act will be reviewed and considered. The information catalogued in the White House Guidebooks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act will be used to evaluate possible funding sources.

MDEQ and coordinating entities will conduct a workforce planning analysis for workforce-related challenges that may arise from the implementation of GHG reduction measures. This assessment will consider factors such as skilled labor shortages, the impact of existing jobs and industries, opportunities for the creation of high-quality jobs, and the expansion of economic opportunities for underserved workers. In conducting the workforce planning analysis, MDEQ will identify any potential workforce shortages that could hinder the achievement of the CCAP goals. If any potential issues are discovered, MDEQ would then work to identify solutions and partners at the state, regional, and/or local level that can help address those challenges. This may involve partnering with educational institutions, labor organizations, and community groups to provide training and support for workers transitioning to new jobs or industries. MDEQ may also identify existing funding or programs that can help support the workforce needs of the CCAP. This could involve leveraging federal and state workforce development programs, as well as private sector partnerships and investments, to provide training and support for workers in new and emerging industries.

Interim deliverables will include quarterly progress reports, stakeholder engagement summaries, interagency meeting summaries, and draft sections of the CCAP to ensure that the plan is developed in a timely and effective manner. The accompanying timeline provided in Attachment 1 outlines the specific development activities, deadlines, and milestones for the GHG emissions projections. Contract support may be acquired for each deliverable of the CCAP as needed.

CCAP Interagency and Intergovernmental Coordination:

MDEQ will continue to collaborate with coordinating entities, including those identified in Section II.B, throughout the development of the CCAP. The interagency working group will continue to meet regularly via in-person and/or virtual meetings and utilize a shared electronic repository for background material and working drafts throughout CCAP development and implementation.

CCAP Public and Stakeholder Engagement:

MDEQ and coordinating entities will continue to conduct the comprehensive public engagement process that began under the PCAP to ensure that the CCAP reflects the needs and priorities of Mississippi residents. MDEQ will continue to coordinate with the Office of Community Engagement (OCE) to facilitate engagement and provide education and outreach opportunities to those in low-income and disadvantaged communities. If a stakeholder advisory committee was established during the PCAP process, in-person and/or virtual meetings of this group will continue to take place at regular intervals to provide further input and feedback on the development of the CCAP. MDEQ will ensure that the CCAP will be accessible to the public to promote transparency and to help to continue to facilitate broad participation of the implementation grant under the CPRG program.

C. Status Report

Status Report Development Approach:

MDEQ will lead the development of the Status Report with support from coordinating entities, including the Mississippi Development Authority and the Mississippi Department of Transportation. The Status Report will be developed through a participatory process that includes key stakeholders, experts, and the public. The anticipated timeline for developing the Status Report will be mid-2027, with the report submitted to EPA no later than four years from the grant award.

MDEQ will provide an update on the status of plan implementation, including the status of individual measures identified in the CCAP. For measures still under development, key parties responsible for action will be identified as well as what actions may be taken to complete the implementation measure. For fully implemented measures, progress will be provided detailing the outcomes of each measure.

MDEQ will evaluate and provide any updates to the GHG inventory and projected emissions from CCAP as deemed necessary. Building upon the previous assessment provided as part of the CCAP MDEQ and coordinating entities will conduct an updated benefits analysis, as well as an updated low-income and disadvantaged communities' benefits analysis.

The Status Report will also include an update for the review of authority and an update for the funding analysis. Any information that needs to be updated in the CCAP will be updated

as part of the review of authority to implement GHG reduction measures. The funding analysis submitted in the CCAP will also be updated for the Status Report.

The Status Report will include an updated workforce planning analysis. This analysis will provide updates detailing the workforce development progress made since the submission of the CCAP as well as any ongoing workforce development challenges that are inhibiting progress toward achieving the goals of CCAP.

MDEQ will collaborate with coordinating entities to evaluate and assess what next steps need to be taken to continue to advance towards meeting our climate goals following the closeout of the CPRG planning grant. The report will include the actions and measures identified for future priority programs and measures that would be pursued if additional funding were made available. The Status Report will also include a detailed budget that will be required to execute the next steps. MDEQ will carefully consider the funding and resources required to execute the next steps of the CCAP plan and ensure that they are realistic and feasible. Additionally, MDEQ will identify any implementation projects that have not started but are expected to commence in the near-term.

Status Report Interagency and Intergovernmental Coordination:

MDEQ will continue to collaborate with coordinating entities, including those identified in Section II.B, implementation of the CCAP and development of the Status Report. The interagency working group will continue to meet regularly via in-person and/or virtual meetings and utilize a shared electronic repository for background material and working drafts during development of the Status Report.

Status Report Public and Stakeholder Engagement:

MDEQ and coordinating entities will continue to engage with the public and low-income and disadvantaged communities to ensure they are aware of CCAP progress, have input on the next steps, and are aware of funding opportunities. If a stakeholder advisory committee was established, in-person and/or virtual meetings of this group will continue beyond the grant period, as resources allow, to collect further input and feedback on the implementation of the CCAP. The Status Report will be publicly available.

SECTION IV. ENVIRONMENTAL RESULTS, OUTPUTS, AND OUTCOMES:

The expected results of participation in the CPRG program will support EPA's priority goals outlined in EPA's Fiscal Year 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, specifically Goal 1: "Tackle the Climate Crisis," Objective 1.1: "Reduce Emissions that Cause Climate Change" and Goal 2: "Take Decisive Action to Advance Environmental Justice and Civil Rights," Objective 2.2: "Embed Environmental Justice and Civil Rights into EPA's Programs, Policies, and Activities."

The term output means an environmental activity, effort and/or associated work product related to an environmental goal and objective that will be produced or provided over a period of time or by a specified date. They can be quantitative or qualitative; however, they should be

measurable during a cooperative agreement funding period. The term outcome means the result, effect or consequence that will occur from carrying out an environmental program or activity that is related to an environmental or programmatic goal or objective. Outcomes should also be quantitative, and they can be environmental, behavioral, health related or programmatic in nature. They may not be achievable in a cooperative agreement funding period.

Expected **outputs** from the CPRG planning grant include, but are not limited to the following:

- Development of the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)*
- Development of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)*
- Development of the Status Report*
- Quarterly Progress Reports*
- Final Reports*
- Community member participation in plan development*
- Climate pollution reduction community outreach and education events*
- Interagency working group meetings*
- Stakeholder meetings*

Expected **outcomes** from the CPRG planning grant include, but are not limited to the following:

- Tons of pollution reduced over the lifetime of the measures identified in the CCAP and PCAP (GHGs and co-pollutants)*
- Tons of pollution (GHGs and co-pollutants) reduced annually*
- Tons of pollution (GHGs and co-pollutants) reduced with respect to low-income and disadvantaged communities*

Other potential outcomes may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Improved staff capacity to implement policies to address climate change*
- Enhanced community engagement*
- Relationship building between state government and stakeholders*
- Improved ambient air quality*
- Health benefits achieved due to improved air quality*
- Increased public awareness of project and results:*
- Creation of high-quality jobs (with an emphasis on workers from underserved populations)*
- Enhanced climate resiliency*
- Reduced climate change impacts:*
- Increased awareness of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for GHG reduction*

Performance measures will help track progress of the proposed activities. Performance measures can include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Overseeing sub-recipients and/or contractors and vendors

2. Tracking and reporting project progress on expenditures and purchases
3. Tracking, measuring and reporting accomplishments and proposed timelines/milestones

SECTION V. SCHEDULE

Attachment 1 provides a detailed schedule covering the four-year duration of the planning grant (cooperative agreement).

SECTION VI. REPORTING

Quarterly performance progress reports are required for the CPRG. They will include grant fund elements and summaries of the project activity and status of outputs during the reporting period. They will be due 30 days after the reporting period. The CPRG Timeline for Mississippi, Attachment 1, contains the schedule that will be followed for quarterly reports.

A final report will also be due to EPA within 120 days of the project/budget period end date. The final report will include a detailed summary of activities completed during the grant period, copies of all deliverables, a synopsis of outputs and outcomes achieved and a final summary of expenditures during the grant period.

SECTION VII. BUDGET

A detailed budget covering the four-year planning grant is included as Attachment 2.

SECTION VIII. CLIMATE INNOVATION TEAMS:

The MDEQ and any associated coordinating entities would be interested in participating in the Climate Innovation Teams (CIT). We would be interested in all topics that were listed for the initial CIT groups which include:

- Climate planning process and approach
- Leveraging funding from other federal, state and private sector sources
- Estimating emission reductions and program benefits in disadvantaged communities
- Stakeholder engagement
- Sector-based strategies
- Workforce development

ATTACHMENT 1. CPRG TIMELINE

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	ACTIVITY	Months (continued)																							
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
	Status Report and Ongoing Activities																								
	Update Emissions Analyses																								
	Update Workforce Analysis																								
	Assess Implementation Status																								
	Develop Next Steps and Status Report																								
	Publish Status Report																								*
	Ongoing Processes and Meetings																								
	Develop Quality Assurance Plan																								
	Interagency Meetings																								
	Stakeholder Meetings																								
	Meetings with Municipal Partners																								
	Quarterly Reports	*			*			*			*			*			*		*		*		*		