



**The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
and the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC)
Invite You to a 2009 Request for Proposal Information Workshop
in the Region 9 Border Area**

The US EPA, San Diego Border Office and the BECC will be having a series of workshops to share information and answer questions about the upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP), for the Border 2012 Program in Region 9 (CA, AZ, Baja California and Sonora). The Border 2012 U.S.-Mexico Environmental Program works to protect human health and the environment in the border region. Border 2012 seeks to improve environmental health and reduce pollution in water, air, and on land, reduce exposure to chemicals from accidental releases and improve environmental stewardship.

The RFP opens on May 1, 2009 and closes on June 30, 2009. Interested applicants will be able to access the RFP on the BECC's web page (www.cocef.org) on this date. Proposals can be submitted by eligible applicants only. Eligible applicants are U.S. and Mexican non-governmental organizations, local and state governmental agencies, industry associations, universities, Mexican federal agencies, U.S. tribes, and Mexican indigenous communities. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply. For updated information on the workshops and for a copy of the RFP which will be available on May 1, 2009, please visit BECC's website listed above or the Border 2012 website: www.epa.gov/Border2012. Following are the workshop locations and details:

In the U.S. (in English)	In Mexico (en español)
<p>San Diego, CA Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 10-12 p.m. U.S. EPA's San Diego Border Office 610 W. Ash St. Suite 905 San Diego, CA 92101 Tel: 619-235-4765</p>	<p>Tijuana, Baja California Miercoles 13 de mayo, 2009 14:00 a 16:00 hrs Instituto de la Cultura (en la sala de juntas) Ave. Centenario # 10151 Zona Río, Tijuana B.C. Confirme su asistencia, con Lourdes Serrano de la Secretaria de Protección al Ambiente al teléfono 0 11 52 (664) 624-2000 ext. 2266</p>
<p>Tucson, AZ Wednesday, May 27, 2009, 1-3 p.m. ADEQ Southern Regional Office Arizona State Building 400 W. Congress St., Ste. 444 Tucson, AZ 85701 Tel: 888-271-9302</p>	<p>Mexicali, Baja California Jueves 14 de mayo, 2009 08:00 a 10:00 hrs Secretaría de Turismo, (en la sala de juntas) Blvd. Benito Juárez y Fco. L. Montejano #1, Col. Cantú, Mexicali, B.C. Confirme su asistencia, con la Ing. Nayeli Treviño de la Secretaria de Protección al Ambiente al teléfono 0 11 52 (686) 566-2268</p>
<p>Calexico, CA Tuesday, June 9, 2009, 1-3 p.m. San Diego State University Imperial Valley Campus Library 720 Heber Avenue Calexico, CA 92231 Tel: 760-768-5585</p>	<p>Hermosillo, Sonora Jueves, 28 de mayo, 2009 11:00 a 13:00 hrs Comisión de Ecología y Desarrollo Sustentable del Estado de Sonora (CEDES) (sala de juntas) Reyes y Aguascalientes esq. S/N, Colonia San Benito, Hermosillo, Sonora Confirme su asistencia, con Yuliana Medina Bracamonte al teléfono (662) 2106819 y 2101595</p>

So that we may accommodate you, please let us know if you plan to attend the U.S. workshops by sending an e-mail to banos.alheli@epa.gov or calling 619-235-4767.

Please see RSVP info above for workshops in Mexico.

If you have any questions about these informational workshops or the Region 9 RFP, please contact Lorena López-Powers at 619-235-4768, or Alhelí Baños-Keener at 619-235-4767. If you would like to be added to our e-mail list to receive future announcements please send a request to banos.alheli@epa.gov. For questions regarding the Region 6 Border 2012 RFP, which opens June 1st, please e-mail Gina Weber at: weber.gina@epa.gov or call (214) 665-6787.